

POLICY 3100.73
LOW INCIDENCE FUNDS METHOD OF DISTRIBUTION

YOLO COUNTY SPECIAL EDUCATION
LOCAL PLAN AREA (SELPA)

A. ALLOCATION METHODOLOGY

1. Low Incidence revenue is defined as revenue received for the provision of purchasing specialized materials and services for students having a primary or secondary disability in a low incidence area of eligibility. A low incidence disability is defined as having a severe disabling condition with an expected incidence rate of less than one percent of the total statewide enrollment in special education.

Low Incidence disabilities include:

- a. Hard of Hearing (HH)
 - b. Deafness (DEAF)
 - c. Visual Impairment (VI)
 - d. Orthopedic Impairment (OI)
 - e. Deaf-Blindness (DB)
2. For the purpose of the local policy, this method of distribution will be referred to as the SELPA Low Incidence Apportionment. The outlined SELPA Low Incidence Apportionment allocation methodology will commence in the 2020-2021 school year.
 3. The SELPA Administrative Unit (AU) is the designated recipient of the SELPA Low Incidence Apportionment on behalf of the member Local Education Agencies (LEAs). All references to LEA(s) shall include any member LEA charter school(s). The Low Incidence Funds Method of Distribution does not apply to non-LEA charter schools which are considered to be a school of the chartering LEA for purposes of special education.
 4. The SELPA AU will allocate 15% of funds to Yolo County Office of Education for the purpose of purchasing necessary specialized materials and equipment for students with an eligible low incidence disability and served in a Yolo County Office of Education program setting. This off the top funding allocation will be utilized for materials and equipment only.
 5. After allocating 15% to Yolo County Office of Education, the SELPA AU will allocate the remaining Low Incidence Apportionment to LEAs based on prior year's certified CALPADS count of students with a primary or

secondary low incidence disability. All low incidence funds allocated to LEAs shall be considered SELPA funds and LEAs must account for allocated low incidence funds in accordance with section B below. Any unused funds from the YCOE allocation will carry over to the next school year for the purpose of purchasing necessary specialized materials and equipment for students with an eligible low incidence disability and served in a Yolo County Office of Education program setting.

Appropriate services which are allowable to be funded with Low Incidence funds include:

- a. Specialized Services for LI Disabilities
 - b. Interpreter Services
 - c. Audiological Services
 - d. Specialized Vision Services
 - e. Orientation and Mobility Services
 - f. Braille Transcription
 - g. Specialized Orthopedic Services
 - h. Assistive Technology
 - i. Intensive Individual Instruction
6. The SELPA will facilitate a Low Incidence Committee for the purpose of reviewing and making recommendations for low incidence purchases of specialized equipment and materials. In the sole discretion of a member LEA, the LEA may choose to consult with Low Incidence Committee on low incidences requests. This committee will be comprised of the SELPA director, YCOE program director, and at least two low incidence disability area specialists. Materials and equipment will be purchased and maintained by the LEA of service.

Superintendents' Council

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