



State of Arizona

Department of Education

Exceptional Student Services



Date: May 19, 2020

To: Special Education Directors

From: Exceptional Student Services, ED-P and Private Day

Subject: ED-P Application to open on June 1, 2020 for the upcoming year.

The opening of ED-P applications (public entities) for the 2020-2021 school year has been delayed until June 1, 2020 to make internal changes to the application in preparation for next year. There will not be a definite due date until we get closer to the end of June. Failure to apply to the application may potentially cause integrity failures toward the end of the upcoming school year, which may affect state payments.

Under A.R.S. § 15-765(D), no contractual arrangements or payments can be made with other entities for ED-P funding, unless the conditions and standards prescribed by the division of special education have been met and if the public education agency is unable to provide satisfactory education and services through its facilities and personnel. This is supported under A.R.S. § 15-765(D)(2):

"If the child is placed in a special program that provides intensive services within a school district, the chief administrative official of the school district or county or other person as designated by the school district or county as responsible for special education shall verify that the pupil placed in such a program is diagnosed with an emotional disability as defined in section 15-761 and that appropriate services cannot be provided in traditional resource and self-contained special education classes."

When submitting the application for ED-P programs, public education agencies should be describing how their program is above and beyond what is currently offered in traditional resource and self-contained special education classrooms (generally classified as LRE codes of A, B, and C).

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