



Questions and Answers from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) IDEA Part B Supplemental Funds Webinar, through the Idaho Training Clearinghouse on 7/29/2021 Presented by Lisa Pofelski-Rosa – Special Education Financial Specialist, Principal

A link to the recorded webinar can be found at: <https://idahotc.com/Resources/View/ID/913>

A link to the Federal Fact Sheet can be found at [FACT SHEET: Section 2014 of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 and the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act \(PDF\)](#)

Q1: Do you have a separate application with budget application for ARPA and or where on the IDEA Part B and Preschool Application is this housed? As you stated that you have to have an approved application, where will the ARPA budget be for us to complete?

A1: There are additional sections just released within the IDEA Part B Final Application that will include the ARPA IDEA Part B School Age and Preschool allocations, and any other cross over sections of the application that are affected, such as CCEIS, Private School Proportionate Share, Excess Cost, and more. See additional slides of the presentation and recording that reference each new or enhanced section within the same IDEA Part B Application.

Q2: You have listed Fund 259 and 521 and 522 to split out for school age and pre-school. How do you split out 616 and distinguish between school age and pre-school?

A1: This will vary by LEA Accounting Software and setup. If you have 616 noninstructional expenses, please use another section of your General Ledger or Accounting system to distinguish. This could be 259.521410.XXXX(site).616.000.0...where you identified a School-Age supply expense using function/object 521410, add your site code XXXX, and you add a 616 in another section of account code to distinguish it is noninstructional.

Anything without your additional section of 616 would be deemed instructional under the School Age 521 function. Rolled up in a report, you can still tie out your total function 521 *School age expenditures* to your GRA reimbursement totals. If you do not have three digits available in an additional section of your account structure after your site, please use another identifier that will work for you to distinguish.

Q3: Please provide the Pre-school codes.

A3: For ARPA IDEA Part B Preschool tracking, please use fund 259 with function code 522 for Pre-school. Both School Age and Preschool ARPA IDEA funds and expenditures are within fund 259. The function codes will distinguish.

Q4: On the revenue side, can a specific description for each program be used instead of creating another account?

A4: Yes, you may use a description vs. another section of account code to distinguish the Pre-school revenue from School Age revenue, as long as your general ledger will show definitively the difference, where you can sort or subtotal the drawdowns for Preschool ARPA IDEA funds received/revenue, vs. the School Age ARPA IDEA funds received/revenue.

Q5: What are the CFDA numbers again?

A5: CFDA numbers as follows:

Regular year allocations for School Age IDEA Part B 611: CFDA84.027A.

Regular year allocations for Preschool IDEA Part B 619: CFDA84.173A.

ARPA allocations for School Age IDEA Part B 611: CFDA84.027X.

ARPA allocations for Preschool IDEA Part B 619: CFDA84.173X.

Q6: We are having a very difficult time hiring SLPs and School Psychs. We would like to try adding in additional stipends to recruit. Is this allowable in the ARPA funds? Otherwise we won't be able to meet student needs.

A6: Yes, you may use IDEA Part B funds from your regular year or ARPA IDEA Part B allocations towards a recruitment stipend for a Special Education position. You must, however, follow your internal School District or Charter School Board policies for recruitment and hiring procedures and allowable stipends.

Q7: Federal director meeting in Oct....is that in Boise? Where to register?

A7: The New & Experienced Federal Programs Directors Meeting is scheduled for October 11th-12th, 2021. There will be a Welcome Back webinar for SPED directors in August with registration details to follow.

Q8: Will we be able to access this webinar at a later date?

A8: Yes, go to <https://idahotc.com/Resources/View/ID/913>

Q9: So if I use fund 257 for my IDEA grant, should I create 259 for this money or continue to use 257.

A9: You need to create fund 259 for the new ARPA IDEA Part B funds and expenditures. Fund 257 will be for your "Regular year" allocation for School Age IDEA Part B. These are different funding sources with different CFDA numbers. There will be separate GAN's issued in the GRA for you to draw reimbursement from as well.

Q10: Can the Revenue be split using revenue code 259-445-601 for SA & 25-445-602 for Pre-school?

A10: Yes, as long as you are using the 4456 portions of the revenue code, which identifies as federal IDEA revenue.

Q11: If we qualify for an MOE reduction but have an RDA of Needs Assistance, we cannot claim that reduction, correct?

A11: That is correct; you would not be able to claim the reduction or adjustment to Local Effort/MOE. Your LEA Superintendent and Special Education Director would have been notified if you have an LEA determination of Needs Assistance, Needs Intervention, or Needs Substantial Support.

Q12: I am having trouble opening the fact sheet.

A12: The link was down on the federal site on 7/29/2021. We have posted the Fact sheet along with our presentation at <https://idahotc.com/Resources/View/ID/913>. The link to the federal site is <https://www2.ed.gov/policy/speced/leg/arp/arp-idea-fact-sheet.pdf>.