

Answers to Frequently Asked Questions

IAASE 2011 Winter Conference

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**SOME THINGS WE'VE
DISCUSSED FREQUENTLY
BECAUSE OF ARRA**



Coordinated Early Intervening Services (CEIS) is complicated

- CEIS is related to MOE Flexibility
- Supplanting varies between CEIS and special education
- CEIS expenses must be kept separate from special education expenses
- CEIS reports will now be a regular occurrence
 - *How many students received services*
 - *How many students were later identified as eligible for special education*



Allowable Use of CEIS Funds?

- ❖ Rules and Regulations say that CEIS funds can be used for:
 1. Professional Development
 2. Providing educational and behavioral evaluations, services, and supports including scientifically-based literacy instruction



Is it EIS or Special Education?

- **Some terms, such as RTI and PBIS, infer Early Intervening Services (EIS).**
- **Specify if funds will be used in special education or general education.**
- **If these terms are used in your application and the EIS page is not completed we must return the application for clarification.**



Supplanting and CEIS

You cannot use IDEA CEIS funds to pay for something that has previously been paid for with other Federal program grant funds.

For example, if you are paying for an after-school tutoring program with Title I funds, you can't now pay for that program out of IDEA CEIS funds - that would be supplanting the Federal Title I funds. You could supplement the Federal Title I funds by expanding the after-school tutoring program--hiring additional teachers to serve additional numbers of kids, expanding it to other schools, providing it in the morning as well as the afternoon, etc.

Assistive Technology or General Classroom Equipment?

If a "...device can be considered an assistive technology device ...depends on whether the device is used to increase, maintain or improve the functional capabilities of a child with a disability and whether the child's IEP Team determines that the child needs the device in order to receive FAPE"





Proportionate Share

Funds are to provide special education and related services.

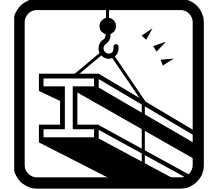
§ 300.141 Requirement that funds not benefit a private school.

(a) An LEA may not use funds provided under section 611 or 619 of the Act to finance the existing level of instruction in a private school or to otherwise benefit the private school.

(b) The LEA must use funds provided under Part B of the Act to meet the special education and related services needs of parentally-placed private school children with disabilities, but not for meeting—

- (1) The needs of a private school; or
- (2) The general needs of the students enrolled in the private school.

IDEA Funds & Construction



- “Regular” IDEA funds can be used for construction
- Application process and forms will not change when ARRA ends
- Only change will be that construction does not need to be posted on ISBE’s website



IDEA Funds & Transportation

- IDEA funds can be used for transportation costs if it is a related service in a student's IEP.
- Funds cannot be used for transportation when there is another source of funds to pay the cost.

A note regarding transportation:

All Special Ed transportation costs (expenses) must be listed on the State Pupil Transportation Reimbursement Claim and any federal Special Education grants or reimbursements used to pay for such costs must be listed on the claim as offsetting revenue.

Likewise, any vehicles acquired or otherwise used for special education student transportation must be listed on the transportation depreciation schedule. Finally, all transportation funds received whether State or Federal must be deposited in the transportation fund and expended from there.



Reporting MOE & MOE Flexibility

- MOE Flexibility allows 2 things:
 - *A one time reduction of MOE*
 - *Spending IDEA funds on ESEA expenses*
- Reporting MOE Flexibility
 - *Using “MOE Flexibility” page from FY 10 ARRA a district has created documentation that explains why MOE was reduced*
 - *MOE will be reported in FY 12 just as it was in the FY 11 Flow Through Application*



Reimbursement

- All federal grants including IDEA will use a reimbursement model in FY 12
- Expenditure reports are will be the equivalent of a request for payment
- Expenditure reports can be filed anytime
- Expenditure reports must be filed quarterly
- Federal funds are not delayed and received in 3-5 business days from the ISBE voucher date

Grant Cycle

- *Federal Fiscal Year – 10/1 to 9/30*
- *State Fiscal Year - 7/1 to 6/30*
- *ARRA IDEA funds will end Sept. 30, 2011*
- *End of a 27 month cycle*
 - Some funds available in FY 09
 - Year that the grant is awarded (FY 10)
 - Carry over period (FY 11)



Ending ARRA

- There won't be a FY 12 ARRA IDEA application
- ARRA IDEA will end on June 30, 2011 for Illinois coops and districts unless an LEA requests an extension
- An extension can be granted until August 31, 2011 with justification
- Extension can be granted until Sept 30, 2011 with permission from ISBE management if an LEA can show extenuating circumstances



Obligation Timeline

- Obligations should be based on the Administrative Agent's application history.

Application History - Windows Internet Explorer

https://sec3.isbe.net/eGrant_web/StaticPages/applicationhistory.aspx?DisplayName=Application History

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ARRA - IDEA Part B Flow-Through

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Application: 2010-2011 ARRA IDEA Part B Flow-Through - 00
 Cycle: Original Application

Project Number: 11-4857-00

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Final Approved	klewis	12-28-2010
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Submitted for Review		12-21-2010
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Submitted to ISBE		12-20-2010
Submitted for Review		12-20-2010
Returned for Changes	klewis	12-14-2010
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