



2. FEDERAL SPECIAL EDUCATION FUNDING

Funding Definition

Each year the State of California receives a combination of grants for federal IDEA funds. The state distributes this to SELPAs on a pro-rated formula that is based on:

- a) Historical amount per SELPA from 1999;
- b) Prior year enrollment counts; and
- c) Free and reduced lunch counts.

Federal Funding Charter SELPA Formula

- a) The Charter SELPA funds eligible LEA members based on prior year CBEDS enrollment (October count).
- b) New start-up charter members do not receive federal funds in the first year of operation because funding is based on prior year enrollment.
- c) New charter members (not a start-up) may receive federal funds if they existed in the prior year and CDE adjusts the current year Charter SELPA grant for the charter enrollment.
- d) If enrollment for a continuing charter member is not included by CDE in the calculation of the Charter SELPA current year federal grant due to a CDS code change, the charter member remains eligible to receive federal funding in the current year.
- e) The administrative fee (see section #5) is determined based on total state and federal income per charter member, but the payment itself is considered paid with state dollars.
- f) Inability to fully spend special education dollars may result in ineligibility to receive federal funds in the subsequent school year. (See section #7-- Unspent Funds).

Federal Grant Compliance

Charter SELPA administration may make a determination to exclude a charter from federal funding eligibility if matters come to their attention that cause them to believe compliance requirements of CDE or the federal grant itself may be violated by doing so.