

Selected Special Education Funding Data 3/26/2025

Table 1. Illustration of District Discrepancies
(FY23, Approximate / Rounded numbers)

	District A	District B	District C	District D
Special Education Students	250	250	320	320
Identification Rate	12.5%	12.2%	24.1%	20.8%
Total SPED Spending	\$3.3 M	\$5.6 M	\$3.5 M	\$6.2 M
Spending per SPED pupil	\$13,000	\$22,000	\$11,000	\$19,600
Step 6 Adjustment	\$400 K	\$2,400 K	\$650 K	\$3,200 K
Adjustment per pupil	\$1,600	\$9,400	\$2,000	\$10,000

From Part I Briefing Handouts:

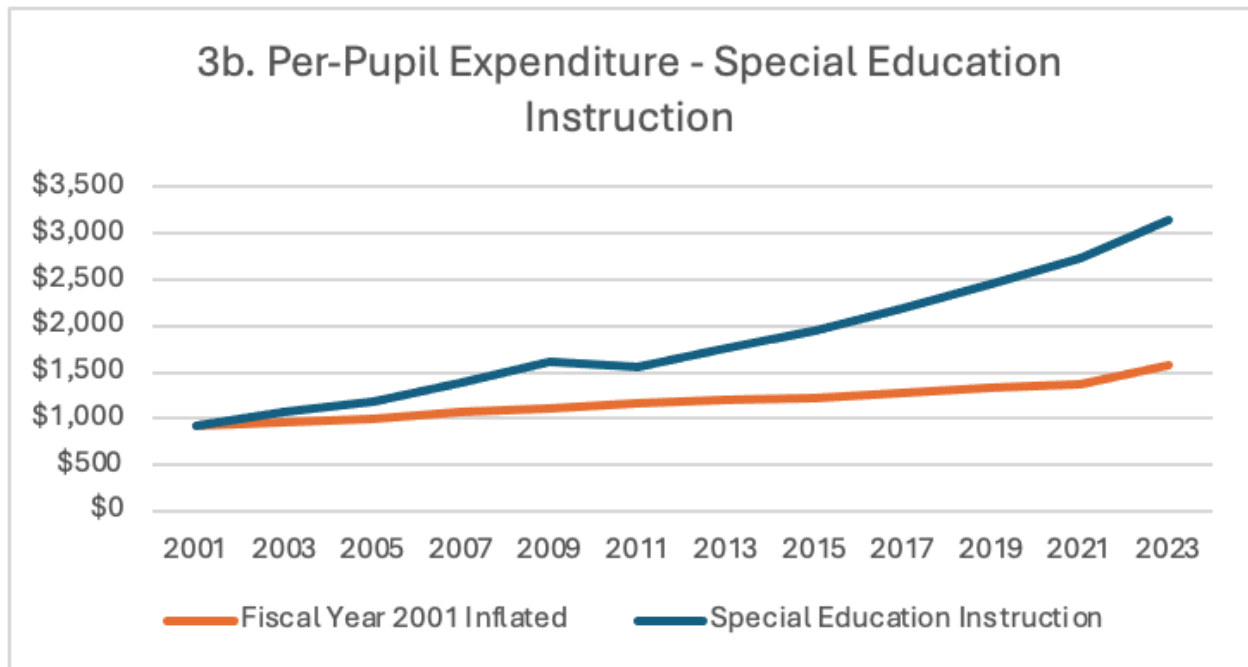


Table 2. Statewide special education spending in FY 2023*

Category	Total FY2023 Expenditure	%age of total
1. Teacher Salary & Benefits	\$175,395,939	33.9%
2. Ed Tech Salary & Benefits	\$154,354,771	29.8%
3. Related Services	\$95,814,858	18.5%
4. Administration	\$45,546,168	8.8%
5. Out of District Tuition	\$36,497,412	7.1%
6. Unassigned (All Other)	\$9,647,190	1.9%
Total	\$517,256,337	100%

*To prevent double counting, \$10.0M in tuition payments between SAUs are excluded.

Table 3. Special Education Identification Rates by Disability Category

Disability Category	AY 2015 N=182,831		AY 2025 N=172,624		Change in Identification rate
	N	%	N	%	
Specific Learning Disability	9168	5.0%	9221	5.3%	6.5%
Other Health Impairment	6276	3.4%	8789	5.1%	48.3%
Speech/Language Impairment	5392	2.9%	5550	3.2%	9.0%
Autism	2790	1.5%	4909	2.8%	86.4%
Multiple Disabilities	2879	1.6%	2667	1.5%	-1.9%
Emotional Disability	2231	1.2%	2269	1.3%	7.7%
Intellectual Disability	706	0.4%	959	0.6%	43.9%
All Other*	479	0.3%	493	0.3%	–
Total	29,921	16.4%	34,857	20.2%	23.4%

*Developmentally Delayed; Hearing Impairment; Deafness; Deaf-blindness; Orthopedic Impairment; Traumatic Brain Injury; and Visual Impairment, including Blindness.