

MAINTENANCE OF EFFORT PENALTY

The Policies and Procedures for Special Education in Oklahoma (2007), states:

“In the spring of the subsequent fiscal year, the Oklahoma Cost Accounting System (OCAS) will compare the MOE for special education from state and local funds to the previous fiscal year. Each LEA that fails to meet maintenance of effort will receive a written notice from the SEA requesting the submission of any documentation of exceptions to MOE that would allow the LEA to reduce the state and local expenditures, in accordance with 34 CFR 300.204.

Following the submission of documentation regarding these exceptions, the SEA will review the status of each LEA for failure to meet MOE. If the LEA does not meet maintenance of effort, the SEA will reduce the LEA’s state funding in the amount not met, as a sanction for noncompliance.”

MOE=Maintenance of Effort
LEA=Local Educational Agency
SEA=State Educational Agency

Note: Phone Number for Special Education: (405) 521-3351