

Funding for Special Education (SpEd)

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Special Education

- Background
 - A Historical view of State SpEd funding:
 - 2007 \$ 103,715,266
 - 2011 \$ 121,252,632
 - 2017 \$ 168,125,519
 - Funding Changes to a student based model (2017)
- Funded Through: Distributive School Account (SB555)
 - FY 2020 \$211,504,167
 - FY 2021 \$218,041,746

Distribution Methodology: Special Education

- By July 1 of each year, NDE must determine the number of eligible pupils in each public school.
- Eligible students include:
 - Pupils ages 3 through 21 enrolled in a Nevada public school that have been identified with a disability AND need specially designed instruction

(Based on the October 1, Validation Day Count)

Allowable uses of funds: State Special Education Funds

The funding for pupils enrolled in school districts and charter schools who qualify for Special Education programs:

- The money transferred must be used only to fund the school districts, charter schools and university schools for profoundly gifted pupils for the enrollment of pupils with disabilities in accordance with the funding multiplier calculated by the Department of Education pursuant to subsection 3 of NRS 387.122

Number of Students Served: Special Education

- Funded count of students FY 20: 60,027
- Funded count of students FY 21: 63,140

(This count is estimated and will not be final until April)