Fiscal & Data Updates

IDEA MOE Reduction FY23

LEAs may request a 50% MOE reduction (34 CFR 300.205) for Section 611 funds. The Maintenance of Effort (MOE) reduction will free up state and local funds used for Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) activities.

This is a VOLUNTARY process for LEAs that have an increase in IDEA Section 611 allocations AND meet all MOE reduction criteria. See application for details.

LEAs that choose to use the IDEA MOE reduction will fund with the STATE AND LOCAL freed-up funds to carry out activities authorized under the ESSA. The local funds expended must equal the amount of the IDEA MOE reduction taken by the LEA. (OSEP interprets "local funds" from 20 USC 1413(a)(2)(C) to designate state and local funds.)

LEAs that elect to use the 50% adjustment must email a completed application by November 30, 2023, to speced.fiscal@k12.wa.us.

Special Education Data and Fiscal Team Office Hours

The Special Education Data and Fiscal Team are hosting office hours via Zoom from 1–1:30 pm every Wednesday. During these office hours, districts can chat about current issues and ask questions. Zoom link to join meeting.

Questions or topics can be submitted to the special education data team.

Special Education November Federal Child Count

The November Federal Special Education Child Count Application located in the Education Data System (EDS) opened November 1, 2023. District staff will have until December 11, 2023, to verify and submit their district's November 2023 federal child count. The data populating the application comes directly from CEDARS submissions. Any changes to the data must be completed through a CEDARS submission. For information on how students are included or excluded from this report, please see the User Guide. If you have any CEDARS questions, please contact OSPI Student Information by email.

To certify the report (starting November 1), please follow the instructions in the User Guide. The certification page must then be printed, signed, and mailed to the address listed on the form. School districts reporting no special education students must still go into the application, indicate zero students, and submit a signed certification page.

As the data is received and verified, an automated confirmation of receipt email will be generated acknowledging submission of the data report. If an auto-generated email is not

received, review the submission steps outlined in the [User Guide](#) to ensure submission was completed. The Special Education Data Team will no longer be sending an additional confirmation email.

For a complete listing of LRE Codes for the 2023–24 school year, please refer to CEDARS Appendix W for definitions and examples. Additionally, an updated Decision Tree for determining early childhood LRE codes has been posted to the OSPI website. The Child Count User Guide is available on the [Federal Data Collection Forms web page](#) of the OSPI Special Education website. If you have questions, please contact the [special education data email](#).

Special Education Personnel Employed & Contracted

The Special Education Personnel Employed (Including Contracted) Data Report for the 2023–24 school year is due to the OSPI Special Education office no later than 5 pm December 11, 2023. This one-page Excel template reports special education staff employed or contracted (regardless of funding source) that are needed to serve special education students in the district. This form can be accessed on the [Federal Data Collection Forms web page](#). Instructions are embedded within the Excel workbook. **Do not modify the template or delete worksheets.** Email the completed report to the [special education data email](#).

2023–24 Safety Net Application

The [Safety Net Bulletin is now available](#)!

The application for the 2023–24 school year should be released by mid-November. Once available information will be posted to the [Safety Net website](#).

Additionally, the following training opportunities are coming up (registration required):

- [December 7, 2023, from 10–11 am: OSPI Safety Net Overview Training with Q&A](#)
  This training covers information about what Safety Net is.
- [December 13, 2023, from 10–11:30 am: OSPI EGMS Safety Net Training](#)
  This training covers the Safety Net application submission platform and how to complete an application.
- [January 17, 2024, from 10–11:30 am: OSPI EGMS Safety Net Training](#)
  This training covers the Safety Net application submission platform and how to complete an application.

When the application is available, [notification will be sent via GovDelivery](#).

Questions? Contact safety.net@k12.wa.us.