

## Eligibility Worksheet for Phase 3 Voluntary Mergers

### Conventional Mergers

Use the worksheet below to evaluate if the districts in your region are eligible for Phase 3 Voluntary Merger incentives through the Conventional Merger process.

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1. Will the proposed structure be a <u>single</u> school district?  <i>Act 46, Sec. 7(a)</i>	If <b>NO</b> , then you are not eligible for a Conventional Merger. Please explore other options.  If <b>YES</b> , then continue to question #2.
2. Will the proposed merged district be responsible for the education of all resident prekindergarten through grade 12 students?  <i>Act 46, Sec. 7(a)(3) and Sec. 6(a)(3)</i>	If <b>NO</b> , then you are not eligible for a Conventional Merger. Please explore other options.  If <b>YES</b> , then continue to question #3.
3. Will the proposed merged district be its own supervisory district ( <i>i.e.</i> , a supervisory union with only one district)?  <i>Act 46, Sec. 7(a)(3) and Sec. 6(a)(4)</i>	If <b>NO</b> , then you are not eligible for a Conventional Merger. Please explore other options.  If <b>YES</b> , then continue to question #4.
4. Will the proposed merged district have an average daily membership (ADM) of at least 900 students in its first year of operation?  <i>Act 46, Sec. 7(a)(3) and Sec. 6(a)(5)</i>	If <b>NO</b> , then you are not eligible for a Conventional Merger. Please explore other options.  If <b>YES</b> , then continue to question #5.
5. Will the proposed merged district be organized into <u>one</u> of the following common governance structures? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Operates a school or schools for all resident students in PK or K through grade 12</li> <li>b. Operates a school or schools for all resident students in PK or K through grade 8 and pays tuition for all resident students in grades 9 through 12</li> <li>c. Operates a school or schools for all resident students in PK or K through grade 6 and pays tuition for all resident students in grades 7 through 12</li> </ol> <i>Act 46, Sec. 7(a)(3) and Act 46, Sec. 6(a)(6)</i>	If <b>NO</b> , then you are not eligible for a Conventional Merger. Please explore other options.  If <b>YES</b> , then continue to question #6.

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<p>6. Will the proposed merged district be able to be operational after July 1, 2017 and on or before July 1, 2019?</p> <p><i>Act 46, Sec. 7(a)(4)</i></p>	<p>If <b>NO</b>, then you are not eligible for a Conventional Merger. Please explore other options.</p> <p>If <b>YES</b>, then you are eligible to present a proposal under the Conventional Merger process and, if successful, will be eligible for the incentives described in Act 46, Sec. 6.</p>

**Under the Conventional Merger Process:**

1. Merging districts do not need to be contiguous.
2. There is no requirement that all districts within one *existing* supervisory union are included in the newly merged district, although it is permissible if they are.
3. It is permissible for the newly merged district to include districts from more than one *existing* supervisory union, but it is not required.

If you are eligible to present a proposal under the Conventional Merger process above, then please refer to and complete the [Study Committee Worksheet for All Phases of Voluntary Merger](#).

*Note: This document is provided for guidance only and does not have the force of law. See the underlying statutes and/or Acts for more detail.*