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## **Special Incidence Portion (SIP)**

## **Special Incidence Portion (SIP) New for 2010-11**

1. For SIP claims on behalf of students with a safety or health and safety claim, the Characteristics Form for Safety Claims (Appendix F) must be included with all applicable boxes checked and information completed. The form must be signed by the Supervisory Officer of Special Education.
2. The Summary of Student Needs (Appendix B) is mandatory for all SIP claims.
3. Certain documentation no longer needs to be submitted with the SIP application package, but must be available for review by Ministry staff if requested. The items that no longer need to be submitted are:
  - The IPRC document of decision;
  - The transition plan;
  - The student report card; and
  - Intervention logs.
4. Approved health claims will be considered for a three-year renewal period in order to reduce administrative burden to school boards. School boards will be informed of those claims that have successfully met the health criteria and will be placed on a three-year renewal cycle.
5. Information regarding the number of support staff allocated to the student's classroom, the name of the classroom teacher and school will be gathered on the application form.

## **Special Incidence Portion (SIP)**

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Continuing in 2010-11, school boards may apply for Special Incidence Portion (SIP) funding for staff support to ensure the health and safety both of students who have extraordinarily high needs related to their disabilities and/or exceptionalities and of others at school.

Where approved, the Ministry will grant up to a maximum of \$27,000 per full time (1.0 ADE) student per year. In the case of junior and senior Kindergarten students funded by the Ministry for the full day Early Learning Program, where approved, the Ministry will grant up to a maximum \$27,000. All other junior and senior kindergarten claims will be funded to a maximum of \$13,500.

For all SIP claims, the Ministry requires that the identified additional supports be in place to respond to the student's needs **prior to** submitting an application for additional funding for staff support. Submissions for 2010-11 SIP funding are due on December 15, 2010.

Boards will ensure that, in addition to any other obligations to give notice under the Municipal Freedom of Information and Privacy Act (MFIPPA), the board has informed the parent that a SIP claim had been submitted to the ministry, in accordance with this guideline, to partially offset the cost of support and services provided by the board for their child.

The SIP allocation for the 2010-11 fiscal year is the sum of all approved special incidence claims for pupils of the board, after any adjustment required under section 24(5) and (6) of the Grants for Student Needs Regulation.

### **Eligibility Criteria for SIP**

#### **Health and Safety**

School boards may apply for SIP funding on behalf of students who require more than two full-time equivalent board-paid staff providing intensive support for the health and safety of the applicant student, other students and/or staff. This additional support may be provided by behavioural assistants, teachers' assistants, education assistants, child and youth workers, health/personal care assistants or any other equivalent assistants.

The student will be enrolled in a regular class with special education support or a special education class.

A health claim may be submitted on behalf of a student who has a diagnosed medical condition that requires more than two full-time board paid staff to provide intensive support to maintain the health of the student.

Applications for Health Claims must be accompanied by the Health Claims Checklist (Appendix E). If the claim meets the criteria for the Health Claim Checklist it may be considered for approval in 2010-11 for a three-year period. For year 2 and year 3 the amount of funding will be determined by the re-submission of the timetable.

A safety claim may be submitted on behalf of a student who requires more than two full-time board paid staff to provide intensive support for the safety of the student and/or others from behaviour that is injurious to self and/or others. In 2010-11 boards will be asked to submit the Characteristics Form for Safety Claims (Appendix F) for all safety claims.

Health and safety claims are those combining aspects of both health and safety claims.

## **Staff Support Level Timetable**

SIP is intended to offset the additional staff costs for a student who needs more than two full-time staff providing intensive support according to the formula in the SIP Staff Support Level Timetable (Appendix D). Funding approval will be based on the current school year timetable at the time of submission.

The SIP Staff Support Level Timetable submitted on or before December 15, 2010 in support of a claim for 2010-11 SIP funding (new, renewal or renewal adjusted) must demonstrate staff support in place in the 2010-11 school year.

### **Eligible Board-Paid Staff Support**

Staff counted in the Staff Support Level Timetable must be supporting the student for at least 10% of the student's hours during a week on a regularly scheduled basis, for the entire school year.

Time spent by behavioural assistants, teachers' assistants, child and youth workers, health/personal care assistants or any other equivalent assistants may be included on the timetable, provided that these staff are spending regularly scheduled time with the applicant student and the support is documented in the current Individual Education Plan (IEP).

Classroom teacher time can be counted as intensive support where the teacher is a special education teacher in a special education class. A special education teacher providing support to the applicant student enrolled in a regular class can also be counted. The total number of students in the class must be shown in the appropriate column(s) in the timetable.

**Only staff with a special education assignment can be included in the calculation of intensive support.** Teacher time in a regular classroom is not included in the calculation of intensive support. These teachers' salaries are funded through the Foundation Grant.

The time that the student spends with other students can be counted as part of the claimed level of support as long as the assigned support person(s) are in attendance and small group interaction is part of the student's program.

The Staff Support Level Timetable should **not** include time spent by board-paid professional staff (e.g. psychologist, social worker, etc.) except in exceptional circumstances where the board documents that a student's program includes a significant level of regularly scheduled interactions with the student by board-paid professional staff. This support must total at least 10% of the student's hours during a week on a regularly scheduled basis and continue over the school year. The scheduled time must be shown on the timetable in column C and must be documented in the current IEP. (Column C)

Start/Finish Times	Column A	Column B	Column C
	Educational Assistants	Teachers	Other Staff

### Staff Support Calculation

It should be noted that "more than two full-time equivalent board-paid staff" does not necessarily mean that the same two or more people are assigned exclusively to one student. Rather, the total of all eligible board staff interacting with the student will be added up to arrive at the number of full-time staff supporting the student.

The Staff Support Level timetable will be used to report all staff supporting the student.

For all SIP applications the calculation formula uses a 300 minute student day to determine the amount of SIP funding to be provided for an eligible student up to a maximum of \$27,000 per student for full-time students (1.0 ADE) including junior and senior Kindergarten students funded by the Ministry for the full day Early Learning Program. All other junior and senior Kindergarten claims will be funded to a maximum of \$13,500.

<b>Calculation of Staff Support Level per Activity (refer to Appendix D)</b>	
# of staff _____	# of minutes (activity) _____
# of students	300 minutes (day)
x	
or, Staff Support Level = #staff divided by # students, multiplied by #minutes divided by 300	

<p><b>Total Staff Support Level</b> _____</p> <p><b>(as determined at time of application found in Appendix D: Staff Support Level Timetable Box "D")</b></p> <p><b>(_____ total staff support - 2.0 ) x \$27,000 = _____</b></p>
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## Documentation Required for SIP Claims

The following documentation is required as evidence of the applicant student’s need for staff support. The documents must reflect the student’s programs and services for the current school year (2010-11).

December 15, 2010 is the submission deadline for the documentation in support of SIP applications. Only claims received on or before the December 15, 2010 submission deadline will be considered for funding in the 2010-11 school year.

A checklist of required documents has been provided for all claims (Appendix A). This checklist is to assist staff in claim preparation. Please note:

### ***Behaviour Support Plan (BSP)***

A behaviour support plan is a written plan that is designed to target the underlying reason for behaviour, replace the inappropriate behaviour with an appropriate behaviour that serves the same function, and reduce or eliminate the challenging behaviour. In school boards, behaviour support plans are sometimes referred to as behaviour management plans.

### ***Safety Plan***

A safety plan is a plan developed for a student whose behaviour is known to pose an ongoing risk to him or herself, other students, staff, or other people in general. It can serve as a crisis-response plan that outlines the roles and responsibilities of the staff in dealing with specific problem behaviours. The development of a safety plan involves all staff who work on an ongoing basis with a student, as well as parents and the representatives from any community agencies working with the student/family.

All SIP claims for the 2010-11 school year require a current IEP for the student, signed by the principal, documenting the student’s need for staff support such that the IEP:

1. connects to program and report card,
2. reflects a logical thread from assessment data to the student's areas of strength and need, accommodation and program section,

3. provides, in the program section, measurable learning expectations related to Ontario curriculum for modified subjects/courses, and/or alternative skills areas as appropriate,
4. when the student has SEA equipment, documents the student is using the equipment and, where appropriate, that the student is using the SEA equipment for provincial testing, and
5. documents, in the human resource section, the board-paid staff and support that are identified and shown in the staff support timetable.

For SIP claims on behalf of students with a health or health and safety claim, the Characteristics Checklist for Health Claims (Appendix E) must be completed (with all applicable boxes checked). The form must be signed by the Supervisory Officer of Special Education.

For SIP claims on behalf of students with a safety or health and safety claim, the Characteristics Form for Safety Claims (Appendix F) must be completed. The form should be completed for students who are Level 3 and 4 on the severity risk scale found at the top of the form. The form must be signed by the Supervisory Officer of Special Education.

### **Claims Process**

For each SIP claim the Board will submit to the Ministry by December 15, 2010:

- **one paper copy** of the relevant documents listed in Appendix A (signed, where appropriate);
- electronic submissions of Appendices B, C and D, and as appropriate, Appendix E and/or F; and

### **SIP Approval Summary for All Claims**

The board will submit by December 15, 2010, to the Ministry the following SIP Approval Summary (Appendix G):

- a paper copy that shows all new, renewal/renewal adjusted claims, signed by the Supervisory Officer certifying that the claims submitted are in compliance with this Guideline; and,
- an electronic copy of the same.

## **Business Cycle/Application Process**

### **Business Cycle**

The application process for SIP will continue to be connected to the Ministry's financial reporting cycle.

## **Connection to Financial Reporting**

In order for school boards to receive SIP funding as part of their regular payments from the Ministry, it is important that board staff provide appropriate information on the expected number of claims and financial allocations within the board's standard financial reports to the Ministry.

In June of each year, boards should include estimated funding for all SIP claims for the following school year in their Estimates submission for education funding.

In December of each year, boards need to include estimated funding for all SIP claims in their Revised Estimates. This financial information should be provided to each board's finance department in a timely manner and should be based on the expected number of approved claims and the anticipated amount of funding for these claims.

In the winter of the next year, boards need to include in financial statements their final SIP funding allocation.

## **Ministry Review**

During the school year, the Ministry will conduct a review of SIP claim documentation which may include classroom, school and/or board visits. It is expected, at a minimum, that school boards will retain a copy of all documentation to support the claim.

At any time, the Ministry may review any documentation in support of the SIP claim and may conduct classroom, school and/or board visits which may include reviewing:

- safety and/or behaviour logs (updated where appropriate after application has been submitted).
- other relevant documentation maintained by the board documenting the student's academic program and progress; and
- board training and/or professional development to ensure staff are aware of and trained in appropriate health and/or safety intervention approaches.

The business cycle for the SIP application process will be the following:

### **SIP Application Process for School Boards for the 2009-10 school year**

#### **June 30, 2010**

- Boards will submit in their Estimates financial report to the Ministry their projected SIP funding for the next school year.

#### **December 15, 2010**

- Boards will submit to the Regional Office:
  - the SIP Approval Summary (see Appendix E) of their SIP new, renewal/renewal adjusted claims; and
  - all documentation required for each individual claim as per checklist (Appendix A).
- Boards will submit in their Revised Estimates financial report to the Ministry their revised SIP funding projection for new, renewal/renewal adjusted claims, for the current school year.

#### **June 30, 2011**

- The Ministry will have reviewed, approved and finalized all new and renewal/renewal adjusted SIP claims.
- The Ministry will notify boards of the decisions made.

#### **Fall/Winter 2011**

- Financial statements of boards will identify the final SIP funding allocation.

## Appendix A: Special Incidence Portion (SIP) Checklist of Documentation for All Claims

Note: An electronic version will be available through the Ministry's Regional Offices

	Student Name : School Number : School Name : School Board :	
1.	Checklist of Documentation (Appendix A)	
2.	Summary of student's need for intensive staff support or other relevant information (Appendix B) - <i>signed by the Principal</i>	
3.	SIP Application Form (Appendix C) - <i>signed by the Supervisory Officer</i>	
4.	SIP Staff Support Level Timetable (Appendix D) - <i>signed by the Principal</i>	
5.	Characteristics for Health Claims Checklist (Appendix E), for Health or Health & Safety needs - <i>signed by the Supervisory Officer</i>	
6.	Characteristics for Safety Claims Form (Appendix F), for Safety or Health & Safety needs - <i>signed by the Supervisory Officer</i>	
7.	Individual Education Plan (IEP) ( <i>Current Year</i> )	
8.	Behaviour Support Plan ( <i>Updated for Renewals</i> ) and/or Health/Medical Management Plan ( <i>Updated for Renewals</i> )	
9.	Safety Plan, where applicable ( <i>Updated for Renewals</i> )	
10.	Assessments ( <i>Updated for Renewals</i> ) if available	
11.	Documentation of Inter-Agency Involvement ( <i>Updated for Renewals</i> )	

## Appendix B: Summary of Student's Needs

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Note: An electronic version will be available through the Ministry's Regional Offices

Student Name:

School Name:

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Please provide a brief description of the health and/or safety needs of the student.

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How does the assigned staff work with this student to support the student's health and/or safety needs during a typical school day?

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### Certification

I certify that the information contained in this document is to the best of my knowledge a reflection of the students needs for intensive staff support.

\_\_\_\_\_  
SCHOOL PRINCIPAL  
(Please Print)

\_\_\_\_\_  
DATE  
(YYYY/MM/DD)

\_\_\_\_\_  
SIGNATURE OF SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

# Appendix C: Special Incidence Portion (SIP) Application Form

Note: An electronic version will be available through the Ministry's Regional Offices

DSB INFORMATION				
Board Number :				
Board Name :				
Contact Person (name, job title, phone) :				
	Last Name	First Name	Job Title	Phone
STUDENT INFORMATION				
Last Name :			Panel (Elem = 1, Sec = 2) :	
First Name :			School Number :	
Middle Name :			School Name :	
Birth Date :			Teacher Name :	
	Year	Month	Day	Placement :
Sex (M/F) :				Year of 1st SIP Claim :
OEN : (No dashes or spaces)			Claim Type :	
IPRC (Y/N) :				(Health, Safety, Health & Safety)
Exceptionalities :			Additional Details Pertaining to Multiple Exceptionality or Non-Identified Students	
If multiple or non-identified, provide additional details			1. <input style="width: 50px;" type="text"/>	2. <input style="width: 50px;" type="text"/>
Application Type :			3. <input style="width: 50px;" type="text"/>	
(New, Renewal, Renewal Adjusted)				
JK & K Day Structure :			Extended Day Program :	
SIP funding calculation based on Staff Support Level Timetable (Appendix C) \$ <input style="width: 100px;" type="text"/>				
OTHER SUPPORTS IN PLACE FOR THE STUDENT				
Equipment :				
SEA Equipment current year (Y/N)				
School Allocation of Educational Assistants :		Classroom Allocation of Educational Assistants :		
Board-Paid Professionals/Paraprofessionals providing support (including contracted staff) :				
Services provided by other Ministries/other Agencies (specify) :				
Transportation Arrangements (dedicated to the applicant student) :	To School	# Board-paid staff	# SIP Students	Minutes
	From School	# Board-paid staff	# SIP Students	Minutes
Building/Classroom Accommodations (provide details and date completed, if new since last claim) :				

**Certification:**

I certify that the information contained in this document is a true reflection of the program provided to the student at the time of application.

_____ SUPERVISORY OFFICER <small>(Please Print)</small>	_____ DATE <small>(Year, Month, Day)</small>	_____ SIGNATURE OF SUPERVISORY OFFICER
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# Appendix E: Characteristics Checklist for Health Claims

Note: An electronic version will be available through the Ministry's Regional Offices

Last Name :   
 First Name :   
 Birth Date :  Year  Month  Day   
 Sex (M/F) :   
 OEN :   
 No Dashes or Spaces  
 Board Number :   
 Board Name :   
 Placement :   
 Claim Type :   
 (Health, Safety, or Health & Safety)

Adapted from the Report of the Paediatric Complex Care Coordination Expert Panel May 2008  
 CHECK all characteristics that apply:

<p><b>1. Technology dependent and/or users of high intensity care during the school day</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Child is dependent at least part of each school day on mechanical ventilators.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Child requires prolonged intravenous administration of nutritional substances, or drugs.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Child has prolonged (≥1 month) dependence on other device-based support, including:           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• tracheostomy/tube care,</li> <li>• suctioning,</li> <li>• oxygen support, or</li> <li>• tube feeding.</li> </ul> </li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Child has prolonged (≥1 month) dependence on any other medical devices to compensate for vital bodily functions, and requires daily or near daily nursing care, e.g.,           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• apnea (cardiorespiratory) monitors</li> <li>• renal dialysis due to kidney failure</li> <li>• urinary catheters or colostomy bags plus substantial nursing care.</li> </ul> </li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Child is not technologically dependent but has any chronic condition that requires as great a level of care as the above group, such as:           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• children who, as a consequence of their illness, are completely dependent on others for activities of daily living at an age when they would not otherwise be so dependent</li> <li>• children who require constant medical or nursing supervision or monitoring resulting from the complexity of their condition and/or the quantity of oral drugs and therapy they receive.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	AND	<p><b>2. Fragility</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> The child has severe and/or life-threatening disease.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Failure of equipment or treatment places the child at immediate risk.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Short-term changes in the child's health status (e.g., an intercurrent illness) puts them at immediate serious health risk.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> As a consequence of the child's illness, the child remains at significant risk of unpredictable life-threatening deterioration, necessitating round-the-clock monitoring by a knowledgeable caregiver.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> The child has had 2 or more admissions to hospital lasting 10 or more days in the past year.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> The child has had 10 or more outpatient clinic visits in the past year.</li> </ul>	AND	<p><b>3. Chronicity</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> The child's condition is expected to last at least 6 more months.</li> </ul>	AND	<p><b>4. Complexity</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Involvement of multiple health care practitioners.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Health care services delivered in at least 3 of the following locations:           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Home</li> <li>• School</li> <li>• Hospital</li> <li>• Children's Treatment Centre</li> <li>• Community-based clinic (e.g. doctor's office)</li> <li>• Other (at clinician's discretion).</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
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**Certification:**  
 I certify that the information contained in this document is to the best of my knowledge a reflection of the student's health at the time of application.

SUPERVISORY OFFICER (Please Print)

DATE (Year, Month, Day)

SIGNATURE OF SUPERVISORY OFFICER

# Appendix F: Characteristics Checklist for Safety Claims

Note: An electronic version will be available through the Ministry's Regional Offices

Last Name :		Year, Month, Day	
First Name :		Birth Date :	Board Number :
OEN :		Sex (M/F) :	Board Name :
No Dashes or Spaces		Placement :	
		Claim Type :	
		(Health, Safety, or Health & Safety)	

**Severity Scale – This form is only for students who would be Level Three (3) or higher on the Severity Scale with staff supports in place. This form is for information gathering purposes. Please consider the student's behaviours in general terms when filling out this form.**

1. In general, incidents do not result in injury to student or others.
2. In general, incidents result in minor injury or trauma not requiring medical treatment.
3. In general, incidents result in injury or trauma requiring medical treatment at the school level for either the student or others.
4. Incidents have resulted in injury or trauma requiring medical treatment at a hospital for either the student or others.

**COMPLETE the table below. Note space available for text is limited.**

Types of Observable Behaviour of particular concern. (Provide a brief description in the space below)	Context Description of the environment where the behaviour generally occurs.	Is the behaviour injurious to self?	Is the behaviour injurious to others?	Are there factors unique to the student that increase risk? (e.g., size and/or strength, medical fragility)	Antecedents Can the triggers of the behaviour be identified? (e.g., environmental, transitions, generalized anxiety)	Is the function of the behaviour known? (e.g., sensory, escape, attention)	Severity (Frequency) Daily Weekly Monthly Please specify how many incidents per day, week or month	Severity What are the outcomes of the behaviour using the severity scale above? Drop down Include Level 3 or 4 from the severity scale above	Is there a review of planning or program after an incident? If so, briefly describe.
Repetitive/Obsessive Behaviour Resulting in Injury									
Oppositional/Non-compliant Behaviour Resulting in Injury									
Aggression including Threatened and/or Actual Behaviours									
Destructive Behaviours Resulting in Injury									
Other Behaviours Resulting in Injury (include a description)									

**Certification:**  
I certify that the information contained in this document is to the best of my knowledge a reflection of the student's behavioural characteristics and safety needs at the time of application.

SUPERVISORY OFFICER (Please Print)	DATE (Year, Month, Day)
	SIGNATURE OF SUPERVISORY OFFICER



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## **Acronyms**

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<b>ADE</b>	<b>Average Daily Enrolment</b>
<b>ADP</b>	<b>Assistive Devices Program</b>
<b>CCAC</b>	<b>Community Care Access Centre</b>
<b>EA</b>	<b>Education Assistant</b>
<b>FTE</b>	<b>Full-Time Equivalent</b>
<b>GSN</b>	<b>Grants for Student Needs - Legislative Grants for the 2008-2009 School Board Fiscal Year</b>
<b>IEP</b>	<b>Individual Education Plans</b>
<b>IPRC</b>	<b>Identification, Placement and Review Committee</b>
<b>IT</b>	<b>Information Technology</b>
<b>MOHLTC</b>	<b>Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care</b>
<b>OEN</b>	<b>Ontario Education Number</b>
<b>OESS</b>	<b>Ontario Educational Software Service</b>
<b>OHIP</b>	<b>Ontario Health Insurance Plan</b>
<b>OSAPAC</b>	<b>Ontario Software Acquisition Program Advisory Committee</b>
<b>SEA</b>	<b>Special Equipment Amount</b>
<b>SIP</b>	<b>Special Incidence Portion</b>
<b>TA</b>	<b>Teacher Assistant</b>