

Compensatory Education Guidelines Fiscal Year 2009-10

Purpose

Compensatory Education Revenue must be used to meet the educational needs of pupils whose progress toward meeting state or local content or performance standards is below the level that is appropriate for learners of their age.

Permitted Uses

- (1) direct instructional services under the assurance of mastery program.
- (2) remedial instruction in reading, language arts, and mathematics, other content areas or study skills to improve the achievement level of these learners;
- (3) additional teachers and teaching assistants to provide more individualized instruction to these learners through individual tutoring, lower instructor-to-learner ratios, or team teaching.
- (4) a longer school day or week during the regular school year or through a summer program that may be offered directly by the site or under a performance-based contract with a community-based organization;
- (5) comprehensive and ongoing staff development consistent with district and site plans for teachers, teacher aides, principals and other personnel to improve their ability to identify the needs of these learners and provide appropriate remediation, intervention, accommodations or modifications;
- (6) instructional materials and technology appropriate for meeting the individual needs of these learners. Include technology equipment such as computers and peripheral equipment, telecommunication equipment, cameras, monitors and microphones;
- (7) programs to reduce truancy, encourage completion of high school, enhance self-concept, provide health services, provide nutrition services, provide a safe and secure learning environment, provide coordination for pupils receiving services from other governmental agencies, provide psychological services to determine the level of social, emotional, cognitive and intellectual development and provide counseling services, guidance services and social work services;
- (8) bilingual programs, bicultural programs, and programs for learners of limited English proficiency;
- (9) all day kindergarten;
- (10) extended school day and extended school year programs;
- (11) substantial parent involvement in developing and implementing remedial education or intervention plans for a learner, including learning contracts between the school, the learner and the parent that establish achievement goals and responsibilities of the learner and the learner's parent or guardian.

Prohibited Uses

- (1) administrative expenditures including office clerk, principal, accounting clerk and payment to consultants to perform administrative duties such as grant writing;
- (2) school uniforms;
- (3) non-technology related equipment such as furniture, vocational education tools, and workstations;
- (4) installation of any equipment or furniture in, on, or over walls, ceilings or floors if it requires the use of tools and permanent fasteners;
- (5) wiring of buildings and all other building infrastructure expenses.

Other Guidelines

No budget transfer is allowed from salary and benefits line items to non-salary line items after the November 1 deadline.