IDEA Part B Guidance: Updated IDEA Part B LEA Allocation Methodology

Questions and Answers: Changes to IDEA, Part B LEA Allocations
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1. **How much IDEA Part B funding does Ohio receive?**
   Ohio's award for Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) Part B funds has increased over the last three years. In school year 2017-2018, Ohio's award was approximately $460 million. In school year 2018-2019, Ohio's award will be approximately $470 million.

2. **Why is the state updating the IDEA Part B allocations formula?**
   As the result of fiscal monitoring by the U.S. Department of Education (USDOE), the Ohio Department of Education (the Department) revised its allocation policies, procedures, and formula to be consistent with those specified in the IDEA.

3. **How is the revised formula calculated?**
   For both Sections 611 and 619, the revised formula is calculated using the following components required under IDEA, Subgrants to Local Education Agencies (LEAs): base amount, population amount, and poverty amount.

   Under Section 611 the base amount was previously calculated using the 1998 December Child Count of children with disabilities age 3-21. Under Section 619 the base amount was previously calculated using the 1996 December Child Count of children ages 3-5.

   The base amount for both Sections 611 and 619 was revised to reflect the December Child Count of children with disabilities for academic year 2014-15.

   Note: The base payment for section 611 is the amount that an LEA would have received if the State Education Agency (SEA) had distributed 75 percent of the state's FFY 1999 section 611 grant, using the 1998 count of children with disabilities ages 3 through 21 in the LEA. For section 619, the base payment is the amount that an LEA would have received if the SEA had distributed 75 percent of the state's FFY 1997 section 619 grant, using the 1996 count of children with disabilities ages 3 through 5 in the LEA.

   A. The individual LEA Base Amount for both Section 611 and Section 619 remains constant year to year unless adjustments are required (See 3B- Base Amount Adjustments). Population and poverty amounts will vary from year to year and may change LEA allocations depending upon the LEA's population and poverty counts.

   B. Base Amounts are adjusted for both Sections 611 and 619 when:
      1. A new LEA (including a new charter school LEA) is created;
      2. Two or more LEAs combine into a new, single LEA;
      3. Two or more LEAs change geographic boundaries or administrative responsibility for providing services to children ages 3-21;
      4. An LEA that had a base payment of zero in its first year of operation, because it did not serve children with disabilities, now serves children with disabilities; or

5. A charter school LEA significantly expands its enrollment.

4. **Will the revised formula change LEA allocations? When?**
   Yes. Beginning with state fiscal year (SFY) 2019, some LEAs including community schools, and other recipients may see change in their Section 611 and 619 allocations compared to previous years.

5. **When will LEAs receive information regarding their IDEA Part B allocation so that they can plan?**
   The USDOE typically releases preliminary allocations to states in late spring. The Department then makes any necessary adjustments and provides preliminary allocations to Ohio's LEAs in June.

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