

Excess Cost

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Amounts provided to an administrative unit or State operated program under IDEA may be used **only** to pay the excess costs of providing special education and related services to children with disabilities.

Excess costs are those costs for the education of an elementary school or secondary school student with a disability that are in excess of the average annual per student expenditure in an administrative unit or State operated program during the preceding school year.

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- An administrative unit or State operated program must spend at least the average annual per student expenditure on the education of an elementary school or secondary school child with a disability before funds under IDEA are used to pay the excess cost of providing special education and related services.

34 CFR §300.202

Appendix A – Excess Cost Calculation

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Section 602(8) of the Act and §300.16 require the administrative unit or State operated program to compute the minimum average amount separately for children with disabilities in its elementary schools and for children with disabilities in its secondary schools. Administrative units and state operated programs may not compute the minimum average amount it must spend on the education of children with disabilities based on a combination of the enrollments in its elementary schools and secondary schools.

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- An excess cost calculator that has been developed by the North Central Resource Center can be found at the following website:

http://www.northcentralrrc.org/calculators/Excess_Cost_Calc_v1.html

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Questions?

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