



STATE OF NEW JERSEY
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

A Memo from the New Jersey Department of Education

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To: Chief School Administrators, Charter School and Renaissance School Project Leads
From: John Worthington, Director
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IDEA-B State Fiscal Year 2019 Entitlement Allocations and Electronic Grant Application Information

The *IDEA-B* State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2019 allocations are now posted on the New Jersey Department of Education's (NJDOE) [Special Education webpage](#). The Section 611 (Basic 3-21) and Section 619 (Preschool 3-5) awards are distributed on a formula basis to school districts, charter schools, renaissance school projects, and state agencies. A detailed description of the individual allocation formulas may be found on the allocation tabs of the online grant application. Eligible agencies should use these amounts to plan for the use of the funds. Districts will notice changes in allocations due to various factors, such as available federal funding, the district's census and poverty factors, and the number of children with disabilities being served. Also be advised that base payment adjustments may be required during the project period, as per 34 CFR §300.705(b)(2) and §300.816(b).

SFY 2019 *IDEA-B* Electronic Grant Submission

The SFY 2019 *IDEA* grant application must be completed in the Electronic Web Enabled Grant System (EWEG), a statewide program designed to provide coordination among all grant applications. The SFY 2019 *IDEA* application will be available on the EWEG system as of June 12, 2018. The applications are due July 13, 2018. Instructions are provided for each section, within the application. Local Education Agencies (LEAs)/State Agencies that submit their applications in substantially approvable form by the due date may begin to allocate the funds as of July 1, 2018.

Grant Project Period Timelines/Obligation of Funds

The LEAs/State Agencies may obligate these funds beginning July 1 of the fiscal year for which the funds were appropriated (SFY 2019 through September 30 of the second successive fiscal year SFY 2021). This maximum period includes a 15-month period of initial availability, plus a 12-month period for carryover.

The NJDOE receives the *IDEA* Section 611 award from the United States Department of Education in separate awards (July 1, 2018 and October 1, 2018), the full allocations for these programs will not be available until October 1, 2018. Therefore, districts should anticipate *obligating* no more than 14 percent of their SFY 2019 *IDEA* Basic allocation for activities planned for July 1, 2018 through September 30, 2019.

LEA Determinations

As in previous years, LEAs will be notified of their annual determination in the online application. Districts identified for significant disproportionality are those districts who were identified for significant disproportionality in both the previous grant cycle *and* were identified utilizing the new risk ratio formula required by the U.S. Department of Education.

If you have questions regarding the application process, please direct inquiries to your County Supervisor of Child Study, or contact Barbara Haake in the NJDOE's Office of Special Education Policy and Procedure at (609) 376-3753. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

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