MAINTENANCE OF EFFORT UPDATE

Special Education Director's Meeting
September 3, 2014
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BS6016 SUBMITTED!

NOW WHAT?!!
THREE ASPECTS TO M O E:

1) Eligibility to receive IDEA-B funds
   a) Based on State/Local Expenditures and Budget
   b) BS6016 (Special Education Consolidated Grant application)

2) Compliance
   a) Based on State/Local Expenditures
   b) TEA’s Compliance Calculator Tool

3) Voluntary Reduction
   a) Based on IDEA-B Entitlement and LEA’s Determination Level
   b) BS6016 (Special Education Consolidated Grant application)

1. ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA FOR 2014-2015

• Expenditures for special education with State/local funds
  • Line 1 of BS6016
  • Expenditures from most recent prior year compliant with MOE
  • Must perform prior years analyses to determine most recent year compliant

• Budget for special education with State/local funds
  • Line 2 of BS6016
  • Budget for 2014-2015
  • Must equal or exceed expenditure amount on Line 1
1. ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA FOR 2014-2015

- If budget in Line 2 is less than expenditures in Line 1, must:
  - In Line 3, explain why you are budgeting less, by describing the exception(s)/adjustments you will assert as justification for the decrease
  - In Line 3, identify the dollar amount of the exception(s)/adjustments
  - The dollar amount(s) of the exception(s)/adjustments in Line 3, summed with the budget amount in Line 2, must equal or exceed the expenditure amount in Line 1

Summary of Eligibility Criteria:

To be eligible to receive IDEA-B funds for 2014-2015:

BS6016 Lines 1 and 2 must match, unless claiming exceptions (described in Line 3)
2. COMPLIANCE FOR 2014-2015

- State/local expenditures for special education:
  - Must expend in 2014-2015 at least the same amount that was spent in 2013-2014, unless eligible for exception(s) or Voluntary Reduction

- TEA will perform compliance analysis in Spring 2016
  - Will compare 2013-2014 expenditures to 2014-2015 expenditures

IMPORTANT:

- **Eligibility purposes:**
  - You must show in the BS6016 you were budgeting in 2014-2015 at least the same amount as the most recent prior year you were compliant with MOE (could be 2012-2013 or earlier)

- **Compliance purposes:**
  - You must spend at least the same amount in 2014-2015 as you spent in 2013-2014
2. COMPLIANCE FOR 2014-2015

What this means:

• Regardless of the budget amount you entered in BS6016, you need to look at how much you spent in 2013-2014 to ensure compliance, because:

• You might have spent more in 2013-2014 than you spent in the year with the expenditures entered in Line 1, because:

• You didn’t have final expenditure data from 2013-2014 at the time the eGrants application was submitted to TEA

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2. COMPLIANCE FOR 2014-2015

Now that the eGrants application has been submitted and you met the eligibility criteria to receive IDEA-B funds, your focus needs to change toward ensuring you spend enough in 2014-2015 to be in compliance with MOE.

Spend in 2014-2015 at least the same amount as spent in 2013-2014 OR the amount entered in Line 1, whichever is greater (unless you will qualify for exceptions/adjustment in 2014-2015).
3. VOLUNTARY REDUCTION FOR 2014-2015

To be eligible to deliberately reduce your State/local special education expenditures for 2014-2015, you must meet all the following criteria:

a) Have an increase in your IDEA-B Formula maximum entitlement from 2013-2014 to 2014-2015, and

a) Have a determination level of “Meets Requirements” for 2014-2015 (TEA letter sent in summer of 2014), and

a) Not identified as having significant disproportionality based on race or ethnicity (TEA letter sent in summer of 2014)

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3. VOLUNTARY REDUCTION FOR 2014-2015

a) You don’t know at this point in time if you meet the first criterion since maximum entitlements have not been released for 2014-2015

a) You do know if you meet the second criterion since the Determination letters have been issued

a) You do know if you meet the third criterion since the Significant Disproportionality letters have been issued
3. VOLUNTARY REDUCTION FOR 2014-2015

• Per TEA recommendations, all LEAs should enter in Line 5 of the BS6016 “Not Eligible” when they submit their initial eGrants application, since maximums aren’t known

• If you have failed the second and/or third criteria, you will remain “Not Eligible” for the remainder of the year

• Once maximum entitlements are released, if you do not have an increase in entitlement, you will remain “Not Eligible” for the remainder of the year

3. VOLUNTARY REDUCTION FOR 2014-2015

• However, if you receive an increase in entitlement when maximums are released (and also met the second and third criteria), submit an amendment to change your selection in the BS6016 to either:

  • Eligible to voluntarily reduce, but choosing not to

  • Eligible to voluntarily reduce and are exercising the option

  • Must also enter the dollar amount by which you will voluntarily reduce your State/local expenditures for special education in 2014-2015
QUESTIONS?

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