

SELPA Revenue Allocation Model

Decision-Making Guidelines

As much as possible the Revenue Allocation Model should:

1. Continue to provide an incentive for providing quality cost effective programs for students in public school programs.
2. Acknowledge that state and federal special education funds will not cover the total costs of special education services.
3. Recognize that districts have been and will need to continue making local general fund contributions to cover special education costs.
4. Keep program requirements in mind.
5. Reflect district and SELPA policies.
6. Simplify the SCV SELPA process for allocation of special education funds including growth and COLA.

Summary

As a consequence of AB 602 passed by the California legislature in 1998, most special education revenues are received by the SELPA in the form of a block grant. As of the 2013-14 fiscal year, state aid and federal grants for special education are calculated separately.

The following programs will be outside and in addition to the block grant:

1. Low Incidence Equipment
2. Federal Part C Grant Infant Programs (Early Start)
3. Out of Home Bed Funds
4. SDC Revenue Limit (LCFF) Apportionment
5. Federal Preschool (3-5) year olds Grants
6. Federal Part B Staff Development Grants
7. Federal Part B State Discretionary Grants

The following is a summary of the primary features of the SCV funding process:

ADA Based	A modified ADA rate for funding special education will be calculated for each district and will serve as the basis for allocation of special education revenues and any equalization adjustments.
ADA Growth	Growth dollars are apportioned by percent of positive growth only comparing prior year ADA to current year ADA. There is no negative growth dollars for districts.
COLA	COLA funds shall be allocated to districts on a per ADA basis.
Discretionary Funds	These funds may be utilized to supplement growth funds as available or for any other allowable special education expenses as approved by the Superintendents' Council.
Regionalized Services Fund	This fund was eliminated in the 2013-14 State Budget. However, EC 56195 – 56195.10 remains in law detailing the responsibilities of the SELPA. As a result, the SCV Superintendents' Council will approve a budget for the operation of the SELPA Office by May 31 every year. The funds needed to operate the SELPA office will be allocated from the state special education funds. The budget for the operation of the SELPA Office shall be approved prior to May 31 each year.

Allocation Methodology for State Entitlement Funds to Districts

A SELPA funding level utilizing an ADA average shall be calculated. District Special Education ADA funding rates will be recalculated annually reflecting funding growth/decline, COLA, and equalization.

AB 602 Entitlement is apportioned based on prior year ADA, COLA if any is apportioned based on percent of base entitlement. Growth dollars are apportioned by percent of positive growth only comparing prior year ADA to current year ADA. There is no negative growth dollars for districts. Distribution of the federal Local Assistance grant is based on Special Education December 1st pupil count.

Special Day Class revenue limit (LCFF) funds will be utilized to fund district operated special education programs.

COLA funds will be allocated to districts on a per ADA (annual) basis.

Regionalized Programs

The 2004-2005 school year was the base year for redistributing LACOE's base revenue.

For 2005-2006 school year and thereafter, districts annually by May 31, will present a proposed inclusive budget for authorized regional programs. After approving the proposed budget, the Regionalized Program will be funded in a manner as approved by the SCV Superintendent's Council.

Federal Funds

The special education December 1st pupil count from the prior year will determine a district allocation for federal funds including Local Assistance, Federal Preschool, Local Staff Development, Preschool Local Entitlements, and Preschool Staff Development.

Saugus School District will receive all funds from the Early Intervention Part C Grant as long as it administers the Early Start Program for the SELPA.

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