

FISCAL REPORT

PUBLIC EDUCATION'S POINT OF REFERENCE FOR MAKING EDUCATED DECISIONS

Prioritize Expending ARP IDEA Funds

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The Special Education Federal Grants Expenditure Report 2 for the 2022-23 grant funds within Standardized Account Code Structure (SACS) Resource Codes 3310, 3311, 3312, 3315, and 3318 is due to the California Department of Education (CDE) by April 30, 2023.

After conversations with the Maintenance of Effort Workgroup, which includes statewide special education fiscal experts and staff from the CDE, School Services of California Inc. (SSC) is providing information to the field about the requirement to expend first any carryover from prior-year Individuals with Disabilities in Education Act (IDEA) grant funds under the same resources. Additionally, there is a requirement to expend any carryover from the one-time 2021-22 American Rescue Plan (ARP) IDEA funds within the availability window, which ends September 30, 2023. These ARP IDEA funds were provided as supplemental resources for special education, with additional resource codes, during the pandemic period. The grant award period for all federal funds is 27 months and the ARP IDEA funds are approaching their final months of availability.

The following SACS resource codes are included in the ARP IDEA Grants:

Click for Details	SACS Resource Code	'Friendly' Title	SACS Revenue Object	PCA Number	SACS Resource Code Creation Date
Details	3305	Special Ed: ARP IDEA Part B, Sec. 611, Local Assistance Entitlement	8182	15638	12/7/2021
Details	3306	Special Ed: ARP IDEA Part B, Sec. 611, Local Assistance Private School ISPs	8182	10169	12/7/2021
Details	3307	Special Ed: ARP IDEA Part B, Sec. 611, Local Assistance Coordinated Early Intervening Services	8990	10170	12/7/2021
Details	3308	Special Ed: ARP IDEA Part B, Sec. 619, Preschool Grants	8182	15639	12/7/2021
Details	3309	Special Ed: ARP IDEA Part B, Sec. 619, Preschool Grants Coordinated Early Intervening Services	8990	10171	12/7/2021

SSC has received questions about the allowable use of ARP IDEA funds, confirmed widespread fund balances with Special Education Local Plan Areas (SELPAs), and received additional confirmation from the CDE of limited submission of expenditure reports using ARP IDEA resources. Local educational agencies (LEAs) are advised that as they complete expenditure reporting for IDEA funds, they should first utilize the ARP IDEA funds, and defer the expenditure of current-year IDEA funds until after the ARP IDEA resources are fully expended. LEAs are reminded that these funds can be used for any purpose for which IDEA dollars are used and are urged to close out ARP IDEA funds prior to the spending deadline for these resources. The funds can be used in the same manner as their "classic" IDEA Resource Code equivalents:

Resource Code for ARP IDEA Grants	Resource Code for IDEA Grants
3305	3310

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3306	3311
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3308	3315
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LEAs that have private schools within their boundaries and LEAs that are participants in compliance and improvement monitoring activities under Coordinated Early Intervening Services (CEIS) requirements are reminded that ARP IDEA funds included the required set aside calculations for both Private School Proportionate Share (PSPS) and CEIS, as shown above under Resource Codes 3306, 3307, and 3309.

SELPAs should work with their LEAs to ensure appropriate documentation of PSPS allocation and expenditure, prioritize the use of required ARP IDEA funds for CEIS activities, and confirm ARP IDEA resources are appropriately expended and reported on Special Education Federal Grant Expenditure Reports, with the goal of fully expending the resources by the fund end date of September 30, 2023. SELPAs should review Expenditure Report 3 for appropriate use of the ARP IDEA funds and return to LEAs any expenditure reports that demonstrate allocation of current-year funds prior to appropriate expenditure of prior-year resources. The CDE has indicated that for Report 3, which is due by July 31, 2023, they want Resource 3305 and Resource 3308 to be fully expended. Thus, SELPAs that are submitting reimbursement requests via Report 3, but with balances in 2021-22 ARP IDEA Resource 3305 and Resource 3308, will have their request returned by the CDE.