



STATE OF ALABAMA
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION




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State Superintendent of Education

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MEMORANDUM

TO: City and County Superintendents of Education

FROM: Eric G. Mackey 
State Superintendent of Education

RE: Special Education Services Fiscal Year (FY 2021) Funding Support
Alabama ASSIST Fund for School Year (SY) 2020-2021

The Alabama State Department of Education (ALSDE), Special Education Services Section, is pleased to announce an opportunity for local education agencies (LEAs) to receive additional funding support through the ASSIST fund for Fiscal Year (FY) 2021. The Alabama Special Education Services ASSIST fund is currently available for services in the following areas:

- Assistive Technology
- Autism Spectrum Disorders Evaluations
- Behavior Intervention
- Deaf/Hard of Hearing and/or Visual Impairment
- Transition Services

The Alabama Special Education Services ASSIST fund is made available from the *Individuals with Disabilities Education Act*, (IDEA) P.L. 108-446, IDEA, Part B, CFDA 84.027A, Other Student Support Services. These funds are provided pursuant to the *Alabama Administrative Code*, Chapter 290-8-9, with the purpose of providing financial assistance to LEAs in covering special education costs of providing a free and appropriate public education (FAPE) to children with disabilities that generate an excessive expenditure demand on the LEA.

Any city or county LEA in the state of Alabama that has enrolled a child with a disability determined eligible for special education and related services or a child who may be identified as a child with a disability under existing federal and state law, can submit an application to the ALSDE for financial assistance. The LEA may apply to receive funds by submitting a completed ASSIST Fund application. Supporting documentation may be requested. Please email the completed application to spiced@alsde.edu, Attention: FISCAL TEAM.

The Alabama Special Education Services ASSIST fund guidelines, menu of supports, and the application will be available on the ALSDE website. All funds awarded must be expended by September 30, 2021, and may not be awarded in subsequent years.

If you need clarification or have any questions regarding the ASSIST funds, please contact Mrs. Erika Richburg at telephone number (334) 694-4782 or via email at erichburg@alsde.edu.

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