

Stow-Munroe Falls City Schools Receives IDEIA-Part B Funds
FY 2012

IDEIA-B funds are federal dollars allocated to State Departments of education and given to school districts for the purpose of providing educational services for handicapped students.

Previously, IDEIA-B entitlement funds were distributed to districts based upon the number of children identified with disabilities, ages three through 21, as reported in the school district's December 1st child count. Beginning with FY2002, special education grant awards were allocated upon a base amount for each LEA, additional funds based upon population (85%) and poverty (15%) and any discretionary funds the state may provide. Under this new means of formula calculation, Stow-Munroe Falls City School District will receive approximately \$1,002,268.48 (IDEIA-B) and \$14,506.68 (Early Childhood Special Education) for special education expenditures during the 2011-2012 school year. The grant money is to be used only for special education programming and resources for special education students and will be obligated only after the project application is approved by the Ohio Department of Education, Division of Special Education. Additionally, under IDEIA-B, children with disabilities enrolled in chartered nonpublic schools are eligible to receive IDEIA-B benefits through the participating public school district in which the nonpublic school is located when they are provided special education and related services. Therefore, Holy Family Parochial school and Cornerstone Community School will be eligible to receive a portion of the entitlement funds identified above.

In the past, Stow-Munroe Fall City Schools' IDEIA-B funds have been used to fund the salaries of the District Special Service Director, Supervisor and Administrative Assistant, school psychologist, speech therapist, special education teachers and aides for both the classroom and individual students. Monies have also been used to pay for staff professional development and to purchase technology and classroom supplies for students and teachers. Additionally, the grant monies have been used to pay the tuition for special education students attending specialized programs outside our district.

School employees and district residents are encouraged to contact Dr. Marty Saternow, Director of Special Services at 330.689.5430 with any comments regarding the expenditures of these funds by August 8, 2011. The grant application and all funds pertaining to the project will be available for review at the Board of Education Office, 4350 Allen Road, Stow, OH.

(Annual Public Notification in Stow-Munroe Falls employee email distribution serve list and posted on district website for public review 7/26/11)