

Public Comment in regard to Special Education Funds

USE OF FEDERAL FUNDS - IDEA Part B, Early Childhood Special Education

The Hilliard City School District is in the process of developing Part B of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) Special Education grant allocations for the 2026-2027 school year. The district is seeking comments from the public on how to allocate and expend these funds. The IDEA-B funds will support the provision of special education services to children with disabilities who are ages 3 to 21 and enrolled in the Hilliard City School District. The district currently utilizes, and plans to continue to utilize these funds, to provide 29 Intervention Specialist and 6 Intervention Aides, as well as other special education supports such as ASL interpreting services and private-duty nursing services.

Districts receiving special education grant funds are required to be compliant with Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) regulations.

Guidance for districts on the use of federal special education grant funds may be found in the links below. These documents provide detailed information on the options that a district may consider as it develops its program of special education and related services to children with disabilities.

IDEA-B: <http://education.ohio.gov/Topics/Special-Education/Special-Education-Data-and-Funding/Special-Education-Part-B-Allocations>

The Hilliard City School District Special Education Department will accept public comments on the use of funds for the 2026-2027 school year until June 22, 2026. If you have any suggestions or input, please contact the Special Education Director, Jamie Lennox, at (614)-921-7098.

*Community members may also make a public comment at **6:15pm April 13, 2026**, just prior to the official start of the Board Meeting at the Hilliard Horizon Elementary School.*