

Process for High Cost Fund Grant Entitlement Calculation

Beginning with the 2016-2017 school year, the High Cost Fund (HCF) process will be revised to include the changes listed below. Please send any feedback on the process that you may have to HCF@tea.texas.gov.

- 1.1 Remove the adjusted allotment (AA) from consideration related to the eligibility application. The AA will not be subtracted from documented expenses. This will allow more students to qualify as high-need students with disabilities. The state average per-pupil expenditure (APPE) will be subtracted from the award amount.
- 1.2 Remove anticipated State Health and Related Services (SHARS) reimbursements from consideration related to the eligibility application. SHARS amounts will not be subtracted from documented expenses. This will allow more students to qualify as high-need students with disabilities. SHARS expenditures will be subtracted from the award amount.
- 1.3 Add an excess transportation costs calculator. The application will include a link to an excess transportation costs calculator that will allow districts to calculate eligible excess transportation costs.
- 1.4 Remove unused and unallowable cost categories. The removal of historically unused cost categories will simplify the eligibility application. The category of “other expenses” will still be available for costs that are not easy to document using available cost categories in the eligibility application.
- 1.5 Limit reimbursements for residential set-aside spending to a portion of the set-aside amount. If the 25% set-aside exceeds three times the APPE, then a portion of those costs will be eligible for reimbursement.
- 1.6 Limit reimbursements for non-public day school (NPDS) expenses to a portion of the allowable expenses. If NPDS expenses exceed three times the APPE, then a portion of those costs will be eligible for reimbursement.