

POLICY 23

NPA EXTRAORDINARY COST

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SONOMA COUNTY SELPA**NPA EXTRAORDINARY COST**

A district shall be entitled to special reimbursement from the NPA pool when all of the following criteria are met:

1. A student has moved into the district from another district, either within or outside of the SELPA, with an active IEP.
2. The provision of special education and related services to the student is governed by the order of a due process hearing officer or a court of competent jurisdiction, or an Office of Administrative Hearing mediation settlement while the student was a resident of the previous district.
3. The cost of the provision of special education and related services shall exceed the threshold amount calculated below.

The calculation of the level of reimbursement from the NPA pool shall be as follows:

1. The SELPA office shall calculate the average cost of a Severely Handicapped and Non Severely Handicapped student in the 2000-2001 fiscal year according to the method used in the SELPA Guidelines for the Establishment of Fee for Service for District-Operated Programs. This amount shall be multiplied by 2.5 to obtain the threshold amount for claims for the 2001-2002 fiscal year. In subsequent fiscal years, the new threshold amount shall be the threshold amount for the prior fiscal year multiplied by the State COLA.
2. Districts shall be eligible to submit claims to the SELPA Fiscal Analyst for special education and related services costs directly related to the order of a hearing officer, court, or a mediation settlement by the Office of Administrative Hearing in excess of the Severely Handicapped or Non Severely Handicapped student rate. The claims shall be verified by the NPS/NPA Committee for action by the Superintendents' Council.
3. Reimbursement shall be limited to the fiscal year in which the student transferred from the previous district.
4. Eligible districts shall receive reimbursement from the NPA pool on an off-the-top basis, prior to the calculation of the prorated level of reimbursement for all districts.
5. The following is an example of the calculation of reimbursement:

The Severely Handicapped student rate for 2000-2001 is \$11,392. Multiply that amount by 2.5 to obtain a threshold rate of \$28,480.

District A's cost as a result of a new SH student moving to the district with special education and related services ordered by a hearing officer, court or as a result of a mediation settlement by the Office of Administrative Hearing is \$45,000 of NPA costs.

The district is eligible to receive \$16,520 (\$45,000-\$28,480) as an off-the-top reimbursement from the NPA pool. The balance of \$28,480 is claimed as an NPA cost reimbursable at the SELPA wide percentage in place at that time.