



Dates, Dollars & Details

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Summary of 2004 IDEA Reauthorization

Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) of 2004 was passed by congress and signed by the President on December 3rd.

Preliminary information on the changes is summarized below, which will be effective July 1, 2005. The state will be required to develop and adopt state regulations necessary to implement the law after the federal regulations are finalized, and the provisions may change before final adoption.

1. **High need reimbursement and risk pool management programs** – idea similar to safety net program with higher threshold. High need student is defined as student with costs greater than 3 times average per pupil expenditures.
2. **“Full” funding** – does not provide mandatory full funding, but provides a “glide path” to 40% of excess costs funding by 2011.
3. **Highly qualified** – special education teacher must be fully endorsed by 2007.
4. **Establishes annual performance goals for states in special education** – establishes annual performance indicators similar to the Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) reporting in NCLB.
5. **Statewide testing** – continues to include special education students in statewide testing efforts.
6. **Maintenance of effort** – adjusts



MOE provision by allowing more of the federal funding increase to be treated as local funds, from 20% to 50%.

7. **Early intervention and pre referral funding** – allows 15% of funding to be used for not yet eligible students in an effort to reduce the number of students qualifying for the program.
8. **Eligibility determination** – removes mandatory use of discrepancy tables to identify students.
9. **IEP revisions** – adjusts content requirements in the IEP by expanding student progress and measurement language.
10. **Focus on compliance AND outcomes** – state will submit a plan to the federal level for approval and requirements will flow down to districts.
11. **Personnel development** – personnel preparations and development grant which responds to prescribed set of criteria in concert with NCLB.
12. **Discipline provisions** – manifestation provisions stay as is.
13. **National center on special education research** – “clearinghouse” approach for research on service delivery. There are 17 mandated areas of study.
14. **National assessment of special education** – to determine the effectiveness of IDEA before the next reauthorization in 2009.

A completed summary of the changes can be found on the OSPI special education website at http://www.k12.wa.us/SpecialEd/pubdocs/IDEA_Reauth_Major_Changes.doc.

Mileage Rate

The Office of Financial Management increased the reimbursement rate for private owned vehicles to 40.5 cents per mile effective January 1, 2005. The IRS increased to this rate effective October 1, 2004. At <http://www.ofm.wa.gov/policy/colormap.pdf> there is a Washington State map that has the per diem rates for meals, hotels & mileage.

Title 1 Training

OSPI will be conducting the Title 1 Spring Workshop around the state. How to complete the Title 1 application for 2005-06 using the iGrants system will be reviewed. Additional topics to be covered will include fiscal requirements, time and effort, discussion of requirements and rules for set asides and building allocations. This training should have insights for both the district business manager and grant manager and will provide an opportunity to work on this application as a team.

Plan to attend this training on March 3, 2005, at the ESD in the PDC from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. If you would like to attend please RSVP to Julie Reischman at OSPI jreischman@ospi.wednet.edu.

Districts are encouraged to review their K-4 and K-12 ratios, and the funded number of LID days for the 2004-2005 school year to ensure funding is maximized.

If you would like assistance in reviewing this information please contact Michelle Ewell or Russ Whiteaker.

Upcoming Deadlines and Important Dates

Date	Title	Form #
March	8 Levy Election	
	10 Grant expenditures due to OSPI-paper submission	1000E
	10 Enrollment counts due to ESD	P223, P223S,P240
	11 Filing deadline for April 26th levy	
	16 Safety Net Oversight Committee meeting	
	18 Safety Net application due to OSPI	1381
	21 Grant expenditures due to OSPI-electronic submission	1000E
24 Apportionment report available		
April	1 P105A enrollment count date	P105A
	1 Filing deadline for May 17th levy	
	11 Grant expenditures due to OSPI-paper submission	1000E
	11 Enrollment counts due to ESD	P223, P223S, P240
	19 Grant expenditures due to OSPI-electronic submission	1000E
	20 Safety Net Oversight Committee meeting (2 day meeting)	
	22 Apportionment report available	
	22 Safety Net application due to OSPI	1381
26 Levy Election		
May	1 I-728 public hearing deadline	
	10 Grant expenditures due to OSPI-paper submission	1000E
	10 Enrollment counts due to ESD	P223, P223S, P240
	15 Non-renewal of contract notice to certificated staff deadline	
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