



Arizona Department of Education

Exceptional Student Services

Memorandum

To: Special Education Directors and Business Managers

From: Exceptional Student Services Program Management Unit

Date: February 19, 2021

Re: Fiscal Year 2021 High-Cost Child Claims

The Exceptional Student Services (ESS) Program Management team has approved the first round of High-Cost Child (HCC) claims for twenty-five public education agencies (PEA) and will distribute over \$700,000. There are still funds available for new applications.

Please [visit the ESS Program Management website](#) to review training materials, including a [webinar hosted in December 2020](#), a [PowerPoint presentation](#), and the [HCC quick-reference guide](#).

HCC claims may be submitted for students whose annual cost to the PEA exceeds \$25,602 or a daily rate of \$142.23 for a 180-day calendar. Each PEA in the state that has applied for and not waived the IDEA Consolidated-Entitlement grant may apply. Submit your application by March 12 to be considered for the next round of funding.

Rounds for Approval	Deadline to submit	Applications approved
March	March 12	March 15
April*	April 16	April 19
May*	May 28	June 1

If the HCC funds are exhausted before April or May, the ESS Program Management team will notify all PEAs that have applied. The maximum award for PEAs has been set at \$100,000 to provide equitable access to these funds. All application materials and data must be submitted before May 28 for funding consideration in FY2021.

Please [e-mail the ESS Program Management Inbox](#) with any questions.



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