

**LDOE**  
**Quarterly Report to the DD Council April 2019**

Update/progress on agency initiatives

**Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA Funding:**

IDEA provides formula grants to assist states in meeting the excess costs associated with providing special education and related services to students with disabilities. Funds in the formula grant are combined with state and local funds to provide a free and appropriate education to children with disabilities. Most IDEA formula funds are provided to states and are passed directly to school systems.

The LDOE recently launched a new Special Education funding page. You can view the page here: <https://www.louisianabelieves.com/students-with-disabilities/special-education-funding>

On this page you can find the following:

- Draft FFY 19 IDEA Grant Application
  - [https://www.louisianabelieves.com/docs/default-source/academics/draft-ffy-19-idea-grant-application.pdf?sfvrsn=a5b09f1f\\_4](https://www.louisianabelieves.com/docs/default-source/academics/draft-ffy-19-idea-grant-application.pdf?sfvrsn=a5b09f1f_4)
- FFY 19 IDEA Draft Grant Application Project Descriptions
  - [https://www.louisianabelieves.com/docs/default-source/academics/ffy-19-idea-draft-grant-application-project-descriptions.pdf?sfvrsn=a6b09f1f\\_6](https://www.louisianabelieves.com/docs/default-source/academics/ffy-19-idea-draft-grant-application-project-descriptions.pdf?sfvrsn=a6b09f1f_6)
- Public Comment form (due April 27, 2019)
  - [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdKMOq5dFc\\_G7ip7ajzerLwz2cVIRj8rFSSKvrdLmTxDfFKpQ/viewform?vc=0&c=0&w=1](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdKMOq5dFc_G7ip7ajzerLwz2cVIRj8rFSSKvrdLmTxDfFKpQ/viewform?vc=0&c=0&w=1)

**Advisory Panels:**

The LDOE runs multiple advisory panels each comprised of diverse stakeholders charged with providing feedback on specific topics relative to the purpose of the panel. All advisory panel meetings follow open meetings law and DD Council members are encouraged to attend. To learn more about the advisory panels and upcoming meetings visit:

<https://www.louisianabelieves.com/resources/library/state-advisory-councils>

The LDOE is currently seeking members for the Special Education Advisory Panel (SEAP) in the following roles:

- Parent of a child with a disability
- Teacher

- Representative of a State agency involved in the financing or delivery of related services to children with disabilities
- Representative of a public charter school
- Representative of a vocational, community, or business organization concerned with the provision of transition services to children with disabilities
- Representative from the State child welfare agency responsible for foster care

Applications are due May 7, 2019 and can be found here:

[https://www.louisianabelieves.com/docs/default-source/students-with-disabilities/seap-member-vacancy-announcement-and-application-3-27-19.pdf?sfvrsn=16d69f1f\\_6](https://www.louisianabelieves.com/docs/default-source/students-with-disabilities/seap-member-vacancy-announcement-and-application-3-27-19.pdf?sfvrsn=16d69f1f_6)