

**OKLAHOMA STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
SANDY GARRETT
STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION**

COMPLIANCE REVIEW: SPECIAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS

SCHOOL DISTRICT/AGENCY:

El Reno Public School District

TEAM MEMBERS:

Pam Kimery Coordinator, OSDE-SES
Christa Knight Monitoring Project Coordinator, OSDE-SES

COUNTY:

Canadian

DATE OF REVIEW

October 20, 2009

I. INTRODUCTION:

Local educational agencies (LEAs) must adopt policies and procedures consistent with State and federal requirements and are responsible for implementing programs that comply with the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) Part B. General supervision of LEAs is carried out at the state level. The Oklahoma State Department of Education (OSDE), Special Education Services (SES) conducted a financial desk review on October 20, 2009. The OSDE-SES reviewed the following area(s): Provision of services for parentally-placed private school children with disabilities.

II. AREAS THAT REQUIRE CORRECTIVE ACTIONS AND IMPROVEMENT:

**1) Area of Noncompliance: Provision of services for parentally-placed private school children with disabilities
IDEA Part B Requirements
34 CFR § 300.133 Expenditures.**

OSDE Findings:

According to a review of the Fiscal Year (FY) 2008 Special Education Allocation for El Reno Public School District, the LEA budgeted \$9,754.00 for expenditures for parentally-placed private school children. Of the \$9,754.00 budgeted, the LEA had an unexpended balance of \$3,089.95. If an LEA has not spent all of the funds by the end of the fiscal year, the LEA must obligate the remaining funds for special education and related services to parentally-placed private school children with disabilities during a carry-over period of one additional year. However, upon review of the FY2009 Special Education Allocation for El Reno Public School District, the LEA did not spend the remaining total of \$1,764.95.

Improvements Required:

Within 30 days of the receipt of this report, El Reno Public School District will develop, implement, and submit a written improvement plan. This plan shall document how the district will ensure that the LEA expend for equitable services all of the funds obligated for special education and related services (including direct services) to parentally-placed private school children with disabilities. This improvement plan shall include methods of internal monitoring, safeguards, the person(s) responsible for the implementation, and the date of implementation.

In addition, the LEA has an unexpended allocated carryover for FY2009 in the amount of \$1,325.00 for parentally-placed private school children. The LEA must submit documentation to the OSDE-SES prior to June 30, 2010, to verify that the unexpended balance has been exhausted for special education and related services (including direct services) to parentally-placed private school children with disabilities. If the total carryover amount is not spent prior to June 30, 2010, the LEA will be determined to be in noncompliance for a total of two consecutive years in regard to the provision of services for parentally-placed private school children with disabilities.

III. ASSURANCE STATEMENT:

Assurance Statement with superintendent's signature required.

Within 30 days of the receipt of this report, submit a signed, written assurance that the improvements described in this report will be or have been implemented to remedy the identified compliance deficiencies.

Content: *“This district shall develop and implement improvements for areas of noncompliance in order to comply with State and federal laws and regulations. Improvements and remedies will include ‘technical assistance and training’ necessary to assist the district in their efforts to spend the proportionate amount of funds set aside for children with disabilities parentally-placed in private schools.”*

IV. OTHER INFORMATION:

The El Reno Public School District will receive an onsite compliance review during the 2010-2011 school year addressing, at a minimum, the provision of services for parentally-placed private school children with disabilities.

Subsequent monitoring activities may be initiated as necessary to ensure the LEA's compliance is consistent with policies, procedures, and regulations and in accordance with the state educational agency's responsibilities required by 34 CFR § 300.149.

Under the Open Records Act, it may be necessary for the LEA or the OSDE to provide access to this public document upon request. In the event that the OSDE receives such a request, it will seek to protect, to the extent provided by law, personally identifiable information, which, if released, could constitute an unwarranted invasion of privacy and confidentiality.

In accordance with 34 CFR § 300.212, Public Information, the LEA will make such public documents, relating to the eligibility of the agency under IDEA Part B, available to the parents of children with disabilities and to the general public, as necessary.