

**289—6.6 (257) Special needs adjustment program.****6.6(1) Application.**

*a.* An application form provided by the committee must be submitted to the committee not later than December 15 of the base year in order to be eligible for consideration for any given budget year.

*b.* A separate application form must be submitted for each separate project for which the district is requesting funds.

**6.6(2) Qualifications for general operating fund expenditures.**

*a.* Instructional support program. A school district must have the instructional support program approved for the maximum amount.

*b.* Executive administration costs. A school district's executive administration expenditures must be equal to or less than 110 percent of the state average executive administration expenditures for the base year.

*c.* Basic criteria. A school district must meet at least one of the four criteria found in Iowa Code subsection 257.31(11) "b" in order to be eligible for consideration of funds from the special needs adjustment program.

*d.* Other modified allowable growth.

(1) Gifted and talented. A school district must have received maximum additional allowable growth from the committee for programs for gifted and talented children.

(2) Dropout and dropout prevention programs. A school district must have received maximum additional allowable growth from the committee for programs for dropout prevention programs.

*e.* Previous modified allowable growth denied/inadequate. In order to be eligible for consideration of funds from the special needs adjustment program for expenditures that would qualify for additional allowable growth under Iowa Code subsection 257.31(5), the school district must have been denied approval of such funds or been granted inadequate funds for such requests.

*f.* Specific needs. School districts shall list the specific reasons for which the requested funds are to be expended.

*g.* Line item expenditures. A detailed explanation of all proposed expenditures shall be attached to the application including all line item expenditures.

**6.6(3) Qualifications for schoolhouse fund expenditures.**

*a.* Physical plant and equipment levy. A school district must have the voter-approved physical plant and equipment levy approved for the maximum amount.

*b.* Executive administration costs. A school district's executive administration expenditures must be equal to or less than 110 percent of the state average executive administration expenditures for the base year.

*c.* Basic criteria. A school district must meet at least one of the four criteria found in Iowa Code subsection 257.3(11) "b" in order to be eligible for consideration of funds from the special needs adjustment program.

*d.* Other modified allowable growth.

(1) Gifted and talented. In order to be eligible for consideration of funds from the special needs adjustment program for gifted and talented projects, a school district must have received maximum additional allowable growth from the committee for programs for gifted and talented children.

(2) Dropout and dropout prevention programs. In order to be eligible for consideration of funds from the special needs adjustment program for dropout and dropout prevention programs, a school district must have received maximum additional allowable growth from the committee for programs for dropout prevention programs.

*e.* Previous modified allowable growth denied/inadequate. In order to be eligible for consideration of funds from the special needs adjustment program for expenditures that would qualify for additional allowable growth under Iowa Code subsection 257.31(5), the school district must have been denied approval of such funds or been granted inadequate funds for such requests.

*f.* Specific needs. School districts shall list the specific reasons for which the requested funds are to be expended.

*g.* Line item expenditures. A detailed explanation of all proposed expenditures shall be attached to the application including line item costs.