

Fiscal Year 2019 Funding Guide for School Districts

For the purpose of calculating the amount of funding each student enrolled in the Individualized Education Account (IEA) Program will receive, local education agencies (LEAs) must report students enrolled in the IEA Program in the Education Information System (EIS) following the instructions in the 'EIS & SIS Guide for School Districts' posted on the IEA webpage [here](#).

IEA Funding Calculation & Disbursement

The maximum amount of the IEA annual payment is equal to the per-pupil state and local funds required through the state's education funding formula (BEP) for the school district in which the student resides and is zoned to attend. This amount does not include federal funds or additional education funds that local governments contribute to the LEA beyond the BEP required local match. The Tennessee Department of Education will subtract six percent from this amount for administrative fees.

The amount of the IEA award varies per LEA. The full list of the IEA per pupil funding amounts that account holders (i.e., parents/students) would receive and the **full list of the amount that will be deducted from each school district's state BEP allocation** for each student enrolled in the IEA Program **will be posted on the IEA webpage** ([here](#)) in the month of July preceding the year of enrollment in the IEA Program (e.g., the 2018–19 funding list will be posted in July 2018).

The department will be responsible for distributing the IEA funds to IEA account holders. Account holders will receive the IEA funding deposited into their IEA debit card account in ten equal payments during the year following the disbursement timeline posted on the IEA webpage ([here](#)).

Fiscal Year (FY) 2019 BEP Adjustments for the IEA Program:

- The department will make a one-time BEP adjustment for the 2018-19 school year in June 2019.
- Any LEA with a student(s) in the IEA Program will have their BEP payment reduced by the IEA per pupil amount listed on their FY19 July Final BEP Allocation Sheet.



- If a student exits the IEA Program, the BEP adjustment will be based on the number of instructional days that the student was enrolled in the IEA Program.
- One week before the BEP payment is due to be made, LEAs can go to ePlan and see the amount of the BEP payment in process. The path is:
 - Reimbursement Requests
 - State Funds
 - 141-General Purpose which should bring LEAs to the screen that shows their payments.

IEA Enrollment Reports Sent to LEAs

The department will send LEAs monthly IEA enrollment reports that include the students in each LEA who have approved applications for the IEA Program and which have signed contracts.

The reports sent in August will include:

- The total number of students enrolled in the IEA Program as of Aug. 1, 2018, per LEA.
- The total amount of IEA funds that will be pulled for the state/local BEP for each LEA.
- Date of student withdrawal from the IEA Program will also be noted, if applicable.

IEA Program Funding FAQs

What happens to the funds if parents choose to re-enroll students in public school?

Any funds remaining in the IEA will be returned to the state treasurer to be placed in the BEP account of the education trust fund. School districts will begin receiving BEP funding for students who withdraw from the IEA Program the day students enroll in the district, and the district begins reporting the students using the appropriate attendance code in EIS.

Must school districts include students enrolled in the IEA Program when determining the amount of federal IDEA funds to share with private schools?

No. In order for a student to enroll in the IEA Program, parents waive all rights of the student to IDEA services, including associated funding.

If you have questions about the IEA Program, please contact (615) 253-3781 or IEA.Questions@tn.gov