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## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Superintendents/Special Education Directors

**FROM:** Karen Howard, Director of Finance, Special Education Services

**DATE:** June 19, 2018

**SUBJECT:** High Needs (Tier I and Tier II) Application Due Date

The Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) of 2004 granted states the flexibility to set aside a percent of funds reserved for state level activities to establish a funding mechanism that would reimburse local educational agencies (LEAs) for costs of high needs students with disabilities (34 §300.704). The out-of-state residential placement is Tier I of Oklahoma's high needs fund. Tier II includes funding for all other high needs students with excessive costs to the LEA.

**Reminder:** The due date for High Needs Tier I and Tier II application(s) is July 27, 2018. The LEA must submit a completed application, which can be found on the Oklahoma State Department of Education (OSDE) website, <http://sde.ok.gov/sde/finance> along with required supporting documentation.

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