

Eligible Expenditures for Special Education

State

Minnesota Statute 125A.76, Subdivision 1 (b) states:

"Essential personnel" means teachers, cultural liaisons, related services, and support staff providing direct services to students..."

Minnesota Rule 3525.1310 describes the activities that are reimbursable:

Salaries for essential personnel who are teachers and related services and support services staff members are reimbursable for the following activities:

- A. Child find and pupil identification;
- B. Necessary short-term indirect or consultative services that are provided in conjunction with regular education pre-referral activities to an individual suspected of having a disabling condition to determine whether referrals for evaluation shall be made;
- C. Evaluation, progress reporting, and IEP planning for individual pupils;
- D. Instruction or related and support services to pupils who have an IEP;
- E. Parental involvement and due process;
- F. School psychological services and school social worker services provided for pupils identified as emotional or behavioral disordered according to part 3525.1329 alone or in conjunction with the instructional program outlined in any pupil's IEP;
- G. Other related services provided in conjunction with the instructional program as outlined in a pupil's IEP;
- H. Paraprofessional services provided under the direction of a regular or special education teacher or a related services provider that:
 - a. Enhance the instruction provided by the teacher or related services staff; and
 - b. Supplement instructional activities or provide extended practice in instances in which the paraprofessional has had training and ongoing support from a special education teacher or related services staff;
- I. Program coordination; and
- J. Due process facilitation, except for attorney costs for suit preparation.

Ongoing services for at-risk students, for example, truancy, suicide prevention, child abuse, or protection, are not reimbursable."

Special Education Regular Program Aid

68% of **salaries** of essential personnel

52% of **contract student services**

52% of the difference of the costs of **contracted student placements** and the general education revenue

47% of the sum actually expended by the district for **supplies and equipment** but not to exceed an average of \$47 in any one school year for each child with a disability receiving instruction.

(Over)

Federal

In addition to the eligible expenditures listed for state special education regular program aid, federal special education funds may also be used for:

- Staff travel – local and professional development (conferences)
- Out-of-State Travel (prior approval required)
- Contracted services for staff – not student oriented contracts
- Office supplies, materials and printing
- Rent or Lease – of non-instructional space, office duplicators, facilities for professional development
- Electronic Communications – cell phones, internet connection, walkie-talkies
- Dissemination, postage, consulting, advertising and media resources
- Construction and remodeling (prior approval required)
- Equipment for Office/Supervision/Management
- Personnel Development – to enhance and support the capacity of the district to provide free, appropriate public education (FAPE)
- Parent participation
- Early Intervening Services (15% of allocation with application and approval)