
BUDGET UNIT BRIEF – FY 2023

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Special Education Services for Children from Birth to Age Three

Purpose

The Special Education Services for Children from Birth to Age Three appropriation supplements federal funding under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) for the State's early childhood special education services. Depending on a child's needs, early intervention services might include family training, counseling, and home visits; occupational, physical, or speech therapy; hearing loss services; health, nutrition, and social work services and assistance with service coordination; assistive technology devices and services; and transportation.

Federal Funding Requirements

The General Assembly has appropriated funds for this purpose since FY 2008 and currently appropriates \$1.7 million. IDEA does not require states to provide matching appropriations to draw federal funds. However, once a state appropriates special education funding, the federal government requires the level of state funding to be maintained from year to year. Any reduction in the State appropriation may result in the loss of all IDEA funding for early childhood special education.

The federal grant specifies an allocation to be used for administrative costs by the Department of Education.

Related Statutes and Administrative Rules

Iowa Code chapter [256B](#)

Iowa Administrative Code [281—120](#)

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More Information

Individuals with Disabilities Education Act: sites.ed.gov/idea
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