

IEA FUNDS & COURSES OF STUDY

Family Quick Guide | 2026-27

✓ **A course may be purchased with IEA funds WITHOUT prior approval when ALL requirements below are met.**

What is a Course? A course is a series of lessons or classes with a beginning date and an end date. One-time events are not courses.

What expense category should be used for reporting a Course? A course would fall under the Curriculum and Supporting Materials expense category.

ALL REQUIREMENTS BELOW MUST BE MET:

- Has a clear start date and end date
- Led by a trained instructor, a teaching assistant, an administrator, or offered as a self-paced computer-based program
- Includes a description and learning goals
- Focuses on core academics OR aligns with Tennessee CTE career clusters/standards
- Is a course commonly available in a public school
- Publishes fees publicly
- Has a website, social media page, or flyer families can review

Family Checklist: Can you see the dates, instructor/program, course description, fees, and public course information? If yes, you likely have the documentation needed for an allowable purchase.

Avoid Misspent Funds: Purchasing courses that do not meet all required criteria may result in a determination that IEA funds were misspent.

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