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Application Dates

- Beginning November 25, 2013
- Closing January 18, 2014

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24 PS §25-2509.8

- Extraordinary special education program expenses. Section (e)



- Such special education program or service shall include, but not limited to, the transportation of students with disabilities, services related to occupational therapy, physical therapy, speech and language, hearing impairments or visual impairments; or training in orientation and mobility for children who are visually impaired or blind.



Brief Background

- Provide a description of the student and his/her extraordinary needs
- Individual history must be detailed to support the application
- Quality of content



Educational Needs

- What are the extraordinary educational needs of this student?
- What is the degree (amount) of service?
- Why?
- Specific information!



Eligible Costs

- Instructional costs of the special education teacher.
- Related services (clearly stated on the IEP)
Examples:
 - Occupational Therapy
 - Speech & Language Therapy
 - Vision Therapy
 - Orientation & Mobility Training
 - Physical Therapy
 - Hearing Therapy



Eligible Costs (cont.)

- Out of District programs including
 1. Intermediate Units
 2. Private Schools
 3. Approved Private Schools (excluding 4010 funded students)
- No residential costs will be approved.



Extraordinary Transportation Costs

Such as:

- Wheelchair accessible/serious health related
- Outside the LEA



Deductions

- The LEA's average tuition rate is built into the system
- Fee factor deduction
- Both costs are built into the application and automatically subtracted.



How Applications are Processed

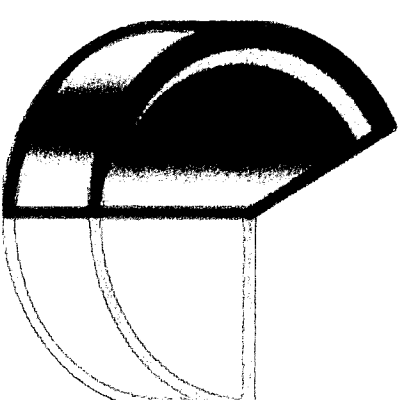
- Applications reporting the highest eligible costs will receive funding priority in the following manner:

- Total Eligible Costs
- Subtract Districts Average Tuition Rate
- Subtract Fee Factor
- The approved applications are then multiplied by the LEA's aid ratio



How Applications Are Processed cont.

- This process will continue until all available funds (\$ 9,262,473) are expended.
- School Districts or Charter Schools may not receive contingency funds exceeding \$150,000.





2012-2013 Contingency Fund Program Statistics

- The Bureau of Special Education received a total of 788 requests for contingency funding.
- 236 requests were funded representing 30% of all requests received.
- 228 requests (those above \$60,000) were not considered due to the total allocation being expended or the LEA reaching the maximum allotment leaving a number of requests unapproved.
- 199 LEAs submitted requests.



2012-2013 Contingency Fund Program Statistics

- 324 requests were below the predicted threshold of \$60,000.
- 122 LEAs (61% of the participating LEAs) received some funding.
- 17 LEAs (9% of the participating LEAs) received the maximum allotment of \$150,000.
- 29 LEAs (15% of the participating LEAs) received \$100,000 or more.
- 55 requests were for over \$100,000 with the highest over \$240,000.



2012-13 Contingency Fund Program Statistics

For comparison: Requests over \$100,000

2007-08	13 (3%)
2008-09	28 (7%)
2009-10	34 (9%)
2010-11	58 (18%)
2011-12	50 (16%)
2012-13	55 (23%)

Based on the number of
approved requests



Recent Prorate Results

2004-05	.37 per dollar eligible
2005-06	.19 per dollar eligible
2006-07	.16 per dollar eligible
2007-08	.15 - .85 per dollar eligible
2008-09	.15 - .85 per dollar eligible
2009-10	.15 - .87 per dollar eligible
2010-11	.15 - .88 per dollar eligible
2011-12	.15 - .88 per dollar eligible
2012-13	.15 - .88 per dollar eligible

The average being .48 for 2012-13





Anticipated Processing Figures

- Only applications that are over \$60,000 after deductions, will be considered for funding.
- The most costly individual applications will receive funding priority.
- Approximately 250 applications will receive partial funding. (Based upon 2012-2013 activity)
- Not all eligible applications will be funded.

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