

THE MONTANA OPI
SPECIAL EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

FFY2023 PART B APPLICATION PROCESS

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FEDERAL REQUIREMENT

ANNUAL STATE APPLICATION UNDER PART B OF THE INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES EDUCATION ACT AS AMENDED IN 2004

Respondents are required to submit information for Sections I-IV of the Annual State Application in order to receive a grant under **Section(s) 611 and/or 619 of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act**. Respondents are required to provide the data in Section V pursuant to **IDEA section 618(a)(3)**, which provides the Secretary authority to collect annual data on any information that may be required by the Secretary, and **34 CFR §300.647(b)(7)**, which requires States to report all risk ratio thresholds, minimum cell sizes, minimum n-sizes, standards for measuring reasonable progress if the State uses the “reasonable progress” flexibility in **34 CFR §300.647(d)(2)**, and the rationales for each, to the Department.

FFY 2023 APPLICATION PROCESS

The OPI Special Education FFY 2023 Application Process started on March 19, 2023. Public Notice must be posted 60 days in advance of the May 24, 2023, application due date. Public comment is open from March 19 - April 21 in Montana. All public comments are directed to the Special Education Director JP Williams @ jp.Williams@mt.gov. The OPI will review and take into consideration all public comments received during the public comment period.

Public Comment notice was posted in the Legals/Government newspaper sections in the March 19 for the following cities:

Missoula

Kalispell

Great Falls

Billings Bozeman

Notice for the following cities will post on March 22:

Helena

Butte

Legal Notice



OPI LINKS & INFORMATION

[OPI IDEA Fiscal page](#)

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[Montana Proposed Set Aside for IDEA Administration](#)

[GEPA Section 472 Form](#)

[GEPA Notice to All Applicants](#)

[Montana State Plan](#)

Note:

The GEPA Section 472 Form is a new federal requirement as of 2023. Subgrant recipients after June 30, 2023, will be required to complete GEPA tab in Egrants. More information will be forthcoming in the weeks ahead.



QUESTIONS ~ FEEDBACK ~ COMMENTS

All questions, feedback, and comments may be directed to:

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- *The OPI Special Education Unit is a unified team with clear leadership that is highly responsive to school improvement, knowledge, positive attitude that benefit students*
- *Advocating through a partnership with the Special Education Advisory Panel*
- *Serving 403 School Districts, 22 Rural Cooperatives, 4 consortiums, and 12 % of Montana students*



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