

High Cost Special Education Aid Overview

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WHAT IS HIGH COST SPECIAL EDUCATION AID?

High Cost Basics

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- **Prior year reimbursement**
- **Actual, additional costs for one student** over \$30,000 after Spec Ed/SAP Aid & Medicaid reimbursement deducted
- Fixed pot of money—payments prorated as necessary
 - 2015-16 Funding: \$3.5 million state + \$2.25 million IDEA
- Paid in June
- Cannot receive w/ Supplemental Special Ed. Aid
 - <http://dpi.wi.gov/sfs/aid/special-ed/supplemental>

Actual, Additional Costs

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“An actual, additional cost of special education, eligible for High Cost Special Education Aid, is **a cost that would not exist but for the need to provide FAPE to one particular student with disabilities**, above and beyond the costs of providing FAPE for all the other students with disabilities served by the LEA.”

- [Program Guidance](#), p. 1

Questions to Consider

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- Was a position increased or created to serve the student?
- Did you have to create a program specific to their disability when they enrolled?
- Does the IEP specify equipment or services you would not otherwise have available?
- If the student left the district, would the cost go away?

*The more firmly you can answer these with “yes,”
the more likely a cost is eligible.*

Eligibility

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**WHICH STUDENTS ARE ELIGIBLE FOR
HIGH COST SPECIAL EDUCATION AID?
WHAT COSTS ARE ELIGIBLE?**

Statutory Definition

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Nonadministrative special education and related services costs for a child

- State Special Education & SAP Aid
- Federal IDEA Funding
- Medicaid reimbursement

\$30,000 or more

§115.881 (1), Wis. Stats.

Base Toward Eligibility

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- **Problem: How to allocate shared staff/costs?**
 - Cross-categorical teachers
 - Speech & language therapy
 - OT & PT
 - Supplies
- **Solution: Give credit toward eligibility for students enrolled in a typical school**
 - First part (currently \$10,000) assumed to cover these costs
 - Next part (currently \$20,000) covers child-specific services
 - Not applied to students in special ed-focused schools

Base Toward Eligibility

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- Represents shared program costs
 - Cross-categorical teachers & classroom aides
 - Assessments & evaluations
 - Audiology & speech/language therapy
 - OT & PT
 - Professional development
 - Pupil services
 - ✦ Guidance, psychologist, school nurse, social work
 - Shared materials & supplies
 - Substitute teachers
 - Transition coordinators

Exceptions to the Base

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- Full-time “special ed school” placement
 - CESA/CCDEB school (e.g. Syble Hopp, Turning Point)
 - Private school
 - Elmbrook SD Fairview South & SEDA 2r in Milwaukee
 - Out-of-state public school
 - **No base applied but full tuition/cost is eligible, including any services in the base credit**
- Open Enrollment
 - Base transfer rate used (\$6,639 for 2015-16 students)
 - **No longer in effect for 2016-17 students/ 2017-18 claims** (assuming the law doesn't change this week!)

Eligible Student-Specific Costs

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- Instructional or transportation aides
- Attendant care
- Hearing or Visual Impairment instruction
- Educational interpreter
- ESY
- Nursing services
- Orientation & mobility training
- Specialized transportation
- Transition services
- Tuition

Additional Eligible Student-Specific Costs

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- Construction or renovation
- Non-HI/VI instruction
- Equipment
- Materials or supplies
- Technology
- Vehicle modification
- Vehicle purchase/lease in lieu of contracting
- Other student-specific costs

These require documentation to be submitted

Costs for Multiple Students

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- Cost shared by small group of students with a particular disability or need
 - Examples:
 - ✦ Teacher with specific expertise/certification
 - ✦ Attendant care aide
 - ✦ Self-contained program (“school within a school”)
- Every request reviewed separately
- Approvals specific to that request and LEA

Maximizing Revenue

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**HOW DOES HIGH COST
SPECIAL EDUCATION AID
INTERACT WITH
OTHER FUNDING SOURCES?**

Federal Funds and High Cost

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- **IDEA Flow-Through & Preschool Grants**
 - Cannot receive High Cost SPED Aid on IDEA-funded costs
 - Can use IDEA to help reach \$30,000 threshold
- **Medicaid School-Based Services**
 - Deducted from eligible costs like state special education categorical aid
 - Includes SBS fee-for-service claims only
 - Does not include MAC or Cost Settlement

State Aids and High Cost

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- Estimated Special Education & SAP Aid deducted
 - 2015-16 claims: 26.38% of aid-eligible costs
 - ✦ Project 011 – eligible directly to you
 - ✦ Project 019 from another LEA – eligible via aid transit
- No other state school aids deducted
 - General aids
 - Transportation Aid
 - Common School Fund
 - Etc.

How Funding Stacks

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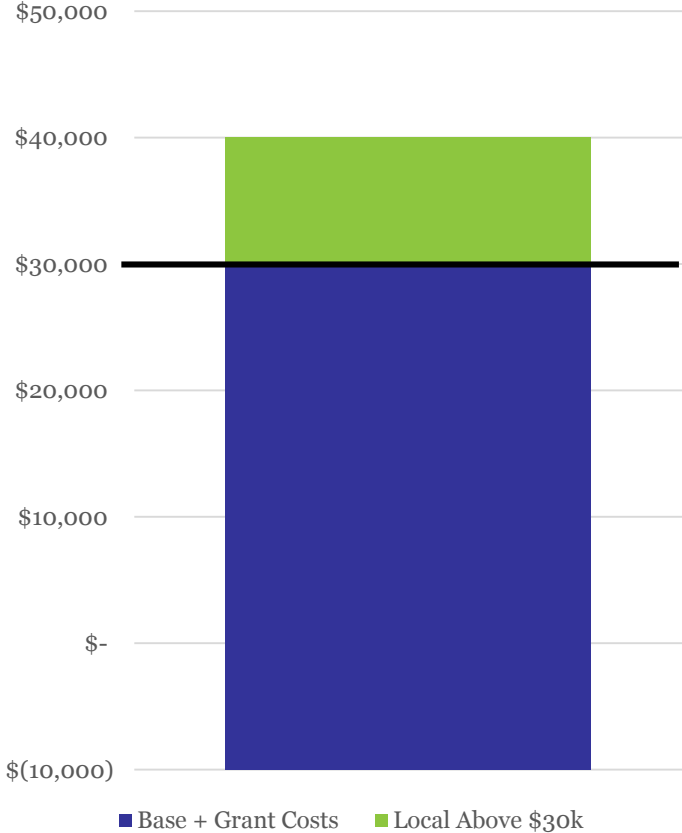
- “Below the Line” – Base Cost & Grant Funds
 - First \$30,000 is base cost (if any) + grant funds
 - Extra grant funds shift costs below the \$30,000 threshold
- “Above the Line” – SPED/SAP Aid & Medicaid SBS
 - Special Education/SAP Aid and Medicaid SBS reimbursement offset local costs above the \$30,000 threshold
 - High Cost would only cover 70% (or less) of what you’d receive without those deductions

“Below the Line” – Using IDEA Funds

No IDEA Funds Used



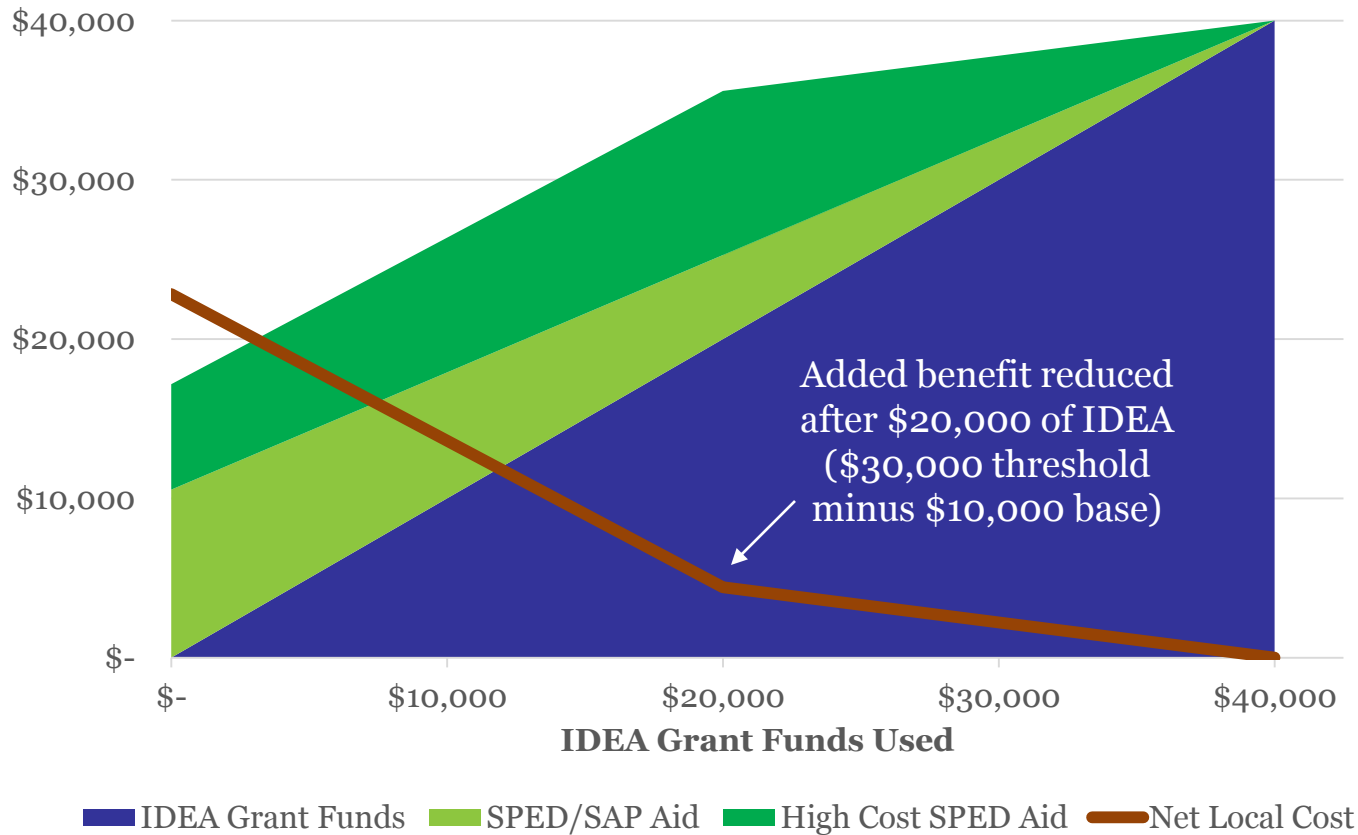
\$30,000 IDEA Funds Used



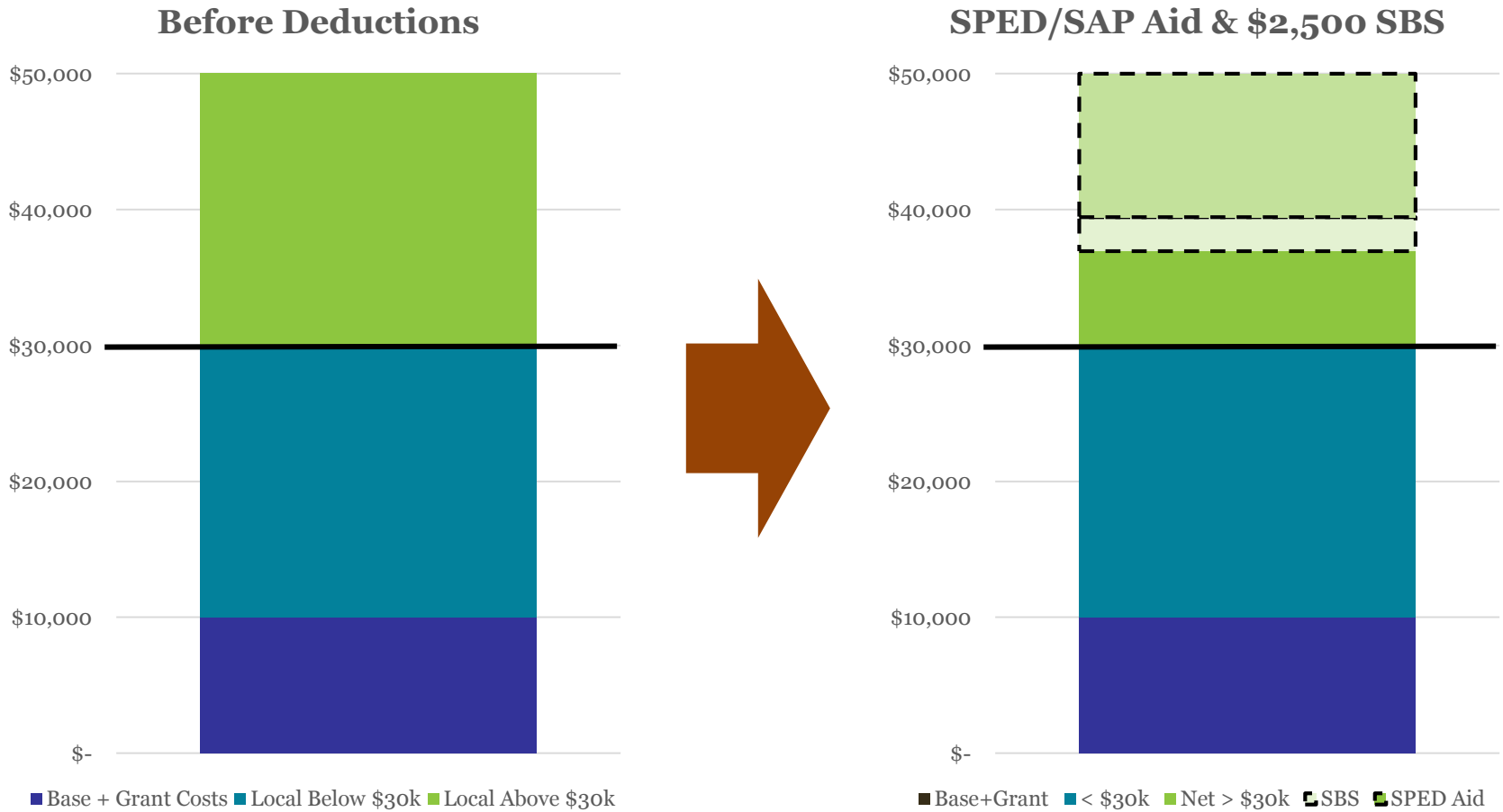
Impact of Using IDEA Funds

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Student in local school with \$40,000 eligible costs



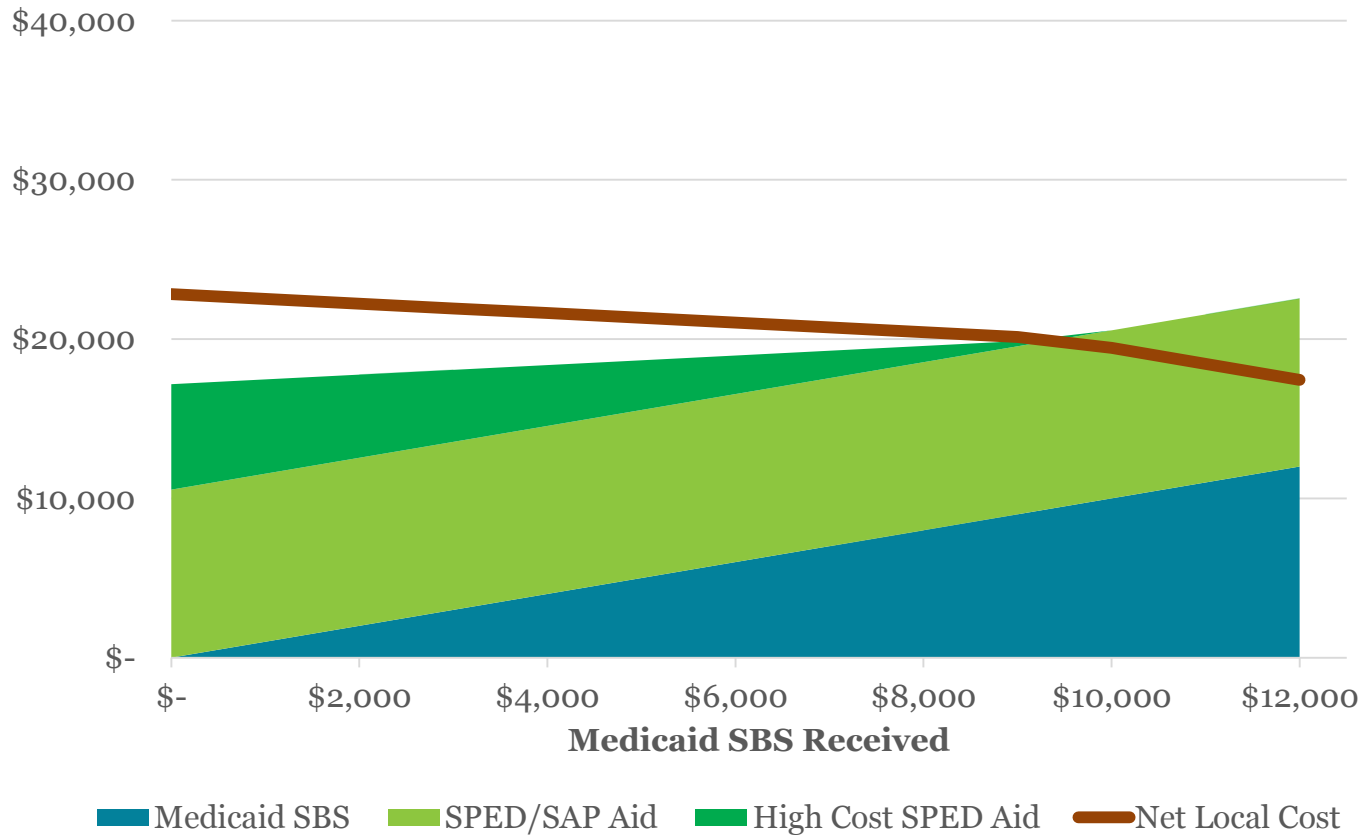
“Above the Line” – Aid Deductions



Impact of Medicaid SBS Revenue

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Your Bottom Line

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- Using IDEA funds for a High Cost student always decreases your net local costs
 - Most efficient to use \$30,000 minus base credit for in-district students, \$30,000 for placements
- Losing High Cost eligibility due to Medicaid SBS or SPED/SAP Aid does not leave you worse off
 - High Cost “claws back” 70% of SBS revenue
- Identify SPED/SAP Aid eligible costs wherever possible
 - Private placements: Are you billed separately for one-on-one aides or other aid-eligible contracted services?

Claim Software

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**HOW DO I SUBMIT STUDENTS
AND COSTS FOR HIGH COST
SPECIAL EDUCATION AID?**



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PUBLIC INSTRUCTION

Special Education Web Portal

Login ID:

Case insensitive

Password:

Case sensitive

Sign In

[Special Education Home Page](#)

[Special Education Web Portal Overview](#)










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**Not yet moving to WISEgrants, staying on the old
Special Education Web Portal with MOE & indicators**

<https://apps4.dpi.wi.gov/seportal/Pages/SignIn.aspx>

Special Education Web Portal - Main Menu

6069-Washington School District

Help	LEA Data (Click on link below to see data in district profile.)	Required Action	Required Action Due Date
	Indicator 7 - Child Outcomes	Enter Data	09/01/2016
	Procedural Compliance Self-Assessment Report	None	N/A
	Indicator 11: Timely Initial Evaluations	None	N/A
	 Disproportionality: Procedural Compliance Self-Assessment	None	N/A
Help	Application		
	IDEA Flow-through and Preschool Entitlement Budgets & Claims		
	High Cost Special Education Aid Claims		
	IDEA Maintenance of Effort		
	Form: Reporting confirmed fraud to DPI as required by the State Single Audit Guidelines		
Help	Report		
	Indicator 12 - District Wide Results by Student		
	Indicator 12 - View List of Incomplete Referrals		
	Indicator 8 - District Results		

Information on Data Collection

[Cycle for Indicators 8 and 14 and the Procedural Compliance Self-Assessment](#) [Sources of Data](#)

User Functions

[Change Your Password](#)

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Maintain User Information



First Name:	<input type="text" value="Andrew"/>	Last Name:	<input type="text" value="Thorson"/>
User Role:	<input type="text" value="District User"/>	Login ID:	<input type="text" value="athorson"/>
E-mail Address:	<input type="text" value="anthorson@neenah.k12.wi.us"/>	Active User:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Phone #:	<input type="text" value="(920)751-6800"/>	Phone Ext:	<input type="text" value="10103"/>
District:	<input type="text" value="3892-Neenah Joint School District"/>		

Applications Available to User:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> IDEA Flow-through and Preschool Entitlement Budgets & Claims	<input type="checkbox"/> Indicator 7 - Child Outcomes	<input type="checkbox"/> Procedural Compliance Self-Assessment Report
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> High Cost Special Education Aid Claims	<input type="checkbox"/> Indicator 12 PPS Reports	<input type="checkbox"/> Disproportionality: Procedural Compliance Self-Assessment
<input type="checkbox"/> Indicator 11: Timely Initial Evaluations		

Reset Password

Update User

Cancel Update

Directors/Administrators have to grant High Cost claim access specifically to other district users



User Info

User Name: Dan Bush
Login ID: dbush
Role: Application Administrator

2015-2016 Constants Used

Reimb. Rate: 70%
Avg. Prorate: 49%
Cat. Aid Deduct: 26.37%
Threshold: \$100

[Submit Student Claim](#)

Claims:
Submitted:
Returned:
Approved:

Eligible Costs By Student

Student Name	Eligible Costs
TOTAL:	<u>Your Claim</u> \$0.00
TOTAL:	<u>Others' Claims</u> \$0.00

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Step 1

Enter Agency Contacts



Maintain High Cost Claim Contacts for District

DPI Consultant Assigned to District:

Consultant Not Found

You need one contact designated as 'Business Office Contact' from the Contact Type list.
You need one or more contacts of the type 'Budget Contact' from the Contact Type list.

There are no contacts for the current year.

Budget Menu

Add Contact



Maintain High Cost Claim Contacts for District

DPI Consultant Assigned to District: **Consultant Not Found**

Contact Type: IDEA Budget Contact ▼

Contact Name: IDEA Budget Contact

Telephone Number: Business Office Contact

Telephone Extension: Other Contact

Email Address: donna.noble@sharon.k12.wi.us

CC Budget Correspondence:

Receive Fiscal Listserv Messages:

Notes:

Need one IDEA Budget Contact and one Business Office Contact

Add **Cancel**

You need one contact designated as 'Business Office Contact' from the Contact Type list.
You need one or more contacts of the type 'Budget Contact' from the Contact Type list.

There are no contacts for the current year.

Budget Menu



Maintain High Cost Claim Contacts for District

Contact added.

DPI Consultant Assigned to District:

Consultant Not Found

Minimal contact requirements have been met. You may add additional contacts or proceed to the budget menu.

Edit	Delete	Contact Type	Contact Name	Telephone No	Email Address
Edit	Delete	IDEA Budget Contact	Donna Noble	(262) 555-9876	donna.noble@sharon.k12.wi.us
Edit	Delete	Business Office Contact	Michael Smith	(262) 555-9877	michael.smith@sharon.k12.wi.us

Budget Menu

Add Contact



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Threshold: \$30,000

[Submit Student Claims](#)

Claims:
Submitted:
Returned:
Approved:

Eligible Costs By Student

Student Name	Eligible Costs
<u>Your Claim</u>	
TOTAL:	\$0.00
<u>Others' Claims</u>	
TOTAL:	\$0.00

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Step 2

Add Student and Enter Costs



Add New Student Information



First Name:

Last Name:

Birth Date:

Primary Disability:

Received Medicaid School-Based-Services?

LEA Providing Services:

Resident LEA:

Cancel

Save

**Student was Medicaid eligible,
parent provided consent for services,
student received SBS and
LEA claimed & received reimbursement**



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Submit Student Claims

Claims: 1
Submitted: 0
Returned: 0
Approved: 0

Eligible Costs By Student

Table with 2 columns: Student Name, Eligible Costs. Includes sub-totals for 'Your Claim' and 'Others' Claims'.

Student Name: McCrimmon, Jamie

Birth Date: 4/16/2006

Claim Documentation

Staff/Position: Aide - Instructional (Paraprofessional)

Function: 159100-Program Aides

436000-Contracted Instruction

159100-Program Aides

PLEASE NOTE: The Education Department requires the name of the staff member on the claim to match the name of the staff member on the license. All other positions result in follow-up by the Department of Public Instruction.

License Number (EFN): 000000 Special Education FTE: 1.00 0.01 - 1.00

Staff First Name: Sarah Last Name: Smith

Funding Source: Aidable - 011 or 019 via Aid Transit Item Cost: 35000

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Actual, Additional Costs

Table with 5 columns: Staff Position/ Cost Item, Program/ Assignment, Funding Source, Cost, Action. Row 1: Base Cost Toward Eligibility, 000000-Various Funds, Grant-Funded or Base Cost, \$10,000.00, Edit.

Cost Saved.

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Cat. Aid Deduct: 26.37%

Threshold: \$30,000

Submit Student Claims

Claims: 1
Submitted: 0
Returned: 0
Approved: 0

Eligible Costs By Student

Student Name	Eligible Costs
Your Claim	
Your Students You Served	
McCrimmon, Jamie	\$4,039.35
SubTotal:	\$4,039.35
TOTAL:	\$4,039.35
Others' Claims	
TOTAL:	\$0.00

Student Name: [McCrimmon, Jamie](#)



Birth Date: 4/16/2006

[Claim Documentation](#)

Cost Item: Administrative Add-On

Function: 900000-Medicaid Eligible

[Detailed Item Description:](#)

Empty text area for detailed item description.

Funding Source: Aidable - 011 or 019 via Aid Transit

Item Cost:

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Actual, Additional Costs

Staff Position/ Cost Item	Program/ Assignment	Funding Source	Cost	Action
Aide - Instructional (Paraprofessional)	159100-Program Aides	Aidable - 011 or 019 via Aid Transit	\$35,000.00	Edit
	SARAH SMITH	1.00		
Base Cost toward Eligibility	000000-various Funds	Grant-funded or Base Cost	\$10,000.00	Edit
		0.00		

If "Yes" was selected for Received Medicaid SBS, you'll need to report the amount received for this student

Deductions

Deduction Item	Funding Source	Deduction	Action
Medicaid SBS Reimbursement	Other	\$0.00	Edit
State Special Education Aid	Aidable - 011 or 019 via Aid Transit	\$9,229.50	

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 Returned: 0
 Approved: 0

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<u>Your Students You Served</u>	
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Others' Claims	
TOTAL:	\$0.00

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Birth Date: 4/16/2006

Claim Documentation

Cost Item:

Function:

Detailed Item Description:

Funding Source: Item Cost:

Actual, Additional Costs

Staff Position/ Cost Item	Program/ Assignment	Funding Source	Cost	Action
Aide - Instructional (Paraprofessional)	159100-Program Aides	Aidable - 011 or 019 via Aid Transit	\$35,000.00	Edit
	SARAH SMITH	1.00		
Base Cost Toward Eligibility	000000-Various Funds	Grant-Funded or Base Cost	\$10,000.00	Edit
		0.00		

Deductions

Deduction Item	Funding Source	Deduction	Action
Medicaid SBS Reimbursement	Other	\$0.00	Edit
State Special Education Aid	Aidable - 011 or 019 via Aid Transit	\$9,229.50	

Actual, Additional Costs

Staff Position/ Cost Item	Program/ Assignment	Funding Source	Cost	Action
Aide - Instructional (Paraprofessional)	159100-Program Aides	Aidable - 011 or 019 via Aid Transit	\$35,000.00	Edit
	SARAH SMITH	1.00		
Base Cost Toward Eligibility	000000-Various Funds	Grant-Funded or Base Cost	\$10,000.00	Edit
		0.00		

Deductions

Deduction Item	Funding Source	Cost	Action
Medicaid SBS Reimbursement	Other	\$1,500.00	Edit
State Special Education Aid	Aidable - 011 or 019 via Aid Transit	\$9,229.50	

Eligibility Calculation

Unadjusted Costs:

Aidable Costs:	\$35,000.00
+ Non-Aidable Costs:	\$0.00
+ Grant-Funded Costs:	\$0.00
Total Unadjusted Costs:	\$35,000.00

Adjusted Costs:

Base Cost Toward Eligibility:	\$10,000.00
+ Grant - Funded Costs:	\$0.00
Subtotal:	\$10,000.00
Adjusted Base (max. \$30,000.00):	\$10,000.00
+ Aidable/Non-Aidable Costs:	\$35,000.00
- State SPED Aid @ 26.37 %	\$9,229.50
- Medicaid SBS:	\$1,500.00
Total Adjusted Costs:	\$34,270.50

Eligible Costs:

Total Adjusted Costs:	\$34,270.50
- Eligibility Threshold:	\$30,000.00
Subtotal:	\$4,270.50
x Eligibility Percentage:	70.00 %
Total Eligible Costs:	\$2,989.35



Cost Saved.

Student Name: [McCrimmon, Jamie](#)

Birth Date: 4/16/2006

[Claim Documentation](#)

Cost Item: Administrative Add On

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Actual, Additional Costs

Staff Position/ Cost Item	Program/ Assignment	Funding Source	Cost Action
Construction/Renovation	255000-Facilities Acquisition/Remodeling	Aidable - 011 or 019 via Aid Transit	\$5,000.00 Edit
Bathroom improvement			
Aide - Instructional (Paraprofessional)	159100-Program Aides	Aidable - 011 or 019 via Aid Transit	\$35,000.00 Edit
	SARAH SMITH	1.00	
Base Cost Toward Eligibility	000000-Various Funds	Grant-Funded or Base Cost	\$10,000.00 Edit
		0.00	

Certain types of costs require documentation

2015-2016 Cor

Reimb. Rate: 7
Avg. Prorate: 4
Cat. Aid Deduct: 2
Threshold: \$

Submit Stud

Claims: 1
Submitted: 0
Returned: 1
Approved: 0

Eligible Costs

Student Name	Eligible Costs
Your Claim	
Your Students You Served	
McCrimmon, Jamie	\$2,989.35
SubTotal:	\$2,989.35
TOTAL:	\$0.00
Others' Claims	
TOTAL:	\$0.00

Documentation must be uploaded for the following costs:

- [Construction/Renovation] - [255000-Facilities Acquisition/Remodeling] - [Aidable - 011 or 019 via Aid Transit] - [Bathroom improvement specified by IEP]

Actual, Additional Costs

Staff Position/	Program/
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McCrimmon, Jamie	\$5,566.40
SubTotal:	\$5,566.40
TOTAL:	\$5,566.40
Others' Claims	
TOTAL:	\$0.00

Student Name: [McCrimmon, Jamie](#)

Birth Date: 4/16/2006



Use this screen to submit documentation in support of the costs being claimed for this particular student. Some costs require documentation for approval. DPI may request documentation for other costs as your claim is reviewed.

Documentation is required for the following costs:

Staff Position/ Cost Item	Program/ Assignment	Funding Source	Cost
Construction/Renovation	255000-Facilities Acquisition/Remodeling	Aidable - 011 or 019 via Aid Transit	\$5,000.00

Appropriate documentation starts with the IEP—services included in the claim must be specified in the IEP and tied to the child's disability-related needs and program. Additional documentation should connect each cost back to the IEP, demonstrating that it is an actual, additional cost of special education specific to the student. Review the program guidance at <http://sfs.dpi.wi.gov/highcost-sped> for the specific requirements of each cost being claimed and discussion of appropriate claim documentation.

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Step 3

Lock & Complete Claim



Submit Special Education High Cost Student Claims



Data Entry District	Student Name	Actual Cost	Submit Status	Submit Date	Approved	Approval Date
5258	Jamie McCrimmon	\$2,989.35	LOCKED	01/29/2016		

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WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION
CLAIM FOR HIGH COST SPECIAL EDUCATION PROGRAM
PI-1570-Sig (Rev. 11/2012)

INSTRUCTIONS: Print the completed form, sign
it and upload through the High Cost Aid software
program by January 14, 2014

Name and Address Code of LEA Filing Claim: 5258 - Sharon 144 School District Claim School Year: 2014-2015

STUDENTS ELIGIBLE FOR HIGH COST AID

Name of Student: Jamie McCrimmon

Birthdate: 04/16/2008

Scan a signed, printed copy

CLAIM CERTIFICATION

I HEREBY CERTIFY and attest with my signature that this claim is true and complete according to my best knowledge and belief.

Signature of Agency Administrator

Title

Date

Claim Contact Person

Phone Number

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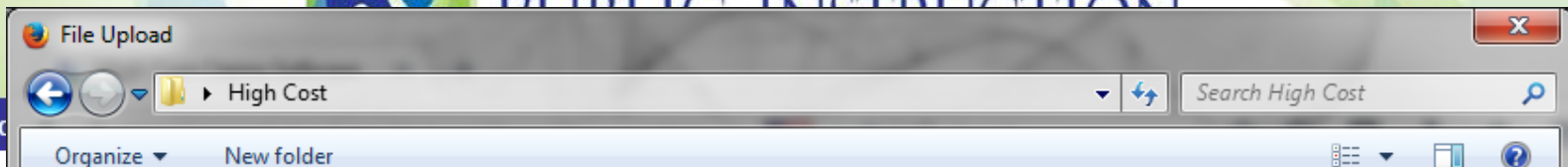
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Submitted: 0
Returned: 0
Approved: 0

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High Cost Documentation



Click 'Browse' to select your document. Click 'Upload' to send it to DPI. Files must be < 5MB.

Document Type:

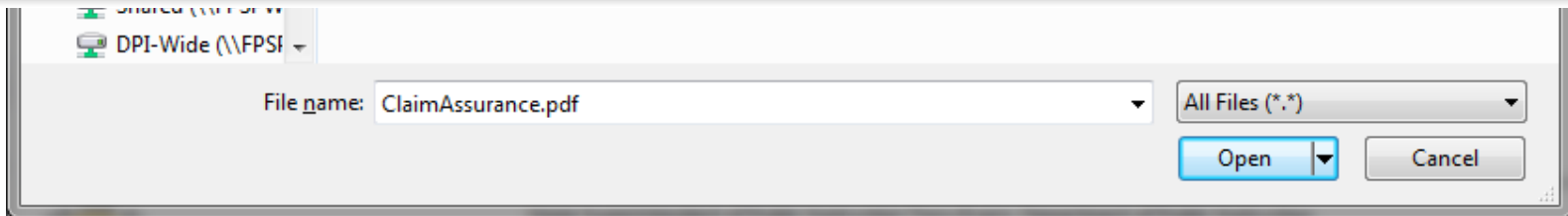
Claim Certification

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Select Document:

No file selected.

Upload Date	Document Type	Description	Format	Actions
1/29/2016	ClaimCertification	Claim Certification for Sharon	PDF	View Delete



Next Steps

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- All claims are reviewed
- DPI consultant may follow up because of:
 - Missing/incomplete information (e.g. no certification form)
 - Additional documentation
 - Questioned costs
- Claims approved by student
- Payments determined in March/April
- Aid payments made in June

Changes for 2016-17

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WHAT CHANGES ARE COMING FOR NEXT YEAR'S CLAIMS?

Increase in Base Credit

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- Problems
 - \$10,000 base credit was set in 2012
 - Started deducting Medicaid this year
- Solution: Develop process to increase the base credit
 - 3-year trend analysis of services in the base
 - Analyze & adjust credit each year
 - **Base for 2016-17 claims: \$11,900**

Claims Submitted by FAPE Agency

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- Open Enrollment changes transferring all FAPE responsibilities to the nonresident district
 - FAPE & finances will be fully linked
- Claim submitted by resident district when
 - Student attends school in the district
 - District initiates & pays for placement in another district, CESA, CCDEB, or private school
 - **2016-17 claims for 2015-16 students only:** Student open enrolled out & district pays \$6,639 plus Spec Ed cost
- Claim submitted by nonresident district when
 - **Starting with 2017-18 claims for 2016-17 students:** Student open enrolls from their resident district

Costs for Multiple Low-Incidence Students

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- Reviews of requests for staff and other costs with small low-incidence groups based on 4 criteria:
 1. What disability population is being served? What is its incidence in the LEA?
 2. Was an individual hired for their specific licensing or expertise with that population?
 3. How were the students' needs factored into the LEA's staffing or service decisions?
 4. Do other students receive more than an incidental benefit from the costs?
- Approvals specific to the cost and LEA

10% Deduction for Private Admin/Overhead

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- **Problems**
 - State statute excludes administrative costs
 - Private schools do not bill separately for admin/overhead
 - Disadvantages costs for students in public settings
- **Solution: Deduct 10% from private tuition**
 - Analysis of district/CESA costs, small number of private cases
- **Can request lower deduction with documentation**

Resources

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**WHAT OTHER INFORMATION
IS AVAILABLE ON
HIGH COST
SPECIAL EDUCATION AID?**

Resources

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- **DPI website:**
 - <http://dpi.wi.gov/sfs/aid/special-ed/high-cost>
 - Program Guidance document
 - Estimate worksheet
 - Video tutorial
 - Payments
- **DPI contact:**
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Questions?

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**WHAT ELSE
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