

How State Special Education Funding Impacts Eaton RESA



State Funding Obligation

School districts are required, by law, to provide special education services to students. The State of Michigan is required to reimburse school districts for a portion of their special education costs. Beginning with the 2023-24 school year, the State of Michigan is increasing the reimbursement. Even with the anticipated increase, there will still be a shortfall of \$6.1 million for school districts in Eaton RESA's service area.

The remaining funding for special education comes from federal grant dollars, millage funds and from funds allocated for general education and operations.

In order to lessen the \$6.1 million shortfall in special education funding, Eaton RESA is proposing a .9 mill millage to support special education programs across the Eaton RESA service area. If successful, the millage would provide an additional \$3 million dollars per year for 10 years.

School Year	Percent reimbursed by the state to Eaton RESA	Special Education Shortfall
2022-23	75% of required 28.613% (actual reimbursement rate of 21.4%)	\$6.8 million
2023-24	100% of required 28.613%	\$6.1 million

The scenario below outlines the state special education reimbursement a district would receive if they submitted expenses totaling \$500,000. Additional reimbursement is collected from federal grant program, local millages and is supplemented by general education funds.

Amount submitted for reimbursement	\$500,000
Amount paid by state funds 2022-23 (reimbursed at 75% of required 28.613%)	\$80,000
Amount paid by state funds 2023-24 (reimbursed at 100% of required 28.613%)	\$143,065



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