



Dates, Dollars & Details

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Pension Rates

The employer pension rates for 2005-06 are:

TRS 2.73% +.19% *= 2.92%

SRS 2.75% +.19% *= 2.94%

PERS 2.25% +.19% *= 2.44%

* Department of Retirement administrative fee.

The biennial budget as adopted assumed the wrong retirement rates in calculating the fringe benefit funding. OSPI has discussed this with Legislative staff and they are certain that the legislature will adjust the funding to the correct rates in the spring 2006 supplemental budget. This correction should be retroactive to the beginning of the fiscal year.

Budgets for FY 2005-06 should be prepared using the correct pension rates in order to have the capacity needed.

OSPI must fund districts using the budgeted rates. The F203 calculation will reflect the correct rates and therefore will not be the amounts that are seen on the apportionment report in the fall; rather it will be the funded amount after the retroactive correction.

For cash flow purposes, the actual amounts for transportation, highly capable, bilingual, and LAP will be either higher or lower depending on the type of pension rate that is used for the funding type.



Time & Effort Proposal

United States Department of Education is currently considering providing national clarification and consistency for frequently asked questions on time and effort for grants from their agency. This will be non regulatory guidance that is being developed in conjunction with state and local governments.

Jolynn Berge from OPSI will be conducting a K-20 video conference to discuss proposed changes and get feedback. If this proposal is approved by the US Dept. of ED, it would greatly reduce time and effort requirements for OSPI, ESDs and school districts.

This K-20 will be held June 23rd or 27th at ESD 123 from 10am-12pm. It will provide an opportunity for ESDs and school districts to learn more about the proposal and potentially participate in the process during FY 05-06. It would also give an opportunity for districts and ESDs to provide feedback, comments and concerns.

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.

Safety Net Changes

During the most recent legislative session some changes were made to the safety net funding for 2005-06 and how the program will be administered.

The two most significant differences are the removal of line 25 on the worksheet A, and the increase of the threshold for a high cost student. Funding continues to be for high cost students only. The threshold for a high cost student is changing to align with the federal language, which is defined as a student with costs greater than 3 times average per pupil expenditures. This is currently estimated to be in excess of \$22,000.

The effect of these changes are:

- ◆ districts that have been unable to demonstrate need on the worksheet A due to maintenance of effort figure on line 25 will no longer have this barrier.
- ◆ districts that have maxed out their demonstrated need may be able to apply for more high cost students.
- ◆ students that have been considered high cost in the current year may no longer meet the spending threshold and not be eligible for funding.

The safety net committee will develop the rules for the program in the late summer, and the rule setting process will follow.

Upcoming Deadlines and Important Dates

Date	Title	Form #
June 10	Grant expenditures due to OSPI-paper submission	1000E
10	Enrollment counts due to ESD (<i>Running Start only</i>)	P223, P223S,P240
10	Non-High form due to ESD from High School District	P213
10	Safety Net application due to OSPI ***	1381
14	Final Report of truancy petition filings due to OSPI	1302D
16	Non-High form due to ESD from Non High School District	P213
20	Grant expenditures due to OSPI-electronic submission	1000E
23	Apportionment report available	
30	Safety Net Oversight Committee meeting (2 day meeting)	
*** Resubmittals for May 25th meeting only. New applications will not be accepted		
July 10	Preliminary Budget due to ESD and available to public	F195
11	Grant expenditures due to OSPI-paper submission	1000E
11	Enrollment counts due to ESD	P223, P223S, P240
12	Home and Hospital report due to OSPI	E525
18	Grant expenditures due to OSPI-electronic submission	1000E
22	Apportionment report available	
August 1	Final date for budget adoption (2nd class districts)	F195
3	Final budget due to ESD (2nd class district)	F195
5	Filing deadline for September 20th levy	
10	Enrollment counts due to ESD	P223, P223S, P240
10	Grant expenditures due to OSPI-paper submission	1000E
15	Final date for budget extension adoption (2nd class dist)	F200
19	Grant expenditures due to OSPI-electronic submission	1000E
20	Budget extension due to ESD (2nd class district)	F200
24	Apportionment report available	
31	Final date for budget adoption (1st class district)	F195
31	Final date for budget extension adoption (1st class dist)	F200
31	Budget extension due to ESD (1st class district)	F200
31	Current items on personnel report updated to actual for year	S275

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