Education Funding

Special Education Funding Guidelines

Special Incidence Portion (SIP)

2015-16



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Special Incidence Portion (SIP)

Special Incidence Portion (SIP) New for 2015-16

There are no changes for 2015-16.

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Three Year Renewals for Students with Diagnosed Medical Conditions

A health claim or a health and safety claim may be submitted on behalf of a student who, as a consequence of their diagnosed medical condition, is dependent on more than two full-time board paid staff to provide intensive support for activities of daily living including health and/or safety at an age when they would not otherwise be so dependent.

Appendix E should be filled out for all Health and Health and Safety Claims. A claim should be considered a Health and Safety claim where the required level of support is due or partially due, to a condition diagnosed by a medical practitioner.

Applications for Health Claims must be accompanied by the Health and Health and Safety Claims Checklist (Appendix E). If the claim meets the criteria for the Health and Health and Safety Claim Checklist it may be considered for approval in 2015-16 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 (Appendix D).

Boards will receive a summary from the Ministry through their Regional Office in the fall of 2015 outlining the students that have been approved for three year renewals and where in the three year renewal process they currently stand.

For students who have completed one three year cycle and are beginning another, boards will be asked to resubmit all applicable documentation as per these guidelines.

Boards are also asked to record the status of a student's three year renewal on Appendix C: Special Incidence Portion (SIP) Application Form while ensuring that this is aligned with the Board summary provided by the Ministry.

In the event a student moves during the three year renewal cycle to another Ontario school board, and qualifies for SIP funding as per these guidelines, the claim will be considered a new claim, and all applicable documentation should be submitted to the Ministry with the board's other SIP claims.

Special Incidence Portion (SIP)

Continuing in 2015-16, 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. . A student in a modified day/half day program is eligible for a maximum of \$13,500 in funding.

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 2015-16 SIP funding are due on December 15, 2015.

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 2015-16 fiscal year is the sum of all approved special incidence claims for pupils of the board, after any adjustment required under section 25 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, as a consequence of their diagnosed medical condition, is dependent on more than two full-time board paid staff to provide intensive support for activities of daily living including health and/or safety at an age when they would not otherwise be so dependent.

Applications for Health Claims must be accompanied by the Health and Health and Safety Claims Checklist (Appendix E). If the claim meets the criteria for the Health and Health and Safety Claim Checklist it may be considered for approval in 2015-16 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 (Appendix D).

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.

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 equivalent 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, 2015 in support of a claim for 2015-16 SIP funding (new or renewal) must demonstrate staff support in place in the 2015-16 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). A student in a modified day/half day program is eligible for a maximum of \$13,500 in funding

Calculation of Staff Support Level per Activity (refer to Appendix D)										
# of staff	.,	# of minutes (activity)								
	X									
# of students		300 minutes (day)								
or, Staff Support Level = #staff div	vided by # stude	ents, multiplied by #minutes divided by 300								
Total Staff Support Level										
(as determined at time of applicati Timetable Box "D")	on found in Ap	pendix D: Staff Support Level								
(total staff support -	2.0) x \$27,000	0 =								

Documentation Required for SIP Claims

All documents submitted to support SIP claims must reflect the student's programs and services for the current school year (2015-16).

December 15, 2015 is the submission deadline for the documentation in support of SIP applications. Only claims received on or before the December 15, 2015 submission deadline will be considered for funding in the 20145-16school 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:

All SIP claims for the 2015-16 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.

When determining if the SIP claim is a health, a safety or a health and safety claim, please determine the primary need for the staff support the student requires.

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

For previously approved health claims and health and safety claims that are on a three-year renewal cycle, boards are to submit application form (Appendix C) and a revised timetable for the current academic year (Appendix D). No further documentation will be required.

Claims Process

For each SIP claim the Board will submit to the Ministry by December 15, 2015:

- 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

SIP Approval Summary for All Claims

The board will submit by December 15, 2015, to the Ministry the following SIP Approval Summary (Appendix G):

- a paper copy that shows all new and renewal 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.

SIP Application Process for School Boards for the 2015-16 school year

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

June 30, 2015

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

December 15, 2015

- Boards will submit to the Regional Office:
 - the SIP Approval Summary (see Appendix E) of their SIP new and renewal 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 and renewal claims, for the current school year.

June 30, 2016

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

Fall/Winter 2016

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

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

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.

Appendix B: Summary of Student's Needs

Note: An electronic version will be available through the Ministry's Regional Offices									
Student Name:									
School Name:									
DSB No.:									
DSB Name:									
Please provide a brief descrip	tion of the health and/or safe	ety needs of the student.							
How does the assigned staff we needs during a typical school of		port the student's health and/or safety							
Certification I certify that the information conta students needs for intensive staff		best of my knowledge a reflection of the							
SCHOOL PRINCIPAL (Please Print)	DATE (YYYY/MM/DD)	SIGNATURE OF SCHOOL PRINCIPAL							

Appendix C: Special Incidence Portion (SIP) Application Form

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DSB INFORMATION								
Board Number :								
Board Name :			<u> </u>					
Contact Person (name, job title, pho	ne) :							
		Last Name)	First Name	Job Title		Phone	
STUDENT INFORMATION								
Last Name :				Panel (E	lem = 1, Sec = 2) :			_
First Name :				School N	lumber :			
Middle Name :				School N	lame :			
	Year	Month	Day	Teacher	Name :			
Birth Date :				Placeme	nt :			
Sex (M/F):					Year of Renewal:			
OEN: (No dashes or spaces)	<u> </u>			Claim Ty				
IPRC (Y/N):					dditional Details Pertaining or Non-Identifie		ionality	_
Exceptionalities: If multiple or non-identified, provide additional details				1.	2.		3.	
Application Type :								
(New, Renewal) Modified Day (Full-Time):								
(If Applicable, Enter the Number Days in Attendance / Week)								
Modified Day (Part-Time) : (If Applicable, Enter the Number of Minutes / Days in Attendance)								
OTHER SUPPORTS IN PLACE FO	OR THE ST	UDENT						
SEA Equipment current year (Y/N)								
School Allocation of Educational Assistants :			Classroo	m Allocation of E	ducational 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 sta	ff	# SIP Stude	nts Minutes			
approximentally :								
	From School	# Board-paid sta	ff	# SIP Stude	nts Minutes			
Certification: I certify that the information contained	ed in this doc	ument is a true	e reflectio	n of the prograi	m provided to the stud	lent at the time	e of application.	
SUPERVISORY OFFICER (Please Print)		DATE (Year, Month	Day)		SIGNATURE OF	SUPERVISO	ORY OFFICER	

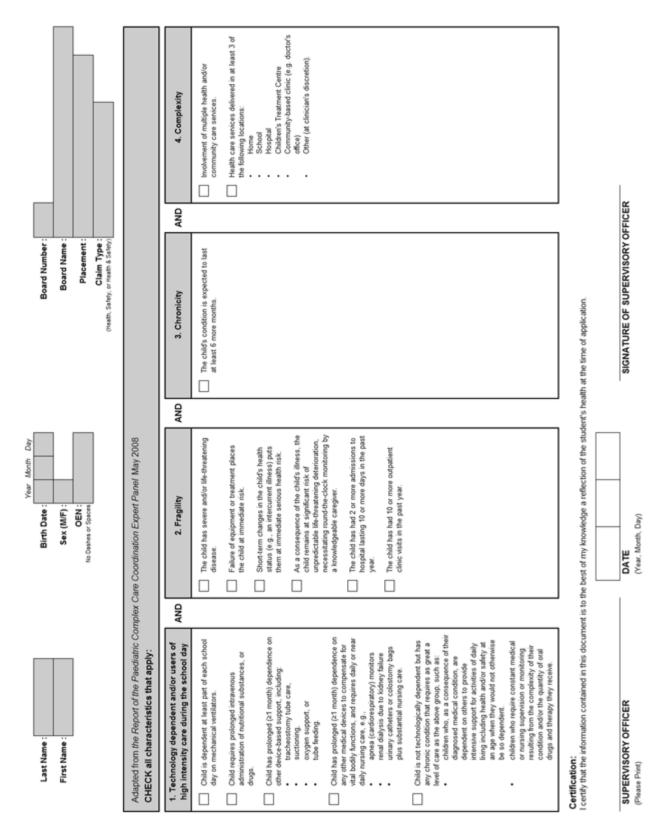
Appendix D: Special Incidence Portion (SIP) Staff Support Level Timetable

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	Last Name :							Board I	Numb	er :												
	First Name :				Board Name :			ne :														
		Year	Month	Day	School Name :																	
	Birth Date :				Placement :					ent :									Teacher Name:			
	Sex (M/F) :				Claim Type : (Health, Safety, or Health & Safety)													School Allocation of EA				
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		SIP funded staff support level multiplied by \$27,000 : (maximum \$27,000)																				
Actual Student Day Minutes Formula uses student day of 300 minutes Certification:																						
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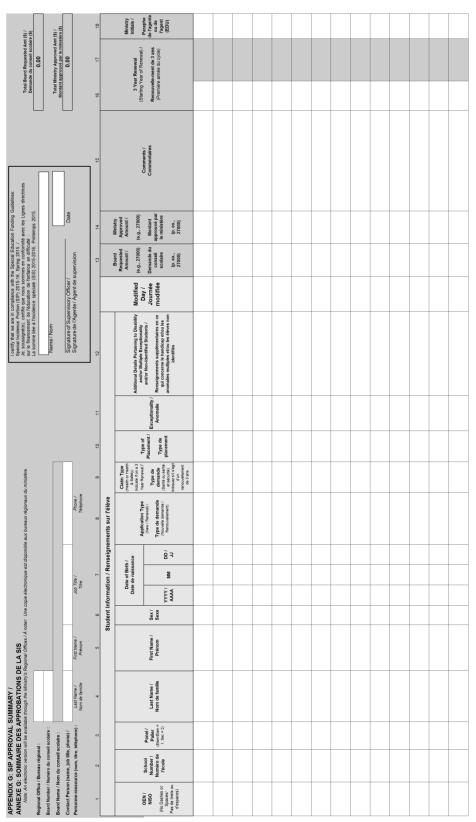
Appendix E: Characteristics Checklist for Health Claims

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Appendix G: SIP Approval Summary

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Acronyms

ADE Average Daily Enrolment

ADP Assistive Devices Program

CCAC Community Care Access Centre

EA Education Assistant

FTE Full-Time Equivalent

GSN Grants for Student Needs - Legislative Grants for the 2014-15 School

Board Fiscal Year

IEP Individual Education Plans

IPRC Identification, Placement and Review Committee

IT Information Technology

MOHLTC Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care

OEN Ontario Education Number

OESS Ontario Educational Software Service

OHIP Ontario Health Insurance Plan

OSAPAC Ontario Software Acquisition Program Advisory Committee

SEA Special Equipment Amount

SIP Special Incidence Portion

TA Teacher Assistant