

Special Education Updates

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Michigan Department of Education Office of Special Education



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Allowable Cost Clarifications

- Special Education Approved Personnel
- If an expenditure is not in the allowable cost document, prior approval is required.
- Personnel not listed in the allowable cost document may need to be approved through the ISD's Special Education Plan.

Allowable Cost Clarifications (Continued)

- Assistive Technology
 - Allowable to the extent written into student's IEP.
- Function Code 219 (Other Pupil Services)
 - Personnel must be written into student's IEP.
 - Will be reviewed more closely this year during the reviews. Districts can expect to receive questions and possibly be required to remove costs under this function.
 - Not a function code to report unapproved special education personnel.
- Function Code 226 (Supervision and Direction of Instructional Staff)
 - Special Education Supervisor/Director Approval Required
 - Must meet FTE requirements in allowable cost document/MARSE

State Aid Reporting Questions

- Section 53a
- Section 24
- Section 51a(6)

Proportionate Share Recoding

- Upcoming Proportionate Share Recoding Reviews
 - 2022-23 IDEA Flowthrough (230450)
 - 2022-23 IDEA Preschool (230460)
- New for 2022-23, ISDs will submit an initial request for recoding in Catamaran.
 - Anticipated launch in Catamaran April 15, 2024.
 - Anticipating activity will be open earlier in 2025.
 - Requests need to be submitted by **May 31, 2024.**

NexSys and Flowthrough Application Update

- 2024-25 IDEA Flowthrough (250450) Application anticipated to be available May 1.
- Reporting for Outgoing Transfers
 - Final Expenditure Report
- Flagged Budget Items
- Receiving a notification of Grant Funds Available does not mean an ISD has 100% Funds Available.
- Amendment justification best practices

State Aid and Flowthrough Review Changes

- More Proactive Approach
- Enhanced Review Procedures
 - ISDs/Member Districts may receive more questions as state and federal costs are reviewed.
 - Detailed descriptions on the federal application may reduce follow up questions.
 - Clarifying comments on Special Education Actual Cost Report (SE-4096) may reduce follow up questions.

Top State Aid Cost Report Review Issues

- Transportation Expenditure Report (SE-4094)
 - School Bus Inventory Report discrepancies
 - Amortization Discrepancies
 - District-owned car and mini-van waivers
 - Reminder: **2023-24 School Bus Inventory Report closes 6/30/2024.**
- Special Education Actual Cost Report (SE-4096)
 - Function Code 226 (Supervision and Direction)
 - Function Code 219 (Other Pupil Services)

Excess Costs and Maintenance of Effort Update

- Excess Cost
- LEA Maintenance of Effort Compliance
- LEA Maintenance of Effort Eligibility
 - Anticipated launch in Catamaran 7/15/24

Any Questions?

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