

Client State Funding Update

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Pre-School Special Education Funding

As you probably are aware, the State changed the way it funds handicapped pre-school students in the new school funding formula. Previously, the State provided unit funding for eligible handicapped pre-school students. Now, funding will be generated on a per-pupil basis (a straight \$4,000 per student not reduced by state share percentage or any other factor) plus the appropriate special education categorical weighting per student (see table below for weighting details).

This additional weighting is the same weighting provided all other K-12 students in the new funding formula. This additional weighted funding is reduced by the state share percentage calculation in the new funding formula (like it is with all eligible K-12 students); however the resulting weighted amount is only funded at 50%.

**It is important to understand, the pre-school funding calculated under this new formula will continue to be provided OUTSIDE of the new funding formula. In other words, these amounts are not subject to the new formula caps or guarantees.

Attached to the email you received is an Excel spreadsheet designed to assist you in determining the amount your district should receive based upon your FY14 pre-school counts. All you will need to do is complete the yellow shaded areas of this spreadsheet.

Category	Description	FY2014 Amount	FY2015 Amount
1	Speech Only	\$1,503	\$1,517
2	Cognitive Disabilities, Specific Learning Disability, Developmentally Delayed, Other Health Impaired (Minor)	\$3,813	\$3,849
3	Hearing Impaired, Emotional Disturbance	\$9,160	\$9,248
4	Visual Impairment, Other Health Impaired (Major)	\$12,225	\$12,342
5	Multiple Disabilities, Orthopedic	\$16,557	\$16,715
6	Deaf-Blind, Autism, Traumatic Brain Injury	\$24,407	\$24,641

*Source Ohio Department of Education Publication dated September 13, 2013