



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 618: Transition Development Program

This project is to provide additional funds to districts for the purpose of developing or expanding transition program services for all transition students with disabilities on IEPs, ages 15 through 22 (must be 21 on or before September 1). These funds may only be used for purchases of curriculum, equipment, and/or materials to support secondary transition or professional development directly related to improving secondary transition outcomes, such as post-secondary education/training, employment, independent living, or community participation

Districts will receive an allocation based on their October 1, 2025, child count. The application will be located in the Grants Management System (GMS). Districts not completing a budget by December 31, 2026, will forfeit their allocation, and funds will be returned to the Oklahoma State Department of Education, Office of Special Education Services. These funds will not carry over to the next fiscal year.

Examples of usage are:

- Purchase of secondary transition curriculum (print or digital curriculum related to transition skills, including student licenses for software programs).
- Purchase of equipment related to transition skills necessary for postsecondary training (e.g., washer, dryer, stove/oven, etc.)
- Purchase of materials related to teaching transition skills (e.g. task boxes, start up items and maintain a school based enterprise, etc.)
- Purchase of assistive technology related to transition skills (e.g. assistive time devices, adaptive kitchen utensils.)
- Expenses associated with staff training related to transition skills (e.g. registration fees, staff stipends for summer training, travel to training, substitutes while staff attend training, etc.)

If you have questions, please contact your finance specialist.

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