FY 2027 State Special Education Funding and IDEA Part B Allocations

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FY 2027 State Special Education House Bill 111 Enrolled

Special Education - Mandated Categorical Grant Programs (Dollars in 000's)

Program Name	FY 2027 Approp	FY 2027 Proration Estimate
Sp Ed Private/Public Tuition	222,732.4	63%
Sp Ed Transportation	487,366.1	55%
Sp Ed Orphanage (14-7.03)	132,733.2	100%

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FY 2026 State Special Education MCAT Quarterly Payment Release

Quarterly Payment Dates	ISBE Voucher Date	Comptroller Release Date	FY 26 Days in Queue	FY 25 Days in Queue
JUNE 2026	Pending	Pending		4 days
MARCH 2026	3/23/2026	4/13/2026	21 days	22 days
DECEMBER 2025	12/22/2025	1/16/2026	25 days	17 days
SEPTEMBER 2025	9/24/2025	10/21/2025	27 days	15 days

State Special Education
Evidence Based Funding – 105 ILCS 5/18-8.15

Each fiscal year, ISBE will compute the Base Funding Minimum derived from the three Special Ed programs integrated into EBF as well as EBF Tier Funding for Special Ed.

The amounts are attributable and must be used for the provision of special educational facilities and services, as defined in Section 14-1.08 which include:

"Expenditures for special schools, classes, housing (including residential facilities), special instruction, special reader service, braillists and typists for children with visual disabilities, sign language interpreters…."

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Primary Data Elements:

- FY2017 Special Ed Base Funding Minimum (BFM)
- Annual Special Ed Tier Funding

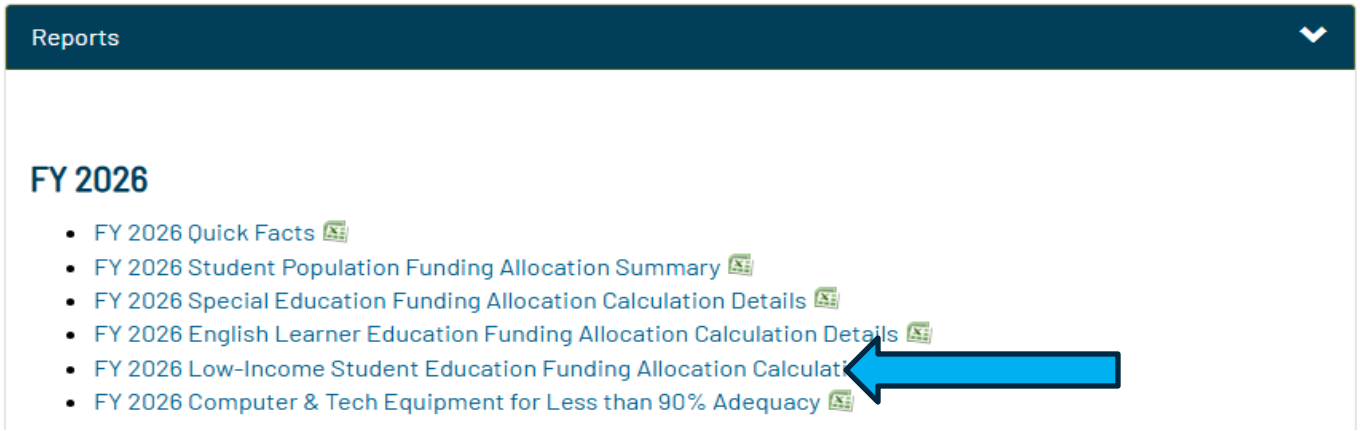
BFM = FY 2017 100% gross claim and distributions for:

Special Ed Personnel
Special Ed Funding for Children
Special Ed Summary School (100% = $13,121,600)

Annual Sp Ed Tier Funding in addition to BFM

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- **EBF Site isbe.net/ebfdist**



District ID	District Name	FY 26 Tier Funding for Sp Ed Services [A]	Total Sp Ed BFM for FY 26 [B]	Total Allocation of Sp Ed Funds from FY 26 State Contribution [A + B]
0100000000092	ADAM/BRW/CS/MRGN/PK/SCT ROE - TAOEP	$ 439.93	$ 3,214.34	$ 3,654.27

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IDEA Part B Grant Awards
FY 2027 and 2026

	FY 2026	FY 2027
Flow Through	$602,555,133	$607,421,383 +$4,866,250 or 0.81%
Preschool	$19,409,261	$20,077,418 + $668,157 or 3.44%

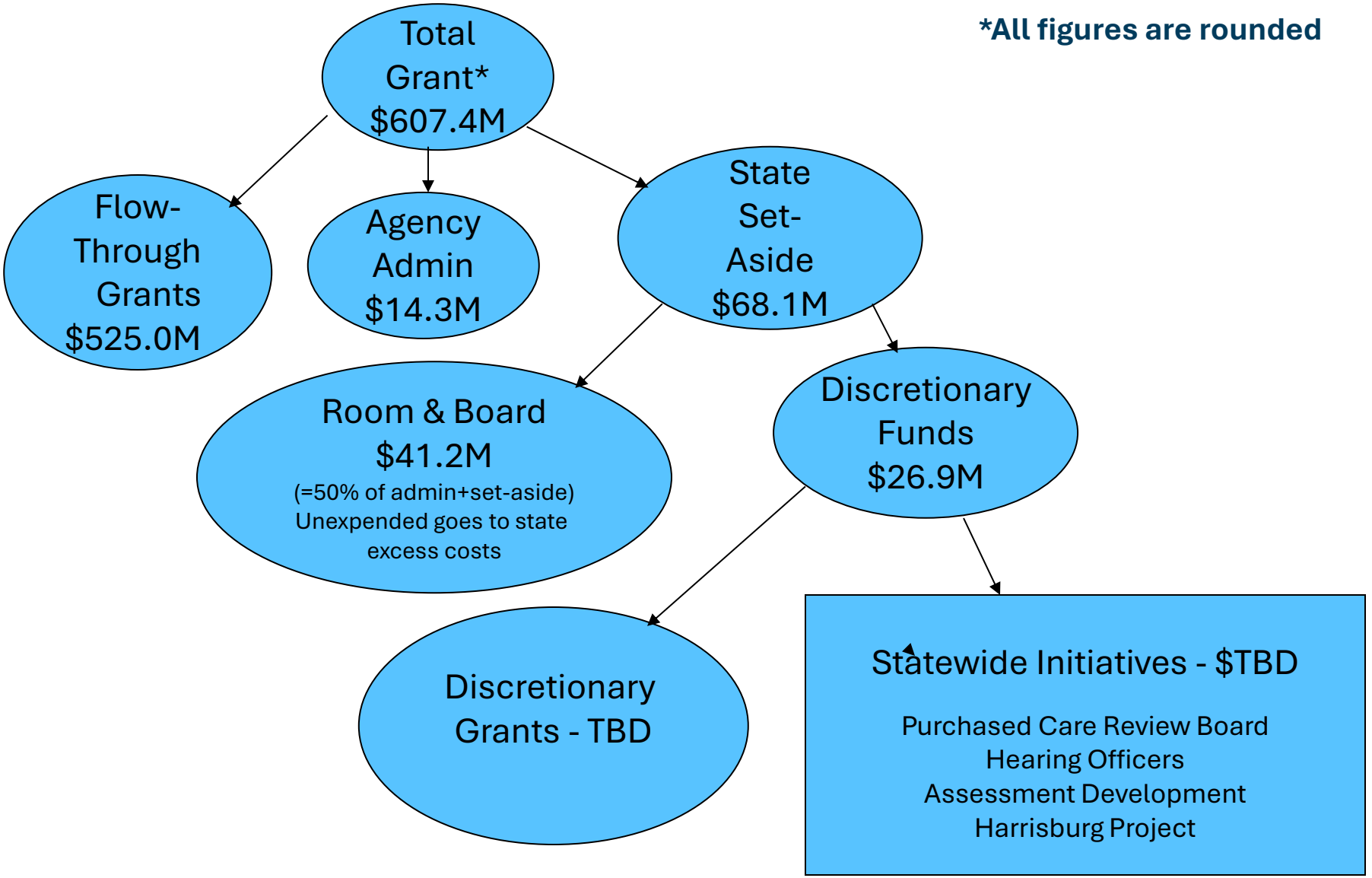
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IDEA PART B – Flow Through

	FY 2026	FY 2027	Change
Grant Award	$602,555,133	$607,421,383	$4,866,250
LEA	$522,308,614	$525,012,256	$2,703,642
SEA	$80,246,519	$82,409,127	$2,162,608
R&B	$40,123,260 (50%)	$41,204,564 (50%)	$1,081,304
Disc.	$26,198,987 (33%)	$26,906,038 (33%)	$706,051
Adm.	$13,924,272 (17%)	$14,299,525 (17%)	$375,253

FY 2027 IDEA Grant Distribution

*All figures are rounded



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FY 2027 IDEA PART B – Room & Board

(Agency Funds Available and Claims in Millions)

	FY 24	FY 25	FY 26	FY 27
Funds	$37.4	$40.4	$44.8	$40.1
Claims	$56.0	$58.0	$67.7(est)	$74.2(est)
Proration	67%	70%	66%(est)	54%(est)
Students (District Payer, Unduplicated)	391	373	391(est)	391(est)

Preliminary FY26 proration is 45%. Final FY26 proration and preliminary FY27 proration will be set in December 2026 and January 2027, respectively. Funds may be reallocated from administration and other discretionary funds prior to final disbursement.

34 CFR 300.705(b)

Assistance to States for the Education of Children with Disabilities

Allocations to LEAs – Permanent formula

- **Went into effect when the federal appropriation reached $4,924,672,200**

- **Base Year: established in the fiscal year preceding the first fiscal year the federal appropriation reached the $4.9 billion mark (FY 2000)**

34 CFR 300.705(b)(3)

Assistance to States for the Education of Children with Disabilities

Increase in funds (Amount over the Base)

- 85% distributed on the basis of the relative population of children in public and private elementary and secondary schools, ages 3-21 who are of the same age children with disabilities for whom the State ensures the availability of FAPE under Part B;

- 15% distributed for the same population of children but who are living in poverty
  (Illinois uses Dept of Human Services 3 year avg poverty count, consistent with use in Evidence-Based Funding)

IDEA Allocation Variables

- **BASE YEAR - PART B FLOW THROUGH**

  -- Calculated from the Dec 1, 1998 Child Count

  -- Each district's count multiplied by $518.66

  -- Since FY 2000 the special education child count has not been used to determine Part B Flow Through district allocations

IDEA Part B Flow Through Base Year Amount is
$145,798,830

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IDEA Allocation Variables, cont. Part B Preschool

- **BASE YEAR - PART B PRESCHOOL**

  -- Calculated from the Dec 1, 1996 Child Count

  -- Each district's count multiplied by $485.55

  -- Since FY 1998 the special education child count has not been used to determine Part B Preschool district allocations

IDEA Part B Preschool Base Year Amount is $12,582,011

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IDEA Allocation Variables, cont. Public Enrollment

- **PUBLIC ENROLLMENT**

  -- All public school students ages 3-21 (not grade level)

  -- District enrollment utilizes the students reported as of October 1 used in Evidence-Based Funding;

  -- Student Information System - Home District

  - **Enrollments are adjusted to count students for deactivated grades/schools back to their resident district.**
  - **Parentally paid tuition–in students are removed from the district.**
  - **State authorized charter school enrollments are removed from the district.**

IDEA Allocation Variables Non- Public Enrollment

- **NON-PUBLIC ENROLLMENT**

  -- Nonpublic Educational Entity Registration, Enrollment, and Staff Report

  -- Any nonprofit, non-home-based, and nonpublic elementary or secondary school (Section 2-3.25o(e))

  -- All nonpublic students ages 3-21

IDEA Allocation Variables, cont. Poverty

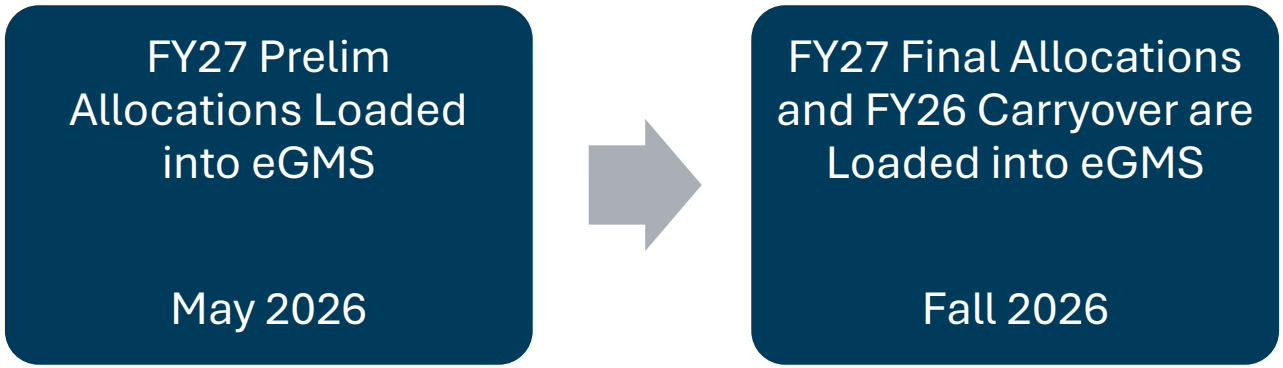
- **POVERTY**

  -- Obtained from the Department of Human Services

  -- The higher of the number of students for the prior school year or the average of the immediately preceding 3 school years

  -- Students reported by DHS are:
    - Non-Duplicated
    - Ages 5-17
    - Receive services through:
      - Medicaid
      - Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)
      - Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP)
      - Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)

Timeline of IDEA Allocations Loaded into eGMS



Initial Application – Submit no Later than 7/1/26 for a 7/1/26 start date

Required Amendment – Based upon Final FY26 Data

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FY 27 IDEA Flow Through Allocation

Example

FY 27 (Prelim) IDEA Part B Grant Award to LEAs = $525,012,256	
Subtract LEA Grant Base $145,798,830 = $379,213,426	
At 85% = $322,331,412	
At 15% = $56,882,014	
Entity Receiving Funds [District]	
December 1, 1998 child count	2,105
Base IDEA Flow Through allocation for 99-00 yr calculated at $518.66 X Dec 1 child count	$1,091,782
Public Enrollment (25-26 school year)	14,971
Non-Public Enrollment (25-26 school year)	1,305
Total Enrollment	16,276
District Percent of State enrollment	.79689%
Enrollment Funding = % of state enrollment * $322,331,412	$2,568,626
Low Income Count (DHS)	5,015
District Percent of State Low Income Count	.61303%
Low Income Funding = % of low income * $56,882,014	$348,703
Allotment (FY 27) = Base + Enrollment + Low Income	$4,009,111

Non-public Proportionate Share

- **Fund Code L - Non-public parochial students receiving services via an individualized services plan from the serving school district as of December 1;**

- **Fund Code P - Non-public home-school students receiving services via an individualized services plan from the serving school district as of December 1 and;**

- **Fund Code N - All parentally-placed students ages 3-5 and ages 6-21 in non-public schools, including home-schools, who have been evaluated and have had their eligibility determined to either receive or not receive special education services.**

Non-public Proportionate Share, cont.

Example

Example - District 1

Final IDEA Part B Flow Through Amount = $100,000

- **December 1 I-Star Report**
  - Fund Code L students = 10
  - Fund Code P students = 5
  - Fund Code N students = 5
    - Total non-public eligible = **20**

- **Total district special education count Dec 1 =** 95
- **Fund Code N students Codes 02, 03 & 04 =** 5
  - Total count = **100**
- **Calculation:** 20/100 = **20%**
- **Non-Public Proportionate Share Amount:**
  - 20% X $100,000 = $20,000

Non-public Proportionate Share, cont.

- IDEA NPPS funds cannot be provided directly to a non-public school

- If the district does not expend the NPPS set aside by the end of the fiscal year, the district must carryover and obligate the remaining funds for non-public school special education services for one additional year.

Budget Amendments

- **Effective with FY 2026 projects, the variance allowed in expenditure reporting is more restrictive than FY 2025 and prior.**
- **<u>Previously:</u> Must be submitted by district if expenditures exceed 10% or $1,000 in an <u>object total</u> (e.g. Object 100-Salaries)**
- **<u>Now</u>: Must be submitted if the district expects to exceed 10% or $50,000 cumulatively, across all budgetd cells.**

- **Final amendments and/or project end date extensions are due 30 days prior to the end of project end date.**

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