



Offices of Special Education & Grants Management Maintenance of Effort (MOE) Eligibility FY22 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)(1) 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 for that purpose from the same source, for the most recent fiscal year for which information is available.”

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 FY22)*. 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.

The Office of Grants Management will pull the Signed Combining Budget for each LEA from SharePoint. The deadline for submission is August 15, 2021, however if you submit your FY22 budget earlier, please email Mary Knight at mknight@mdek12.org. Each LEA must met MOE Eligibility to receive IDEA, Part B and Preschool funding for FY22.