

HIGH NEED FUND

DESCRIPTION:

The High Need Fund (HNF) provides funding support to districts for special education students whose educational costs exceed three times the district’s Current Expenditure per ADA. Districts are reimbursed anything exceeding the three times amount. Educational costs may include: special education instructional costs, therapy/related services, transportation, tuition, and assistive technology. All costs claimed on the fund must be supported by the student’s Individualized Education Program (IEP). HNF reimbursement is made the year after services are provided.

EXAMPLE:

2015-16 District Current Expenditure per ADA:	\$7,000
2015-16 Total Educational Costs for Student:	\$32,000
<u>2015-16 3x Current Expenditure per ADA:</u>	<u>-\$21,000</u>
2016-17 District HNF Reimbursement Amount:	\$11,000

ELIGIBLE STUDENTS:

Any student with a disability whose educational costs exceed three times the Current Expenditure per ADA may eligible for the fund. Examples of students with costly expenditures may include: students with personal aides and/or nurses, students with specialized transportation needs, students with tuition and transportation costs for contractual placements, students with a large amount of therapy/related services, and students receiving one-on-one instruction.

APPLICATION AND GUIDANCE:

The HNF Application is an excel spreadsheet that auto-calculates as the district enters specific district and expenditure information. The HNF Application and Manual are posted at:
<http://dese.mo.gov/financial-admin-services/special-education-finance/other-available-funding>.

DUE DATE:

The HNF Application is due November 30 and is submitted via email to spedfunding@dese.mo.gov.

STATUTES:

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