SIGNIFICANT DISPROPORTIONALITY AT-A-GLANCE

Updated: 2024



SUMMER

- ▶ Data for all 98 subcategories required in 34 CFR §300.647(b)(2)-(4) are analyzed based on prior 3 years available data (discipline data are lag year data).
- ▶ Results are published to the Results Driven Accountability (RDA) (formerly PBMAS) local education agency (LEA) reports.



FALL / WINTER

LEAs receive RDA reports.

LEAs with 3 consecutive years data above the established threshold in the same subcategory without calculated proportionate reasonable progress (RP) are considered Significant Disproportionate (SD).¹

SD LEAs also receive a letter with a description of required actions that includes a mandatory set aside of 15 percent of its IDEA, Part B (sections 611 and 619) funds to provide comprehensive coordinated early intervening services (CCEIS) to address factors contributing to the significant disproportionality (34 CFR §300.646(c) and (d)).

Required, unless Option 2 or 3 achieved

May, by amending current application

May, by request and approval only, amend application 3

OPTION 1

Set aside 15 percent of the funds that the LEA receives from its fiscal year (FY) 2024-2025 IDEA Part B allocation (available for obligation beginning July 1, 2024) and designate on its budget schedule BS6016 to implement CCEIS activities.

OPTION 2

Set aside 15 percent of the funds that the LEA received from its FY 2023-2024 IDEA Part B allocation (available for obligation July 1, 2023), by amending budget schedule BS6016 in application for the current fiscal year covering school year 2023-2024 to implement CCEIS activities (must meet amendment deadline).

OPTION 3²

Designate 15 percent of the funds that it received from the FY 2022-2023 IDEA Part B allocation to implement CCEIS activities (that was available for obligation July 1, 2022) only if the LEA did not use the adjustment to reduce its required level of effort in the fiscal year covering school year 2022-2023 under 34 CFR §300.205 and amendment request is received and approved by TEA Grants Division management.

The students served with these funds must be tracked during the reference year.

¹ Per 34 CFR §300.647(d)(2), the TEA is not required to identify an LEA for SD until the LEA has exceeded the risk ratio threshold and has failed to demonstrate RP. RP designation requires an LEA to reduce its risk ratio in each of two prior consecutive years. The TEA will use a proportionate improvement method for calculating RP that is described in the RDA chapter of the 2023 Accountability Manual, which was previously a standalone RDA Manual (see historical RDA and PBMAS Manuals).

² Option 3 is considered on a case by case basis. LEAs seeking this option should contact the TEA Grants Division for more information on limitations and related conditions. This is an option only if the LEA had adequate carryover funds and could meet the SPED Consolidated Grant (Federal) amendment deadline. Please note that Option 3 is not available for 2023-2024 required actions due to the delay in releasing the SD determinations.