



OKLAHOMA STATE DEPARTMENT *of* EDUCATION
OFFICE OF SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES

MEMORANDUM

TO: Superintendents, Special Education Directors, and Contacts

FROM: Sherri Coats, Program Director, Special Education Services

DATE: June 1, 2026

SUBJECT: Project 615: Special Education Professional Development

The Oklahoma State Department of Education-Office of Special Education Services (SES) implemented Project 615 to provide additional funds to districts for professional development.

These funds may only be used for professional development activities that increase the ability of staff to ensure positive outcomes for students with disabilities. Each district will receive a set allocation for this project. Districts not completing a budget by December 31, of the current fiscal year will forfeit their allocation, and funds will be returned to the Oklahoma State Department of Education – Special Education Services. These funds will not carry over into the next fiscal year.

Examples of usage are:

- Inviting Speakers
- Purchasing Books for Staff
- Attending Conferences
- Conducting Trainings
- Attending Webinars
- Stipend for staff attendance during off contract hours

If you have questions, please contact your finance specialist.

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