



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 *EGM*
State Superintendent of Education

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

The Alabama State Department of Education (ALSDE), Special Education Services Section, is pleased to announce the opportunity for local education agencies (LEAs) to receive additional funding support through the Fiscal Year (FY) 2021 Alabama High Cost Fund (ALHCF). The ALHCF funding is made available from the *Individuals with Disabilities Education Act*, (IDEA) P.L. 108-446, IDEA, Part B, CFDA 84.027A, state-level activities under 34 CFR 300.704 (b)(1). The ALHCF is intended to provide additional funding for the LEAs in the provision of direct special education and related services for children who are classified as a child with high needs (i.e., unduly expensive, extraordinary, and beyond the routine and reasonable special education and related services provided by the LEA) and whose cost exceed three times the average per-pupil amount.

The LEA may apply to receive funds by submitting (postmarked by September 1st or November 30th—based on remaining ALHCF funds available*) a completed ALHCF application and supporting documentation by mail to the following address:

Alabama State Department of Education
Special Education Services
Attention: Fiscal Section (High Cost Fund)
P. O. Box 302101
Montgomery, AL 36130-2101

**Special Note: Applications and supporting documentation sent via electronic mail will not be accepted.*

The ALHCF plan, related documents, and application in fillable form will be available on the ALSDE website.

The ALHCF awards will be made according to the information included in each application and the availability of funds remaining as applications are received and processed.

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

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