

\$20 Million Appropriated “Outside” of the MFP Formula

The Legislature, through Act 14 of 2016, provided \$20 million to local public school districts and charter schools outside of the MFP appropriation. The law states:

"Payable out of the state general funds to the Minimum Foundation Program to increase funding for city, parish, special schools, lab schools, and charter schools, and the Recovery School District, which shall be allocated in the same manner as provided in Fiscal year 2014-15 MFP formula in order to fund expenses related to high cost special needs students, costs related to Supplemental Course Allocation, to sustain the certificated classroom teacher pay raise provided for by appropriation in Fiscal years 2013-14, or other operational or educational expenses related to the education of children."

There is no one specific required use of this allocation, but instead, LEAs have flexibility to dedicate these funds among the four purposes noted in the law. But as you recall, specific dedications were provided in the past for High Cost Services, Supplemental Course Allocation, and pay supplements from funds appropriated outside the formula. Districts and schools are encouraged but not required to continue to budget for similar program related expenses in the 2016-2017 fiscal year. Also, districts and schools should verify any program requirements, regulations, or statutes related to any of these three areas to ensure required activities are funded even if funding is not provided via this appropriation.

The payment amounts for each LEA are provided on the Department's [website](#).