

INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES EDUCATION ACT (IDEA)



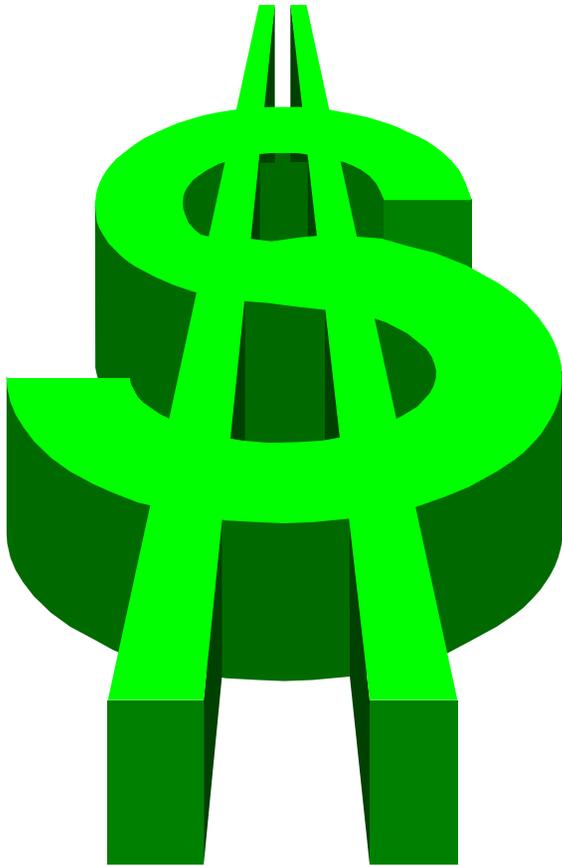
Parentally Placed
Children with
Disabilities in
Private Schools

Child Find

- Child find activities must be comparable to those for public school students.
- Child find activities must be developed in consultation with private school officials to assure access.
- Child counts are used to determine the portion of federal IDEA funds to be used to serve private school students with disabilities. (Take place Dec. 1 or last Friday in October)
- Due process rights of parents of parentally placed private school children with disabilities apply



Federal Funds



- The LEA must spend a proportionate share of its federal IDEA funds on services to parentally placed children with disabilities in private schools.
- The costs associated with child find for private school students with disabilities cannot be considered in determining the proportionate share.

Consultation with Representatives of Parentally Placed Private School Children

Must be:

- "Timely and meaningful"
- Which children will receive services?
- What services will be provided?
- How will the services be provided?
- Where will the services be provided?
- How will the services be evaluated?

Takes Place in Light of:

- Available federal IDEA funds.
- Number of private school students with disabilities.
- Location of private school students with disabilities.
- Needs of private school students with disabilities.

Services Plan



- Each parentally placed private school child with disabilities who will receive services under IDEA must have a services plan.
- A services plan describes the specific special education and related services the LEA will provide.

Services Plan (cont.)

- Must, to the extent appropriate, meet the content requirements of an IEP.
- Must, to the extent appropriate, be developed, reviewed, and revised consistent with IEP procedures.
- LEA must ensure that a private school representative attends or otherwise provides input.
- Due process rights for parents do not apply to services plans.
- State complaint procedures exist to resolve issues.



Location of Services

- Services may be on-site at the private school, including religiously-affiliated private schools, to the extent consistent with law.
- To the extent possible, LEAs are encouraged to provide services at the private school.



Transportation

- If services are not on the private school site, transportation must be provided if necessary for the child to benefit from or participate in the services provided under IDEA.
- LEAs are not required to transport children from home to the private school.
- The cost of transportation may be included in the total proportionate share of federal IDEA funds for parentally placed private school students with disabilities.



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