

OFFICE OF CHIEF ACADEMIC OFFICER
Summary of State Board of Education Agenda Items
Consent Agenda
April 21, 2016

OFFICE OF SPECIAL EDUCATION

- J. Award Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) discretionary grants to local school districts for the purpose of providing assistance to districts for excess costs

Purpose: Funds awarded are based on the previously board approved methodology. These funds are used to assist local educational agencies in covering the direct special education instructional cost of children with disabilities who meet one of the following established criteria for the 2015-2016 school year.

1. **Extraordinary circumstances** means those individual cases where special education and related services required by the Individualized Education Program (IEP) of a particular student with disabilities are unduly expensive and/or beyond the routine and normal costs associated with special education and related services provided by the local education agency.
2. **Routine and normal cost** mean unexpected student cost that is more than five (5) times the district's per-pupil expenditure for Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) flow-through funds.
3. **Direct services** mean individual attention and services that are significantly more complex and frequent and require significantly more resources to provide the services.
4. **Critical needs** refer to a medical need or services that provide for the student's health, safety and education by qualified staff for the entire school day both in and out of the classroom setting.
5. **Financial need** refers to the demonstrated impact on the special education program of the local agency and on the student with disabilities if such services were funded solely by the local education agency.

Scope of Grant:

- Grant Period: April 21, 2016 – June 30, 2016
- Award Amount: \$518,850.57
- Method of Award: Discretionary

Funding Source: Federal funds

Summary of Selection Process:

Discretionary Funds Application

Recommendation: Approval

Back-up material attached

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Discretionary Grant Awards for School Year 2015-2016

District	Award Amount	Grant Criteria Met	Broad Category	No. of Students Impacted
Columbia	<p style="text-align: center;">Total- \$59,726.00</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$11,051.00 • \$48,675.00 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Direct services that are significantly more complex and frequent and require significantly more resources to provide the services. • Critical need that provides for the student's health, safety and education by a qualified staff for the entire day both in and out of the classroom setting. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Teacher assistant for a student • Orientation and Mobility Specialist 	2
Jackson County	\$104,544.00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Financial need that impacts the special education program of the local agency and on the student with disabilities. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Private placement educational cost 	11
Rankin County	<p style="text-align: center;">Total- \$274,675.00</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$244,840.00 • \$29,835.00 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Financial need that impacts the special education program of the local agency and on the student with disabilities. • Direct services that are significantly more complex and frequent that require significantly more resources to provide the services. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Private placement educational cost • Registered nurse to provide care 	21

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Discretionary Grant Awards for School Year 2015-2016

District	Award Amount	Grant Criteria Met	Broad Category	No. of Students Impacted
Ocean Springs	<p style="text-align: center;">Total- \$79,905.57</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$36,103.60 • \$43,801.97 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Financial need that impacts the special education program of the local agency and on the student with disabilities. • Direct services that are significantly more complex and frequent that require significantly more resources to provide the services. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Private placement educational cost • Teacher assistants for students 	6