

Formula for Determining Member District's Proportionate Share of the Operating Expenses of MPSED For the 2023 - 2024 school year

Annually, the Executive Board must approve at an 80% majority any changes to the formula for determining member districts' proportionate share of the expenses. Below are the different formulas recommended for the FY24 school year. **These are not a change from the previous fiscal year (23).**

1. Purchased services: Member districts may choose to purchase licensed employees (cross-cat teachers, speech-language therapists, social workers and teaching assistants) from MPSED at the actual cost of the employee's salaries and benefits.
2. General Administration: All MPSED central office business expenses, support staff, Assistant Director, Director, and Pre-Vocational Coordinators will be assessed based on member districts' percent of special education students enrolled (roughly 2,700) in the cooperative. The General State Aid revenue will supplement the administrative cost.
3. Special Education Administrators: A member district may give notice to the MPSED Director of the intention of not using SEA services for the next school year by February 1 of the existing school year. The allocation of SEAs will be determined and SEA costs will be assessed to all remaining member districts based on member districts' percent of special education students enrolled in the cooperative.
4. Administrative Support Staff: All MPSED school psychologists, behavioral specialists, RN, Audiologist, physical and occupational therapy services will be assessed based on member districts' percent of all students enrolled (roughly 18,000) in the cooperative. The General State Aid revenue will supplement the administrative support staff cost.
5. Hearing and Vision Services/Programs: All Hearing Impaired and Visually Impaired teachers, braillists, interpreters, orientation and mobility services and coordination with CASE services for professional development will be assessed based on member districts' percent of special education students enrolled (roughly 2,700) in the cooperative.
6. Programs:
 - a. Average Cost per student: Social/Emotional Development (SED), Social/Emotional Alternative Program (SEAP), and Life and Essential Skills will be combined to a total cost, and divided to a per student cost.
 - b. Early Childhood Special Education (ECSE) will not be combined with the others and will be billed per student at that specific program cost.
 - c. Member districts will be assessed for each student sent to a combined MPSED program and/or ECSE.
7. IDEA Grants: Due to a structural change from ISBE, all IDEA Grants will be issued to member districts, instead of the cooperative. Member districts will have autonomy to pay for specific special education services with their grant allocation.

8. Residential Students: MPSED will bill the resident school district the average cost per student rate found in paragraph 6a within for all private and residential students. Medicaid revenue will continue to pay the remainder of approved tuition and approved room and board costs for students in private and residential placements. All reimbursements funnel back to MPSED.