Coordinated Early Intervening Services (CEIS) and Comprehensive CEIS (CCEIS)

Federal Regulations

34 Code of Federal Regulations (C.F.R.)
§300.226, §300.646 and §300.647
Disproportionality and CCEIS
What is Disproportionality?

• Defined (Disproportionate Representation):
  o The over- or under-representation of a particular population or demographic group
  o “Accordingly, we encourage States and LEAs to consider multiple sources of data when attempting to determine the factors contributing to significant disproportionality, including school level data, academic achievement data, relevant environmental data that may be correlated with the prevalence of a disability, or other data relevant to the educational needs and circumstances of the specific group of students identified.”
  
  USED/OSEP: https://sites.ed.gov/idea/files/significant-disproportionality-qa-03-08-17-1.pdf

• Disproportionality is a complex issue that impacts:
  o Racial and Ethnic Groups
  o English Language Learners (ELLs)
  o Gender
  o Socio-Economic Status (SES)
  o Instructional Setting (Least Restrictive Environment)
  o Discipline (Disciplinary Practices)
What are some of the contributing factors?

• Inadequate general education instruction, intervention and services -
  o Shortcomings of the general education system when addressing struggling/at-risk students.
  o The ineffectiveness of scholastic and behavioral support systems/systems of care.

• Insensitive referral practices -
  o Exposes limited understanding/acceptance of the impact of race, gender, age and ethnicity (not an all inclusive list) on school functioning and the referral process.
  o Generates disproportionate rates of disciplinary referrals, suspicions of disability (evaluation referrals) and ESE eligibility.
What are Coordinated Early Intervening Services?

• **34 CFR § 300.226** – Early Intervening Services
  - Coordinated Early Intervening Services (CEIS) are services provided to students in kindergarten through grade 12 not currently identified as needing special education, but who need additional academic and behavioral support to succeed in general education, that are funded by no more than 15% of IDEA Part B funds.

• The services may include:
  - Professional development
  - Educational and behavioral evaluations
  - Educational and behavioral services
  - Educational and behavioral supports
How are CEIS and CCEIS different?

• **34 CFR §300.226** (Early Intervening Services)
  - Coordinated Early Intervening Services (CEIS)
    - Districts *voluntarily* set aside up to 15% of IDEA Plan B funding to service **K-12, non-ESE students** that need academic/behavioral support.

• **34 CFR §300.646** (Disproportionality) and **34 CFR §300.647** (Determining Significant Disproportionality)
  - Comprehensive Coordinated Early Intervening Services (CCEIS)
    - Districts *mandatorily* set aside 15% of IDEA Plan B funding to service **all students ages 3 through grade 12** (ESE and non-ESE), specifically, but not exclusively, targeting the group of students significantly overidentified (ESE identification, ESE placement and/or disciplinary removal practices).
    - Districts may not exclusively limit services to students with disabilities (SWD).
CEIS

- Voluntary reserve
- Not significantly disproportionate
- Children K-12\textsuperscript{th} grade
- Children without disabilities
- Must track and report students who receive the services

Comprehensive CEIS

- Required reserve
- Significantly disproportionate
- Children ages 3 to 12\textsuperscript{th} grade
- Children with or without disabilities
- Must track and report students who receive the services
Why is Disproportionality Data Collected?

• “IDEA Section 618(d) requires States to collect and examine data to determine if significant disproportionality based on race and ethnicity is occurring in the State and the local educational agencies (LEAs) of the State with respect to:
  • (A) the identification of children as children with disabilities, including the identification of children as children with disabilities in accordance with a particular impairment;
  • (B) the placement in particular educational settings of such children; and
  • (C) the incidence, duration, and type of disciplinary actions, including suspensions and expulsions.”

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Significant Disproportionality addresses **inequitable practices** for **students with disabilities**, by **race and ethnicity**, based on:

### Identification
**Ages 3-21**
- Intellectual Disabilities
- Specific Learning Disabilities
- Emotional/Behavioral Disabilities
- Speech or Language Impairments
- Other Health Impairments
- Autism Spectrum Disorders

### Placement
**Ages 6-21**
- Inside regular class* less than 40 percent of day
- Separate schools and residential facilities

*term used in federal regulation

### Discipline
**Ages 3-21**
- Out-of-school suspensions/expulsions of 10 days or less
- Out-of-school suspensions (including expulsions) of greater than 10 days
- In-school suspensions of 10 days or less
- In-school suspensions of greater than 10 days
- Total disciplinary removals

[www.FLDOE.org](http://www.FLDOE.org)
Risk Ratio Comparisons by Race/Ethnicity

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## Data Years Crosswalk to Grant Year for CCEIS

### Discipline

*Source: Survey 5*

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CCEIS and CEIS
Fiscal Implications for IDEA, Part B Projects
Fiscal Implications of LEAs Using CEIS Funds

• Voluntary CEIS is defined by regulations at 34 CFR §300.226. These regulations allow local educational agencies (LEAs) to use up to 15 percent of their IDEA Part B Section 611 and Section 619 funds to implement voluntary CEIS.

• IDEA regulations guiding the mandatory provision of CEIS — referred to as comprehensive CEIS (CCEIS) — were revised in 2016. These regulations require LEAs identified by their states as having significant disproportionality based on race or ethnicity to reserve 15 percent of IDEA Part B Section 611 and Section 619 funds to implement comprehensive CEIS.
How can Part B funds be used for Voluntary CEIS?

Voluntary CEIS activities that may be funded under Part B by LEAs include:

• Providing professional development for teachers and other school staff to enable such personnel to deliver scientifically based academic and behavioral interventions, including scientifically based literacy instruction and, where appropriate, instruction on the use of adaptive and instructional software; and

• Providing educational and behavioral evaluations, services, and supports, including scientifically based literacy instruction [see 34 CFR §300.226(b)].
CEIS Funds

- OSEP released memo 08-09 Coordinated Early Intervening Services in July 2008, stating “In this framework, tier one applies to all students in a general education setting. It would not be appropriate to use CEIS funds for tier one activities that support these students because these activities are designed to provide high-quality instruction to the entire class or school and not principally intended to address the needs of students who are struggling”.

- Cannot be used for student universal screening.

- Cannot be used for school-wide initiatives that are intended for all students.

- Cannot be used for Tier 1 activities.

- According to 34 CFR §300.226, an LEA may not use more than 15 percent of the amount the LEA receives under Part B of the Act for any fiscal year to develop and implement coordinated, early intervening services, which may include interagency financing structures, for students in kindergarten through grade 12, who are not currently identified as needing special education or related services, but who need additional academic and behavioral support to succeed in a general education environment.

https://sites.ed.gov/idea/idea-files/osep-memo-08-09-coordinated-early-intervening-services/
How can Part B funds be used for Comprehensive CEIS?

Comprehensive CEIS activities that may be funded under Part B by LEAs include:

• Providing professional development and educational and behavioral evaluations, services, and supports [see 34 CFR §300.646 (d)(1)(i)].

• The activities must address factors and policy practice, or procedure contributing to significant disproportionality [see 34 CFR §300.646 (d)(1)(ii)].

• Address a policy, practice, or procedure identified by the LEA as contributing to the significant disproportionality [see 34 CFR §300.646 (d)(1)(iii)].
Fiscal Implications of LEAs Using Comprehensive CEIS/LEA Maintenance of Effort (MOE) Reduction

- LEAs are required to maintain their level of year-to-year expenditures on special education and related services, using local-only funds or state and local funds.

- LEAs that are required to use Part B funds to implement comprehensive CEIS **may not reduce** its MOE amount because they have been identified as having significant disproportionality [see 34 C.F.R. §300.203(b)].
Maintenance of Effort
Maintenance of Effort

- Under section 613(a)(2)(A)(iii) of IDEA, LEAs may not reduce the level of expenditures for the education of children with disabilities made by the LEA from local funds below the level of those expenditures for the preceding fiscal year.

- An LEA must maintain at least the same amount of LEA budgets for the education of children with disabilities.

- Local funds only; combination of State and local funds; local funds only on a per capita basis; or combination of State and local funds on a per capita basis.

- Exception to the rule
  - Retirement or departure of special education or relate services personnel
  - Decrease in enrollment of student with disabilities
  - Termination of obligation to provide a program of special education to SWD
  - High cost
Fiscal Implication of LEAs Using Voluntary CEIS/LEA Maintenance of Effort (MOE) Reduction

• LEAs that are implementing voluntary CEIS may potentially be able to reduce the level of its MOE, unless the LEA is determined not to meet the requirements of Part B, is unable to establish and maintain programs of free appropriate public education (FAPE), or the state educational agency (SEA) has taken action against the LEA under IDEA Section 616.
Example of interaction of an LEA’s voluntary use of Part B funds for CEIS and the LEA MOE reduction amount

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**NOTE:** IDEA, Part B Section 611 funds (K-12) and 619 funds (Pre-K)
State Application for IDEA, Part B Grant – Online Grants Application System
CEIS/CCEIS Plan Review Process

Is the LEA using CEIS?

Yes - Mandatory CCEIS

No - STOP

Voluntary CEIS

Carry over CEIS

Submit CEIS Plan to be Reviewed by BESE Review Team

Yes - BESE approved CEIS Plan

No - Address Concerns of the CEIS Plan

Enter Approved CEIS Plan into the Online Grant Application System
A Quick Overview of the Application – Program Main Menu

**Program Main Menu**

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- Administrative Case Management

Entitlement Narratives
IDEA General and Special Assurances/Maintenance of Effort

Budgetary Amounts  Fiscal year 2020-21 ___________________ Fiscal year 2021-22 ___________________

Expenditures  Fiscal Year 2019-20 ___________________

These figures are calculated:

☐ Using local funds only
☑ the combination of state and local funds

These figures represent:

☑ Total amounts
☐ Per capita amounts

Will you be reducing MOE for the FY 2021-22?

☐ Yes
☑ No

If Yes, please explain: Explanations must be provided when the fiscal year 2021-22 budgeted number is less than that of the 2019-20 fiscal year expenditures.
Permissive Use of Funds – Click the link Coordinated Early Intervening Services (CEIS)

COORDINATED EARLY INTERVENING SERVICES (CEIS)

Instructions: According to 34 CFR §300.226 or §300.646, describe the services or programs that will be implemented using IDEA, Part B, coordinated early intervening services (CEIS) funds.

Is the LEA using CEIS funds for the fiscal year 2021-22?

- YES: CONTINUE TO THE NEXT QUESTION.
- NO: THE LEA SHOULD SKIP THE CEIS SECTION.

Is your district required to use comprehensive CEIS funds for the fiscal year 2021-22?

- YES: MANDATORY CCEIS: THE LEA MUST RESERVE THE MAXIMUM ALLOWED FOR INTERVENING SERVICES (15%) TO PROVIDE COMPREHENSIVE CEIS. COMPLETE ALL SECTIONS BELOW.
- NO: VOLUNTARY CEIS: THE DISTRICT MAY NOT USE MORE THAN 15% TO PROVIDE EARLY INTERVENING SERVICE. LEA USING VOLUNTARY CEIS FUNDS SHOULD COMPLETE THE BELOW SECTION. LEA using carry forward only, should use the approved purpose, root cause of analysis, goals and strategies responses from the prior year’s CEIS plan. Provide a new progress monitoring, use of funds, and discretionary projects responses in the below text boxes.
Coordinated Early Intervening Services (CEIS)

CEIS Plan Narrative

• Purpose
• Root Cause of Analysis
• Goals
• Strategies
• Progress Monitoring
• Use of Funds
• Discretionary Projects
Carry-Forward Allocation for Comprehensive CEIS

• Reserved funds must be used during the period of their eligibility for CCEIS.

• If an LEA was required to provide CCEIS 2020-21 and did not expend the full amount required, any unexpended funds must be carried forward into 2021-22.

• The carryover requirement still applies even if the significant disproportionality is resolved during that timeframe.

https://sites.ed.gov/idea/idea-files/osep-memo-08-09-coordinated-early-intervening-services/
Carry-Forward Allocation for Voluntary CEIS

• Reserved funds must be used during the period of their eligibility for CEIS.
• If an LEA voluntarily set aside funds, the LEA may use up to the maximum amount allowed for CEIS (15 percent).
• If an LEA voluntarily set aside funds, the LEA may reallocate any unspent funds during the time that the funds are available for obligation.

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CEIS Plan Narrative – Bottom of Page

CEIS Funds
Did the LEA use CEIS funds for FY 2020-2021?
- YES
- NO

Was the LEA required to use CEIS funds for FY 2020-2021?
- YES
- NO

Does the LEA have any unexpended funds from CEIS (carry forward amount) from FY 2020-2021?
- YES
- NO

If the LEA answered yes to all the above questions, the district is required to carry forward any unexpended CEIS funds from the previous year. Additionally, if the LEA was required to use the CEIS set-aside in years prior and those funds have remained unspent, the funds too must be carried forward until fully expended. If the LEA answered no to any of the questions above, the LEA may choose to carry forward any unspent funds for the purposes of CEIS or may reallocate those funds for IDEA purposes (34 CFR §300.646(b)(2)).

If the LEA is not using CEIS funds, Please enter zeros in the entry boxes below.

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Standard DOE Grant Forms – DOE101 – Budget

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Budget Page

If you prefer, you may upload your budget data in a "tab delimited" text file format. Go to Data Upload Screen

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IDEA Data Center (IDC) and Center for IDEA Fiscal Reporting (CIFR)

- Addressing Success Gaps: White Paper
- Addressing Success Gaps: Indicators of Success Rubric
- Data Meeting Toolkit https://www.ideadata.org/data-meeting-toolkit
- Spreadsheet for calculating disproportionality CEIS Fiscal and Student Data Tracker
- Center for IDEA Fiscal Reporting https://cifr.wested.org/resources/ceis/
Discretionary Projects that Support CEIS/CCEIS

- Student Support Services Project [http://sss.usf.edu](http://sss.usf.edu)
- Florida Positive Behavior Support Project [http://flpbs.fmhi.usf.edu](http://flpbs.fmhi.usf.edu)
- Multiagency Network for Students with Emotional/Behavioral Disabilities (SEDNET) [http://sednetfl.info](http://sednetfl.info)
- Florida Problem-Solving/Response to Intervention Project [http://www.floridartii.usf.edu](http://www.floridartii.usf.edu)
- Florida Diagnostic Learning Resource System (FDLRS) [http://www.fdlrs.org](http://www.fdlrs.org)
- Florida Inclusion Network (FIN) - LRE [www.floridainclusionnetwork.com/](http://www.floridainclusionnetwork.com/)
Resources

• Coordinated Early Intervening Services (CEIS) Resources Step by Step

• A Comparison of Mandatory Comprehensive Coordinated Early Intervening Services (CCEIS) and Voluntary Coordinated Early Intervening Services (CEIS)
  https://ideadata.org/sites/default/files/media/documents/2017-09/idc_ceis_chart.pdf

• OSEP Significant Disproportionality (Equity in IDEA) Essential Questions and Answers (pp. 21–25)
  https://www2.ed.gov/policy/speced/guid/idea/memosdcltrs/significant-disproportionality-qa-03-08-17.pdf

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