



Offices of Special Education & Grants Management Maintenance of Effort (MOE) Eligibility FY20 Procedures

The Mississippi Department of Education is required to be in compliance with the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) Part B Maintenance of Effort requirement. Specifically, 34 CFR §300.203(a) outlines the Eligibility Standard requirement:

“For the purposes of establishing the Local Educational Agency’s (LEA) eligibility for an award for a fiscal year, the State Educational Agency (SEA) must determine that the LEA budgets, for the education of children with disabilities, at least the same amount, as the LEA spent from the same amount, as the LEA spent from the same source for the most recent fiscal year.”

The eligibility component is a comparison of the LEA’s budget for the upcoming fiscal year to the last year the LEA met compliance. Please see the document labeled *MOE Eligibility Spreadsheet for Last Year of Compliance (Review for FY20)*. Funds provided to an LEA under Part B of the Act must not be used to reduce the budget for the education of children with disabilities made by the LEA from local funds below the budget from the preceding fiscal year compliance was met.

For your use, a folder has been created within MCAPS within the LEA Document Library.

The path of the folder is:

LEA Document Library > 2020 > Maintenance of Effort >SPED MOE Eligibility.

Please upload the documentation listed below into this folder:

1. Upload the school district combining budget for SY20
 - a. First page of report with Fund 1130
 - b. Last page of report with signatures and board approved stamp (if applicable)
2. If funds are budgeted in Fund 1120 under Function 1220 upload the expenditure budget report from their accounting system
3. Email me at mknight@mded12.org once submitted

If you have any questions, please contact Mary Knight at (601) 359-2051.