

Coordinated Early Intervening Services

Frequently Asked Questions

Who may receive Coordinated Early Intervening Services (CEIS)?

- Students in kindergarten through 12th grade with a particular emphasis on K-3 students.
- Only general education at-risk students or students who need additional academic or behavioral support.
- Not students receiving special education programs or services.
- Not preschool children or postsecondary students.

How many students should a district identify as a target group for CEIS?

The Office of Special Education (OSE) cannot determine what number is appropriate for a district, but it should be a realistic and manageable number. The district must have a method for identifying the targeted at-risk population and must track the students that they receive CEIS for the subsequent two years.

What are the reporting requirements for CEIS?

Districts must report the number of children who received CEIS and track the number of those children who subsequently receive special education services during the current year and the next two years.

Can CEIS funds be used to hire a coordinator?

No, all funds must be spent in a way that directly impacts the targeted at-risk general education students. CEIS funded personnel must work directly with the students.

Can CEIS funds be used for administrative costs?

No, CEIS funds cannot be used for administrative costs.

Can CEIS funds be used for professional development?

Yes, if all will be directly involved with targeted at-risk general education students.

No, if all are not directly involved with targeted at-risk general education students. However, the costs can be prorated.

Can CEIS funds be used for Response-to-Intervention (RtI)?

CEIS funds may be used for academic or behavioral interventions that support targeted at-risk general education students. Rather than use the term RtI or tiered interventions, it is best to describe the components that will be implemented to support student success.

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Can CEIS funds be used for positive behavior interventions and supports (PBIS)?

Yes, to provide behavioral interventions to targeted at-risk general education students.

Can CEIS funds be used for an after school program currently using Title I funds?

No, that is supplanting.

If the after school program is expanded, then CEIS funds can supplement the Title I funds, but the CEIS funds cannot be used to reduce (supplant) the Title I funds.

Can CEIS funds be used to purchase district-wide material?

Purchases that will include students beyond the targeted at-risk general education students must be prorated.

Can CEIS funds be used to purchase technology items?

Technology items can be purchased but must be tied to some other component of the program. For example, computers can be purchased if targeted at-risk general education students will be using the computers to access a reading tutorial program.

Can 611 and 619 funds be used for all targeted students?

A district can expend up to 15 percent* of the total amount of 611 and 619 funds. If a district chooses to use, or must use, any of its 619 funds for CEIS, then those CEIS activities supported with the 619 funds may ONLY be used for kindergarten activities (not preschool).

- **Example:** The combined amount of 611 and 619 funds that a district must spend is \$250,000.
 - If it is decided to use \$200,000 from the 611 funds and \$50,000 from the 619 funds, **then \$50,000 must be spent on kindergarten activities.**
 - If it is decided to take the entire \$250,000 from the 611 funds, **then the funds may be used to support any K-12 approved program design.**

**Districts identified with significant disproportionality are required to expend the entire 15 percent.*