



# Indiana Department of Education

---

Dr. Katie Jenner, Secretary of Education

To: Superintendents, Special Education Directors, Corporation Finance Staff

From: Dr. Nancy J. Holsapple, Director of Special Education  
Sarah Fields, Senior Fiscal Specialist

Date: June 30, 2023

Subject: Updates to Special Education Excess Cost (SEEC) Funding

Several changes were made to the Special Education Excess Cost (SEEC) fund during the 2023 legislative session.

The Indiana Department of Education (IDOE) will receive an additional \$5 million per fiscal year to assist school corporations with paying the excess costs of educating school-age students who have been identified as needing special education services and whose disabilities are of such intensity as to preclude achievement in the existing local public school setting.

In addition, Indiana Code (IC) 20-35-6-2 was amended to require school corporations to, at minimum, pay their share of expenditures before the state will fund excess costs. The amendment became effective upon passage on May 4, 2023. This document highlights revised SEEC funding policies, effective immediately for all applications, including those filed beginning Thursday, May 4.

- Corporations are required to pay a minimum of \$26,632.68, which is applied per Individualized Education Program (IEP).
  - This amount is calculated using three times the current state average per pupil amount of \$8,877.56.
- If a contract must be terminated due to a financial change (e.g., facility placement, rate, or service adjustments), but the student's IEP has only been revised and the corporation intends to file a revised application, corporations are not obliged to pay their minimum amount again.
- When completing the application, the budget start date will be the next calendar and/or instructional day following the corporation's expectation that the minimum fiscal commitment will be met. Contracts no longer have to align with the fiscal year, and the budget's end date must be no later than the student's IEP end date.
- Applications must be submitted within two weeks after the case conference committee convenes. It is the responsibility of the school corporation to submit SEEC applications on time to avoid financial shortfalls.
- All invoices showing that the corporation has been billed at least \$26,632.68 must be submitted before the contract is fully executed and an invoice workbook is sent out.
- School corporations can begin filing for reimbursement once the contract has been



# Indiana Department of Education

---

Dr. Katie Jenner, Secretary of Education

fully executed, and the invoice workbook has been received.

IDOE and a stakeholder group of special education administrators collaborated to create a framework to assist corporations in completing SEEC applications. The [rubric](#) defines the information that must be provided when responding to application questions and should be included in the student's IEP. During application review, IDOE will utilize the rubric criteria to determine if the requirements for approving SEEC funds have been met.

Contact IDOE's [Office of Special Education's SEEC team](#) with any additional questions.