

Special Education Funding Changes

During the most recent legislative session a number changes occurred that affect special education. The most significant funding related items are:

- Three, four and five year olds not yet in kindergarten receiving special education services will be funded at 115 percent (the same rate for the zero to two year olds in prior years).
- These same students will be removed from the 12.7 index used for special education funding, which will increase funding for districts that were over this index.
- A new safety net category has been created for districts that draw a large number of students in need of special education services
- Full cost method of excess cost accounting will be implemented and adopted by school districts for the 2007-08 school year.
- Basic education funding for special education students will be distributed to new revenue code 3121.

Additionally, two new staff positions will be funded at OSPI to support the work of the safety net committee and to provide training and support to districts applying for safety net awards.

Districts are encouraged to calculate their K-4 and K-12 ratios, and review the funded number of LID days for the 2006-2007 school year to ensure funding is maximized.

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

PAS Funding Continues

The 2007-08 budget provided funding for Promoting Academic Success (PAS) which assists 11th grade students who are not successful on the WASL. Additional funding is provided to serve 12th graders who still have not been successful on the WASL. A student will be eligible to receive PAS funding in their junior and senior year. Funding will begin September 2007.

Budget Hearing

Approval of budgets and budget extensions requires a public hearing be held as described in RCW 28A.505. Every school district shall publish a notice stating the board of directors will meet for this purpose. This notice shall be published at least once every week for two consecutive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation in the district. The last notice shall be published no later than seven days immediately prior to the hearing.

Summer Vacation

Salary Equity

All three staff funding categories were increased during the recent legislative session. As prescribed by Initiative 732 certificated instructional staff salaries were increased by 3.7% and this same increase was passed on to administrative and classified salary funding categories.

Additionally, the base on all three categories was increased to close the gap between the majority of the districts in the state and the 34 grandfathered districts. The base for certificated instructional salaries in 2007-08 is \$32,746; this represents an additional .6% increase in the funded salary category. Administrative and classified positions in all districts will be funded at a minimum level. Administrative staff salaries minimum is \$54,405 in 2007-08 and \$57,095 in 2008-09. The minimum level for classified salaries in 2007-08 is \$30,111 and \$31,376 in 2008-09. District's funding will increase by 3.7% or to the minimum level, which ever is higher.

Classified staffing ratio will be one position per 59 students which is an increase from one per 60 students in the current year.



2007 Funding

Funding information and budget preparation tools for FY 2007-08 can be found at OSPI's website www.k12.wa.us/SAFS/07budprp.asp, including the John Jenft rate sheet.

Upcoming Deadlines and Important Dates

Date	Title	Form #	
June	8	Grant expenditures due to OSPI-paper submission	1000E
	11	Enrollment counts due to ESD (<i>Running Start only</i>)	P223, P223S,P240
	11	Non-High form due to ESD from High School District	P213
	14	Final report of truancy petition filings due to OSPI	1302D
	18	Grant expenditures due to OSPI-electronic submission	1000E
	20	Non-High form due to ESD from Non High School District	P213
	22	Apportionment report available	
	27	Safety Net Oversight Committee meeting (2 day meeting)	
July	10	Preliminary budget due to ESD and available to public	F195
	10	Grant expenditures due to OSPI-paper submission	1000E
	10	Enrollment counts due to ESD	P223, P223S, P240
	10	Home and Hospital report due to OSPI	E525
	17	Grant expenditures due to OSPI-electronic submission	1000E
	24	Apportionment report available	
August	1	Final date for budget adoption (2nd class district)	F195
	3	Final budget due to ESD (2nd class district)	F195
	10	Enrollment counts due to ESD	P223, P223S, P240
	10	Grant expenditures due to OSPI-paper submission	1000E
	14	Filing deadline for November 6th levy	
	15	Final date for budget extension adoption (2nd class district)	F200
	20	Grant expenditures due to OSPI-electronic submission	1000E
	20	Budget extension due to ESD (2nd class district)	F200
	21	Levy Election	
	24	Apportionment report available	
	31	Final date for budget adoption (1st class district)	F195
	31	Final date for budget extension adoption (1st class district)	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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