

Notification of Special Education Transition Incentive Grants

Overview of funding:

- \$100,000 is available for payment in FY17. FY18 funding has not yet been determined.
- \$1,000 per eligible student payment. Payments will be prorated if the appropriation is not sufficient to pay all eligible application amounts.

State Fiscal Year	Monies Appropriated	Survey Year (IDEA Indicator 14)	Student Exit School Year
FY17	\$100,000	2016 (July – September)	2014-2015
FY18	TBD	2017 (July – September)	2015-2016

District Eligibility Criteria:

- School districts or independent (“2r”) charter schools with a secondary population can apply.
- Applications and payments will be based on post-secondary outcome (PSO) surveys for students with disabilities enrolled in the 2014-15 or 2015-16 school year. Districts not already scheduled to participate in the Indicator 14/PSO survey in 2016 must notify PSO coordinator, Jenny Jacobs at: of intent to conduct surveys no later than **3/1/16**.
- Such districts will need to assign one or more staff to participate in PSO survey interviewer training and conduct PSO surveys of 2014-15 exiters between **June and September of 2016** in order to be grant eligible.

Note: Exit year is the school year the youth with an Individualized Education Program (IEP) left school (i.e. graduated with a regular high school diploma, received a certificate, reached maximum age (21), dropped out).

PSO Survey Eligibility:

- The eligible outcomes data are Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) Indicator 14 benchmarks gathered one year after a student exits school.
- Eligible student outcomes include: **enrolled in higher education or in other post-secondary education or training; or competitively employed or in other employment within one year of leaving high school paying minimum wage or greater for 90 days or longer.**
- Applications will be completed by districts no later than **January 31, 2017** through the WI PSO website based on eligible results of Indicator 14/PSO surveys. Grant payments will be sent to districts no later than June 30, 2017.

Additional Information:

- There are no stipulations on how districts spend this grant money.
- s. 115.884 Wis. Stats. includes specific school years for which students must be enrolled to be eligible (i.e. 2014-15 or 2015-16).
 - This means that school districts and independent charters with eligible students with disabilities enrolled in 2015-16 will not receive grants unless the grant program receives funding in the next biennial budget for FY18.
 - This also means that students exiting in 2016-17 and later would not be eligible unless 115.884 Wis. Stats. is changed.