

New Hampshire Department of Education
Bureau of Student Support

Special Education Aid Summary

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Laws/Rules: RSA 186-C:18; Rules Ed 1128

What is Special Education Aid?

Formerly Catastrophic Aid (CAT Aid), the title of this fund changed in June 2018, to Special Education Aid. Special Education Aid is state funds that offer financial assistance to defray the costs for special education, distributed under RSA 186-C:18, III to a responsible school district. The district may be eligible for reimbursement only for those direct costs which are included in the IEP of a child with a disability, and which qualify as special education and related services. Districts submit invoices for payments made for the costs of special education services. The State reimburses for the allowable costs based on the previous year.

RSA 186-C:18 requires that the State be liable for 80 percent of the cost of special education above the 3 ½ times the estimated state average expenditure per pupil for the school year preceding the year of distribution, up to 10 times the estimated state average expenditure per pupil for the school year preceding the year of distribution. The Department of Education is liable for all costs in excess of 10 times the estimated state average expenditure per pupil for the school year preceding the year of distribution. If in any year, the amount appropriated for distribution as special education aid exceeds the allocated amount, the district's reimbursement shall be prorated in accordance with RSA 186-C:18, III (a).

Example of payments for special education aid:

The school district is liable for the 3 ½ times the estimated state average expenditure per pupil (Special Education Aid cap) plus 20 percent of additional cost. The state is responsible for 80 percent. If there are not enough state funds to cover the full 80 percent the costs will be prorated.

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Calculation Special Education Aid for State FY 2020-2021

2019-2020 Estimated State Average Expenditure Per Pupil (ESAEPP):	\$16,919.42	
Multiply: 3-1/2 times the ESAEPP:	<u>X</u> 3.5	
Equals - SPECIAL EDUCATION AID CAP:	<u>\$59,217.97</u>	

A STUDENT COSTING 3-1/2 TIMES PER PUPIL COST (ESAEPP)

	STATE RESPONSIBILITY	DISTRICT RESPONSIBILITY
The total allowable special education cost for a student:	\$99,845.00	
Minus: The Special Education Aid CAP	~ \$59,217.97	
COST ABOVE CAP:	\$40,627.03	
The state is responsible for paying 80% of the cost above Special Education Aid Cap	\$40,627.03	
	<u>X</u> 80%	
	\$32,501.62	
Proration per budget appropriation available (based on State FY 2021)	100%	
THE TOTAL COST FOR THE STATE:	<u>\$32,501.62</u>	
THE TOTAL COST FOR THE DISTRICT:		<u>\$67,343.38</u>



Calculating Special Education Aid for State FY 2020-2021 (Example showing proration due to shortfall in appropriation)

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	X 80%	
	\$32,501.62	
Proration per budget appropriation available	70%	
THE TOTAL COST FOR THE STATE:	\$22,751.34	
THE TOTAL COST FOR THE DISTRICT:		\$77,093.87



SPECIAL EDUCATON AID HISTORY

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	I	J	K
1	Department of Education									
2	State Special Education Aid (formerly Cat or Catastrophic Aid)									
3	1.1.2021									
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5	State Fiscal Year	Total Student Count	Total District Expended	Full Entitlement Owed by State	Entitlement Paid	Appropriation	Percentage Paid	Estimated Cost Per Pupil	3.5 X ECPP	10 X ECPP
6	2002	1,007	49,665,657	19,089,927	19,089,927	19,100,000	100.00%	6,863	24,020	68,629
7	2003	1,053	49,822,887	22,276,703	17,561,880	20,800,000	100.00%	7,263	25,421	72,632
8	2004	1,124	57,552,236	26,065,014	18,999,990	19,000,000	92.14%	7,641	26,745	76,414
9	2005	1,221	73,461,319	28,740,020	20,074,363	20,075,000	69.56%	8,115	28,404	81,153
10	2006	1,121	73,995,833	28,055,251	28,055,251	29,000,000	100.00%	9,231	32,307	92,306
11	2007	1,223	82,375,545	30,142,513	30,142,513	32,190,000	100.00%	9,775	34,211	97,745
12	2008	1,173	84,533,574	31,767,168	31,767,168	33,968,831	100.00%	10,376	36,317	103,764
13	2009	1,198	94,598,027	35,449,385	32,168,544	32,168,544	90.75%	11,053	38,684	110,525
14	2010	1,154	95,028,412	35,098,684	29,875,338	29,875,338	85.12%	11,732	41,061	117,317
15	2011	972	82,301,896	30,474,106	23,537,316	23,630,117	77.24%	12,144	42,505	121,444
16	2012	988	79,594,759	30,921,337	21,340,674	21,340,675	69.02%	12,626	44,192	126,262
17	2013	954	79,541,072	29,997,917	21,537,305	21,537,308	71.80%	13,217	46,260	132,171
18	2014	909	78,394,309	29,857,843	22,537,297	22,537,308	75.48%	13,587	47,556	135,874
19	2015	864	76,271,299	28,937,108	21,537,308	21,537,308	74.43%	13,997	48,988	139,966
20	2016	832	76,724,443	29,644,162	22,300,014	22,300,016	75.23%	14,449	50,571	144,487
21	2017	844	80,432,832	30,796,051	22,300,003	22,300,003	72.41%	14,856	51,995	148,556
22	2018	822	80,358,422	30,800,817	22,300,000	22,300,000	72.40%	15,352	53,731	153,517
23	2019	825	83,919,212	31,782,113	22,317,665	22,317,665	70.22%	15,804	55,314	158,039
24	2020	828	86,379,063	32,601,971	30,800,003	30,800,003	94.47%	16,228	56,797	162,278
25	2021	742	79,770,631	29,626,759	29,626,759	30,800,000	100.00%	16,919	59,218	169,194

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FY 2021 Special Education Aid

	District of Liability	Sum of Number of Students Reported	Sum of District Liability for CAP	Sum of District Cost from 3.5 to 10 * ECPP	Sum of # Students Over	Sum of District Cost Over 10 * ECPP	Sum of District Cost	Sum of Entitlement
	State Totals	742	43,939,732.83	31,020,695.36	62.5	4,810,202.89	79,770,631.07	29,626,759.17
9	Allenstown		177,653.91	229,922.06		152,814.47	560,390.44	336,752.12
15	Alton		118,435.94	56,128.94		-	174,564.88	44,903.15
17	Amherst		780,540.20	366,158.25		239,802.59	1,386,501.04	532,729.19
19	Andover		177,653.91	62,539.19		-	240,193.10	50,031.35
29	Auburn		414,525.78	251,483.30		-	666,009.08	201,186.64
31	Barnstead		177,653.91	128,125.70		-	305,779.61	102,500.56
33	Barrington		414,525.78	158,984.97		-	573,510.75	127,187.98
35	Bartlett		59,217.97	109,976.23		43,938.04	213,132.24	131,919.02
41	Bedford		1,598,885.16	916,552.44		199,530.70	2,714,968.30	932,772.65
57	Bow		532,961.72	474,655.96		19,373.39	1,026,991.07	399,098.16
71	Brookline		71,221.45	86,021.91		-	157,243.36	68,817.53
79	Candia		355,307.81	224,741.05		43,067.27	623,116.13	222,860.11
95	Chesterfield		59,217.97	6,414.33		-	65,632.30	5,131.46
99	Chichester		177,653.91	81,227.01		-	258,880.92	64,981.61
101	Claremont		1,270,947.89	757,236.04		43,993.06	2,072,176.99	649,781.90
105	Colebrook		59,217.97	109,976.23		9,501.94	178,696.14	97,482.92
111	Concord		669,731.54	446,731.83		89,821.19	1,206,284.56	447,206.65
112	Contoocook Valley		236,871.88	84,821.97		-	321,693.85	67,857.58
113	Conway		177,653.91	264,960.65		67,661.23	510,275.79	279,629.75
127	Deerfield		118,435.94	129,165.72		-	247,601.66	103,332.58
131	Derry Cooperative		1,302,795.31	663,687.10		-	1,966,482.41	530,949.68
141	Dover		1,520,362.13	1,161,224.09		148,556.99	2,830,143.21	1,077,536.26
142	Dresden		115,194.53	153,903.27		111,061.80	380,159.59	234,184.41
149	Dunbarton		59,217.97	71,073.74		-	130,291.71	56,858.99
165	Epping		118,435.94	62,705.35		-	181,141.29	50,164.28
167	Epsom		236,871.88	121,289.76		-	358,161.64	97,031.81
173	Exeter		118,435.94	112,458.64		-	230,894.58	89,966.91
172	Exeter Regional Cooperative		848,356.62	817,421.36		-	1,665,777.98	653,937.09
174	Fall Mountain Regional		236,871.88	213,388.87		-	450,260.75	170,711.10
175	Farmington		296,089.84	179,224.54		-	475,314.38	143,379.63
185	Franklin		296,089.84	191,106.60		-	487,196.44	152,885.28
189	Fremont		177,653.91	186,638.29		159,583.23	523,875.43	308,893.86
191	Gilford		177,653.91	53,204.73		-	230,858.64	42,563.78
195	Gilmanton		59,217.97	19,389.54		-	78,607.51	15,511.63
199	Goffstown		710,615.63	403,088.86		36,631.60	1,150,336.09	359,102.69
203	Gorham Randolph Shelburne Cooperative		59,217.97	85,405.98		-	144,623.95	68,324.78
208	Governor Wentworth Regional		473,743.75	388,071.43		-	861,815.18	310,457.14

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211	Grantham		59,217.97	109,976.23		98,716.49	267,910.69	186,697.47
215	Greenland		177,653.91	127,782.21		-	305,436.12	102,225.77
223	Hampstead		710,615.63	526,944.39		117,943.72	1,355,503.74	539,499.23
225	Hampton		467,093.57	477,707.28		-	944,800.85	382,165.82
227	Hampton Falls		118,435.94	27,210.34		-	145,646.28	21,768.27
233	Hanover		62,459.38	109,976.23		100,477.64	272,913.25	188,458.62
238	Haverhill Cooperative		137,575.19	71,592.56		-	209,167.75	57,274.05
245	Henniker		214,807.26	176,518.83		-	391,326.09	141,215.06
251	Hillsboro-Deering Cooperative		118,435.94	79,244.39		-	197,680.33	63,395.51
255	Hinsdale		355,307.81	137,443.20		-	492,751.01	109,954.56
260	Hollis/Brookline Cooperative		411,705.67	394,482.22		160,599.67	966,787.56	476,185.45
261	Hooksett		1,006,705.47	499,509.09		-	1,506,214.56	399,607.27
263	Hopkinton		296,089.84	303,880.00		-	599,969.84	243,104.00
267	Hudson		592,179.69	422,593.36		44,785.60	1,059,558.65	382,860.29
269	Inter-Lakes Cooperative		59,217.97	52,605.30		-	111,823.27	42,084.24
274	Jaffrey-Rindge Cooperative		651,397.66	468,411.73		163,496.10	1,283,305.49	538,225.48
275	John Stark Regional		258,936.49	307,067.67		17,661.40	583,665.57	263,315.54
276	Kearsarge Regional		514,793.65	486,693.31		375,308.05	1,376,795.01	764,662.70
279	Keene		1,539,667.19	649,437.48		-	2,189,104.67	519,549.98
281	Kensington		59,217.97	61,766.17		-	120,984.14	49,412.94
285	Laconia		177,653.91	171,212.91		30,618.16	379,484.98	167,588.49
295	Lebanon		413,554.61	283,226.30		199,843.71	896,624.62	426,424.75
299	Lempster		59,217.97	9,354.34		-	68,572.31	7,483.47
305	Lincoln-Woodstock Cooperative		59,217.97	3,679.24		-	62,897.21	2,943.39
306	Lisbon Regional		59,217.97	21,906.15		-	81,124.12	17,524.92
315	Litchfield		59,217.97	45,118.53		-	104,336.50	36,094.82
317	Littleton		236,871.88	224,986.03		-	461,857.91	179,988.82
319	Londonderry		769,833.59	398,106.37		-	1,167,939.96	318,485.10
333	Madison		177,653.91	297,973.93		126,179.07	601,806.91	364,558.21
335	Manchester		2,249,684.71	1,584,024.39		180,101.09	4,013,810.19	1,447,320.60
339	Marlborough		236,871.88	90,342.25		-	327,214.13	72,273.80
341	Marlow		118,435.94	119,219.25		25,813.73	263,468.92	121,189.13
342	Mascenic Regional		236,871.88	78,534.57		-	315,406.45	62,827.66
343	Mascoma Valley Regional		473,743.75	320,096.56		128,693.80	922,534.11	384,771.05
351	Merrimack		1,216,804.90	892,541.15		208,983.42	2,318,329.48	923,016.34
352	Merrimack Valley		536,165.41	348,993.42		-	885,158.83	279,194.73
357	Milford		296,089.84	376,970.60		-	673,060.44	301,576.48
359	Milton		296,089.84	54,490.31		-	350,580.15	43,592.25
363	Monadnock Regional		947,487.50	691,806.50		-	1,639,294.00	553,445.20
367	Mont Vernon		59,217.97	8,310.16		-	67,528.13	6,648.13
369	Moultonborough		59,217.97	109,976.23		77,267.21	246,461.41	165,248.19
371	Nashua		2,004,227.57	1,683,154.64		269,477.46	3,956,859.66	1,616,001.17
377	New Boston		236,871.88	117,043.35		-	353,915.23	93,634.68

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388	Newfound Area		118,435.94	110,591.10		-	229,027.04	88,472.88
399	Newmarket		448,593.88	274,926.16		19,572.37	743,092.41	239,513.30
401	Newport		296,089.84	182,120.87		-	478,210.71	145,696.70
405	North Hampton		59,217.97	29,058.29		-	88,276.26	23,246.63
411	Northwood		177,653.91	162,101.99		29,325.51	369,081.41	159,007.10
413	Nottingham		118,435.94	75,605.87		-	194,041.81	60,484.70
423	Oyster River Cooperative		118,435.94	80,776.81		-	199,212.75	64,621.45
425	Pelham		414,525.78	392,295.19		45,388.36	852,209.33	359,224.51
427	Pembroke		177,653.91	135,884.35		-	313,538.26	108,707.48
428	Pemi-Baker Regional		118,435.94	40,492.70		-	158,928.64	32,394.16
435	Piermont		59,217.97	34,353.26		-	93,571.23	27,482.61
439	Pittsfield		177,653.91	162,491.95		-	340,145.86	129,993.56
441	Plainfield		59,217.97	109,976.23		160,459.86	329,654.06	248,440.84
447	Plymouth		118,435.94	63,274.16		-	181,710.10	50,619.33
449	Portsmouth		339,407.79	255,660.05		-	595,067.84	204,528.04
453	Raymond		296,089.84	289,115.21		-	585,205.05	231,292.17
461	Rochester		1,503,165.23	966,248.56		-	2,469,413.79	772,998.85
473	Salem		532,961.72	536,731.02		18,059.89	1,087,752.63	447,444.71
476	Sanborn Regional		355,307.81	283,139.49		6,366.24	644,813.54	232,877.83
485	Seabrook		177,653.91	184,648.14		-	362,302.05	147,718.51
486	Shaker Regional		296,089.84	197,026.83		-	493,116.67	157,621.46
491	Somersworth		473,743.75	515,308.43		-	989,052.18	412,246.74
493	Souhegan Cooperative		285,383.24	233,821.55		73,434.31	592,639.10	260,491.55
495	South Hampton		10,221.02	277.15		-	10,498.17	221.72
511	Stratham		59,217.97	22,442.03		-	81,660.00	17,953.62
515	Sunapee		59,217.97	109,976.23		232,951.26	402,145.46	320,932.24
534	Timberlane Regional		1,006,705.47	544,382.01		-	1,551,087.48	435,505.61
539	Unity		59,217.97	1,757.03		-	60,975.00	1,405.62
543	Wakefield		59,217.97	38,014.07		-	97,232.04	30,411.26
555	Weare		118,435.94	36,570.34		-	155,006.28	29,256.27
568	White Mountains Regional		177,653.91	272,015.79		119,392.40	569,062.10	337,005.03
572	Wilton-Lyndeboro Cooperative		236,871.88	47,370.79		-	284,242.67	37,896.63
573	Winchester		355,307.81	158,441.90		-	513,749.71	126,753.52
575	Windham		1,006,705.47	646,983.52		-	1,653,688.99	517,586.82
581	Winnacunnet Cooperative		410,954.94	487,933.16		413,948.87	1,312,836.97	804,295.40
582	Winnisquam Regional		411,322.09	87,868.01		-	499,190.10	70,294.41