MOE Money, MOE Problems!

4:00 PM to 5:00 PM Thursday, April 25th, 2024 PDC for Special Education: Admin & Finance







Introductions

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- Comptroller Stevenson High School District 125



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- Director of Business Services Elmhurst Community School District 205



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- Business Manager, CSBO Cooperative Association for Special Education (CASE)









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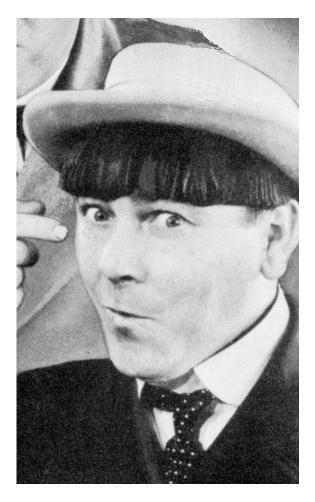








Have You Met MOE?













Objectives

- Understanding Maintenance of Effort in terms:
 - Federal Regulations towards IDEA
 - Utilizing your Annual Financial Reports
- Reviewing School District Examples of Eligibility and Compliance
- Properly Planning for the future







Federal Regulations of MOE

34 CFR § 300.203

Maintenance of Effort

a) Eligibility Standard

1) An LEA (school district) is eligible for federal awards (IDEA Part B Grant) if the SEA (ISBE) determines that the budget from the LEA provides at least the same amount from the most recent fiscal year (AFR).

b) Compliance Standard

- 1. IDEA Funds must not be used to reduce the level of expenditures (supplement vs supplant)
- 2. A district will not reduce its level of expenditures for the education of children with disabilities from the preceding fiscal year except through § 300.204 & § 300.205







Federal Regulations of MOE

34 CFR § 300.203

Maintenance of Effort

a) Eligibility Standard

<u>Overview</u>	<u>Activity</u> <u>Period</u>	<u>Amendments</u>	FFATA	<u>Mainten</u> <u>Of Eff</u>	<u>Program</u> <u>Specific</u>	<u>Budget</u> <u>Pages</u>	<u>PRA-</u> <u>ISBE Specific</u>	<u>GATA</u> <u>Pages</u>	Page Lock Control
		MOE Eligibility					MOE Compliance		

Maintenance of Effort (MOE) Requirement

Instructions

MOE Eligibility (Budgeting local or state/local funds for special education services)

Per the 34 CFR 300.203(b), each LEA's eligibility to use IDEA funds is contingent upon verification that the LEA budgets local or state/local funds, for the education of children with disabilities, in the current grant period at least the same total or per capita among local or state/local special education expenditures to FY 2021 budgeted local or state/local education expenses.

Each district must document in the IDEA grant application MOE eligibility for this fiscal year. All districts should maintain their MOE eligibility documentation at the local level with their grant records.

MOE eligibility is considered met when a district meets one of four MOE criteria OR meets MOE eligibility exceptions.

A. Complete all the fields required below.*

- Provide the FY 2022 state and local per capita expenditure and FY 2022 state and local net expenditures (both can be found on the FY 2022 MOE Compliance worksheets).
- Provide the FY 2024 state and local funds budgeted to meet MOE in FY 2023.
- SAVE THE PAGE. The difference between 2 and 3 is automatically calculated when the page is saved.
- At the beginning of the school year, it is understood that the budgeted amounts are tentative. Many districts have not finalized the budget for this school year, and they are subject to change. It is not essential that the district amend if the amount changes, but amending to change this amount is permissible.

1) 2021-22 State and Local Per Capita*

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2) 2021-22 State and Local Net Expenditures*

3) State and Local Funds Budgeted to Meet MOE in FY 2024: This figure is obtained from local records.*

4) Difference Between 3) minus 2). NOTE: negative result requires C. below)

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Federal Regulations of MOE

34 CFR § 300.203 Maintenance of Effort b) Compliance Standard

<u>Overview</u>	<u>Activity</u> <u>Period</u>	<u>Amendments</u>	<u>FFATA</u>	<u>Maintenance</u> <u>Of Effort</u>	<u>Program</u> <u>Specific</u>	<u>Budget</u> <u>Pages</u>	<u>PRA-</u> <u>ISBE Specific</u>	<u>GATA</u> <u>Pages</u>	<u>Page Lock</u> <u>Control</u>
		<u>MOE</u> <u>Eligibility</u>					MOE Compliance		
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Maintenance of Effort Compliance

Instructions

Except as provided by law, funds provided under IDEA Part B may not be used to reduce the level of expenditures for the education of children with disabilities made by the LEA from local funds below the level of those expenditures for the preceding fiscal year. Maintenance of Effort (MOE) worksheets should be completed and the appropriate information provided on this page before the grant application can be approved.

Click here for MOE worksheets and instructions

A. Maintenance of Effort Calculations

Enter the MOE Total results from MOE District Worksheet.*

Enter the Previous Year MOE Total results from MOE District Worksheet.*

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Comparison of Current to Previous Year Special Education Net Expenditures 1772534

B. Failure to Meet Maintenance of Effort Requirements

If the comparison of current to previous year special education net expenditures is negative, provide an explanation. Exceptions that may be approvable include:

- 1) voluntary departure by retirement or otherwise or departure for just cause of special education or related services personnel;
- 2) decrease in enrollment of children with disabilities (provided the per capita remains the same or increases);
- 3) termination of obligation to provide a program of special education to a particular child with a disability that is an exceptionally costly program; or
- 4) termination of costly expenditures for long-term purchases, such as the acquisition or equipment or the construction of school facilities.

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Function	Description	AFR Line*
1200	Special Education Programs	8, 221
1225	Special Education Programs (Pre-K)	9, 222
1912	Special Education Programs (K-12 - Private Tuition)	22
1913	Special Education Programs (Pre-K - Private Tuition)	23

* - Reflects AFR FY23 Lines







Support Services (Pupils & General Administration)

Function	Description	AFR Line*
2140	Psychological Services	41, 239
2150	Speech Pathology & Audiology Services	42, 240
2330	Special Area Administration Services	53, 251

* - Reflects AFR FY23 Lines







Special Education Pupil Transportation Services

Function	Description	AFR Line*
2550	Pupil Transportation & Claim Reimbursement Report	

Column C, Line 23: Total Costs







Payments to Other Districts & Governmental Units

Function	Description	AFR Line*
4120	Payments for Special Education Programs	81, 138, 193, 280, 304
4220	Payments for Special Education Programs - Tuition	88
4320	Payments for Special Education Programs - Transfers	96

* - Reflects AFR FY23 Lines







SPECIAL EDUCATION REVENUE (Federal)

Function	Description	AFR Line*
4600	IDEA Preschool Flow-Through	213
4620	IDEA Flow-Through	216
4625	IDEA Room & Board	217
4998	IDEA ARP Flow-Through and PreK	Itemized

* - Reflects AFR FY23 Lines







IDEA ARP ESSER III

- Check your district's <u>FRIS</u> for these amounts
 - Project Year 2022
 - Other Federal Programs (4998)
 - ID-Flow Through
 - PS-PreK
- Any remaining reimbursements would be tied to your FY24 AFR







MOE History

- All districts will receive their History of Maintenance of Effort from ISBE between April and May
- Communications come from ISBE's MOE Consultant
 - Pam Jurkoshek, pjurkosh@isbe.net
- Received by:
 - District Special Education Director
 - Special Ed Cooperative Executive Director







The Goal of MOE

- The goal of any district is to MEET MOE
- Allows districts to complete their upcoming IDEA Consolidation Part B Grant
- If your district did not meet MOE, must identify your district's shortfall







To MEET MOE or NOT MEET MOE

• FY22 Net Expenditures: \$2,400,000

• FY23 Net Expenditures: \$2,000,000

MET MOE by \$400,000

• FY22 Net Expenditures: \$2,000,000

• FY23 Net Expenditures: \$1,500,000

NOT MEET MOE by \$500,000







MOE History Example: MET MOE

		(CASE)			M	AINTEN	ANCE (OF EFFO	RT					Met MOE wi	th per capita	a increase
March 22, 2024														Met MOE wi		
			Spe	ecial Education	on Expenditu	ıres			IDEA	\ Federal Fur	nding	Net Expe	enditures	MOE met w	•	Companson Capita
FY '25	Instruction	Psych.	Speech	Special	Transp.	Payments	Other	TOTAL	FT/RB/PS	ARP	TOTAL	2022-2023	2021-2022	Comparison	2021-2022	2022-2023
2022-2023	8,832,372	447,939	1,068,299	0	1,675,231	4,012,257		16,036,098	906,789	172,990	1,079,779	14,956,319	13,616,936	1,339,383	24,229	24,721
														# students	562	605
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FY '24	Instruction	Psych.	Speech	Special	Transp.	Payments	Other	TOTAL	FT/RB/PS	ARP	TOTAL	2021-2022	2020-2021	Comparison	2020-2021	2021-2022
2021-2022	8,077,485	354,787	1,061,145	0	858,713	4,174,873		14,527,003	894,767	15,300	910,067	13,616,936	12,940,299	676,637	21,214	24,229
														# students	610	562

- Member District example that MET MOE
- FY25 > FY24 (IDEA Grant Eligibility)
- Comparing AFR FY23 to FY22
- MOE Comparison is Positive







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Function								
1000	Instruction					3	\$ 8,077	7,485
2140	Psychological S	ervices				(\$ 354	4,787
2150	Speech Patholo	gy & Audiolo	gy Services				\$ 1,06°	1,145
2330	Special Area Ad	mininstration	Services				\$	-
2550	Special Education	on Pupil Tran	sportation				\$ 858	3,713
4000	Payments for Sp	pecial Educat	ion Program	ns			\$	-
	Other						\$ 4,174	4,873
ТОТА	L SPECIAL EDU	CATION EXP	ENDITURES				\$ 14,527	7,003

		Spe	ecial Education	on Expenditu	ıres		
Instruction	Psych.	Speech	Special	Transp.	Payments	Other	TOTAL
8,077,485	354,787	1,061,145	0	858,713	4,174,873		14,527,003

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4600	Fed	eral Presc	hool Flow	/-Through							\$	894	,767
4620	IDE	A Room &	Board								\$		-
4998	IDE	A ARP									\$	15	,300
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IDEA Federal Funding		Net Expe	enditures	MOE	Per C	Capita	
FT/RB/PS	ARP	TOTAL	2021-2022	2020-2021	Comparison	2020-2021	2021-2022
894,767	15,300	910,067	13,616,936	12,940,299	676,637	21,214	24,229
					# students	610	562





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MOE History: MET MOE Per Capita Increase

		Special Education Expenditures							IDEA Federal Funding			Net Expenditures		MOE	Per Ca	;apita
FY '24	Instruction	Psych.	Speech	Special	Transp.	Payments	Other	TOTAL	FT/RB/PS	ARP	TOTAL	2021-2022	2020-2021	Comparison	1	2021- 2022
2021- 2022	5,201,210	521,197	828,560	406,592	. 772,106	1,325,309	,	9,054,974	694,046	0	694,046	8,360,928	8,399,005	(38,077)	20,239	21,329

students 415 392

	Special Education Expenditures							Federal Funding			Net Expenditures		MOE	Per (Capita	
FY '23	Instruction	Psych.	Speech	Special	Transp.	Payments	Other	TOTAL	IDEA FT/RB	IDEA PS	, TOTAL	2020-202	1 2019-2020	Comparison	2019- 2020	2020- 2021
2020-		100.00		100 101	1				1						1	
2021	5,598,243	432,367	857,453	<u>, 409,131</u>	651,307	1,339,494		9,287,995	839,941	1 49,049	<u>888,990'</u>	8,399,005	5 8,273,561	125,444	19,108	3 20,239

	FY21	FY22
Net Expenditures	\$ 8,399,005	\$ 8,360,928
Child Count	415	392
Per Capita	\$ 20,239	\$ 21,329





Met MOE? DISTRICT MET MOE by Per Capita









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MOE History: MOE not met

		Special Education Expenditures									
FY '25	Instruction	Psych.	Speech	Special	Transp.	Payments	Other	TOTAL			
2022-2023	3,832,317	285,328	250,978	0	687,694	1,552,888		6,609,205			

IDEA Federal Funding		Net Expe	enditures	MOE	Per Capita		
FT/RB/PS	ARP	TOTAL	2021-2022	2020-2021	Comparison	2021-2022	2022-2023
581,044		581,044	6,028,161	6,527,900	(499,739)	21,473	18,157





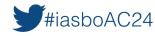


Exceptions to MOE

34 CFR § 300.204 - Exception to maintenance of effort

Notwithstanding the restriction in § 300.203(b), an LEA may reduce the level of expenditures by the LEA under Part B of the Act below the level of those expenditures for the preceding fiscal year if the reduction is attributable to any of the following:

- (a) The voluntary departure, by retirement or otherwise, or departure for just cause, of special education or related services personnel.
- (b) A decrease in the enrollment of children with disabilities.
- (c) The termination of the obligation of the agency, consistent with this part, to provide a program of special education to a particular child with a disability that is an exceptionally costly program, as determined by the SEA, because the child -
 - (1) Has left the jurisdiction of the agency;
 - (2) Has reached the age at which the obligation of the agency to provide FAPE to the child has terminated; or
 - (3) No longer needs the program of special education.
 - (d) The termination of costly expenditures for long-term purchases, such as the acquisition of equipment or the construction of school facilities.
 - (e) The assumption of cost by the high-cost fund operated by the SEA under § 300.704(6)





Exceptions to MOE: TLDR

- Resignations or Retirements of Special Education Instruction or Related Service Personnel
 - RIF does NOT count
- Decrease of student enrollment
- The conclusion of an exceptionally costly service or program for a student
 - Graduates
 - Leaves District
 - Ages out of program
 - No longer needs Special Education services or program
- Completion of long-term purchases of equipment or construction for special education facilities or operations





Solving Your AFR Puzzle













Evaluating Districts

- Case studies of districts that DID NOT MEET MOE
 - Understanding the WHY
 - WHAT Exemptions are Allowed
 - HOW to maintain eligibility and compliance







District A: We Always Met MOE

- Complete Year-over-Year comparison to identify differences
 - Do this annually to identify potential issues
- Meet with Special Education staff to understand differences such as:
 - Expenditures that were previously covered by the District that qualified for ESSER funding
 - Reduced Paraprofessional salaries staffing shortages
 - Reduced Purchased Services staffing shortages
 - Reduction of Student Services reduced number of students needing services and reduction of outplaced students being referred
 - Increase to Transportation Claim how will this play a role in future years
- Reach out to ISBE and other partners for guidance







District B: Common Areas

- Exceptions to Maintenance of Effort form
 - Identifying retirement of staff
 - Identifying the termination of an obligation to provide an exceptionally costly special education program to a child with a disability
 - Moved out of district
 - Aged out







District C: Buses, HR, and SPED, OH MY!

		Special Education Expenditures									
FY '23	Instruction	Psych.	Speech	Special	Transp.	Payments	Other	TOTAL			
2020-2021	20,353,805	705,576	452,008	235,239	3,017,474	1,253,050		26,017,152			
	Special Education Expenditures										
FY '22	Instruction	Psych.	Speech	Special	Transp.	Payments	Other	TOTAL			
2019-2020	20,707,353	624,314	429,496	233,673	4,377,758	1,368,044		27,740,638			

Fe	ederal Fundir	ng	Net Expe	enditures	MOE	Per C	Capita
IDEA FT/RB	IDEA PS	TOTAL	2020-2021	2019-2020	Comparison	2019-2020	2020-2021
1,930,012	0	1,930,012	24,087,140	26,305,150	(2,218,010)	24,538	22,139
					# students	1,072	1,088
Federal Funding		Net Expenditures		MOE	Per C	Capita	
IDEA FT/RB	IDEA PS	TOTAL	2019-2020	2018-2019	Comparison	2018-2019	2019-2020
1,435,488	0	1,435,488	3 26,305,150 25,605,906		699,244	25,030	24,538

District C: Buses, HR, and SPED, OH MY!

- The Why
 - Effects of COVID-19 and Instruction
 - Cash Accounting and IDEA Carryover Expenditures
- The What
 - Transportation
 - Capital Outlay
 - Students Graduating/Costs of Programs
 - Staffing
- The How
 - Communicating with departments and maintaining IDEA Expenditures







District D: -3.2 Million?!?!?!

	Special Education Expenditures										
FY '24	Instruction	Psych.	Speech	Special	Transp.	Payments	Other	TOTAL			
2021-2022	3,881,485	275,728	154,193	-	1,119,384	65,620	_	5,496,410			
		Special Education Expenditures									
FY '23	Instruction	Psych.	Speech	Special	Transp.	Payments	Other	TOTAL			
2020-2021	3,345,118	254,580	151,941	-	904,137	4,073,947	_	8,729,723			

IDEA	IDEA Federal Funding			enditures	MOE	Per C	Capita
FT/RB/PS	ARP	TOTAL	2021-2022 2020-2021 C		Comparison	2020-2021	2021-2022
737,761	-	737,761	4,758,649	7,979,880	(3,221,231)	23,130	12,931
IDEA Federal Funding			Net Expe	enditures	MOE	Per C	Capita
FT/RB/PS	ARP	TOTAL	2020-2021	2019-2020	Comparison	2019-2020	2020-2021
749,843	-	749,843	7,979,880	8,270,902	(291,022)	22,722	23,130

District D: -3.2 Million?!?!?!

- The Why
 - Chart of Accounts Not Matching to Appropriate Function
- The What
 - Work with Auditor and ISBE to create official letter of error
- The How
 - Comparing your chart of accounts with budgeted to actual current and previous year
 - Communicating with auditors on adjustments and corrections







MOE Commonly Asked What If's

- We miscoded expenditures
 - Billing towards a long-term expense, tuition, or program
 - Staff Member
- We counted Nurses or Social Workers
 - They work with IEP students
- MOE History recorded IDEA ARP Revenue
 - Expenditure Reports not tied to FY22







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1000	Instruction	\$ 5,598,243
2140	Psychological Services	\$ 432,367
2150	Speech Pathology & Audiology Services	\$ 857,453
2330	Special Area Admininstration Services	\$ 409,131
2550	Special Education Pupil Transportation	\$ 651,307
4000	Payments for Special Education Programs	\$ 1,339,494
	Other	\$ -

		Special Education Expenditures									
FY '23	Instruction	Psych.	Speech	Special	Transp.	Payments	Other	TOTAL			
2020-2021	5,598,243	432,367	857,453	409,131	651,307	1,339,494		9,287,995			

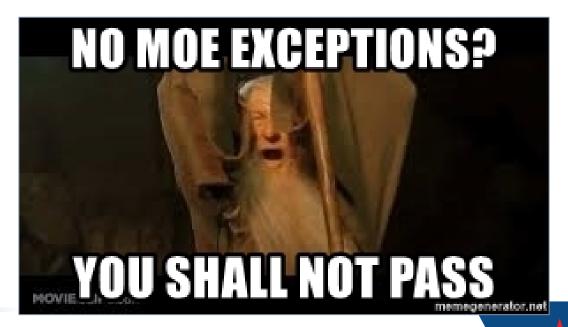




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Moving Forward From MOE

- ISBE will work with you to identify the exceptions needed to comply for the upcoming year
- You do not want to pay back the shortfall!
- Should comply BEFORE your IDEA Grant is approved
- Recommended to complete by July 1









Eligibility in IDEA Grant Application

- Your budgeted amount should be higher than your net expenditures
- Monitor spending throughout the year and communicate with your Special Education Department



			MOE not met						
Federal Funding			Net Expenditures			MOE	Per Capita		
IDEA FT	IDEA PS	TOTAL	2019-2020		2018-2019	Comparison	2018-2019	2019-2020	
393,780	20,829	414,609	5,840,352		6,451,377	(611,025)	23,718	20,933	

Eligibility in IDEA Grant Application

- Your budgeted amount should be higher than your net expenditures
- Monitor spending throughout the year and communicate with your Special Education Department

A. Maintenance of Effort Calculations

Enter the MOE Total (Total Expenditures Less Revenue) results from the MOE District Worksheet.*

Enter the MOE Total (Previous Year Special Education Net Expenditures) results from the MOE District Worksheet.*

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Comparison of Current to Previous Year Special Education Net Expenditures -611025

Met MOE with per capita increase Met MOE with allowable exceptions

MOE not met

Federal Funding			Net Expe	enditures	MOE	Per Capita		
IDEA FT	IDEA PS	TOTAL	2019-2020	2018-2019	Comparison	2018-2019	2019-2020	
393,780	20,829	414,609	5,840,352	6,451,377	(611,025)	23,718	20,933	

Projecting Your Future MOE

- Complete a preliminary MOE after receiving your AFR
- Calculate your Per Capita Amount with I-Star December 1 Child Count
 - Sign up for I-Star in IWAS
- Keep a running tab of students/staff that leave your district
- Keep copies of invoices for tuition, transportation, and long-term expenditures for backup







Projecting Your Future MOE

	FY22 AFR	FY23 AFR	F	Y24 Budget	F	Y25 Budget	FY26 Budget	F	Y27 Budget
Instruction	\$ 4,077,446	\$ 3,832,317	\$	4,833,407	\$ 4	,978,409.00	\$ 5,127,761.00	\$ 4	1,877,761.00
Psych Services	\$ 277,036	\$ 285,328	\$	312,506	\$	328,131.00	\$ 360,944.00	\$	390,944.00
Speech	\$ 241,458	\$ 250,978	\$	367,969	\$	386,367.00	\$ 405,685.00	\$	425,969.00
SPED Admin	\$ -	\$ -	\$	-	\$	-	\$ -	\$	-
Transportation	\$ 726,517	\$ 687,694	\$	700,000	\$	742,000.00	\$ 786,520.00	\$	833,711.00
Payments	\$ 1,508,460	\$ 1,552,888	\$	1,457,406	\$ 1	,380,000.00	\$ 1,390,000.00	\$ 1	1,410,000.00
Total Expenditures	\$ 6,830,917	\$ 6,609,205	\$	7,671,288	\$	7,814,907	\$ 8,070,910	\$	7,938,385
IDEA Revenue	\$ 303,017	\$ 581,044	\$	420,804	\$	440,000.00	\$ 440,000.00	\$	440,000.00
Net Expenditures	\$ 6,527,900	\$ 6,028,161	\$	7,250,484	\$	7,374,907	\$ 7,630,910	\$	7,498,385
Difference	\$ (311,975)	\$ (499,739)	\$	1,222,323	\$	124,423	\$ 256,003	\$ (132,525)

MOE OUT!

- Communicate
 - Special Education Dept
 - Business Office
 - Human Resources
- Collaborate
 - With the above
 - With your Special Education Cooperative (If applicable)
 - ISBE (Pam Jurkoshek is your friend)





Questions and Answers

We thank you for your time!







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