



**AMERICAN SAMOA GOVERNMENT
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
Special Education Division**

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Request for Public Comment on Special Education Funding Application

The American Samoa Department of Education (ASDOE) Special Education Division (SPED) has for public review the following:

- (a) Its application for funding and under Part B of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) of the Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP) with the US Department of Education (USDOE).

These funds are used to provide special education services to all school age children, ages 3-21 years, in the Territory of American Samoa who has a disability that adversely affects their classroom achievement. As a condition for granting the funds, each state or territory proposing the application must submit the application for public review and comment.

Consistent with the American Samoa Special Education Act of 1977, amended in 2000, the American Samoa Department of Education (ASDOE), has adopted a policy and procedure that a free, appropriate, public education will be made available to all children residing in American Samoa (AS) between the ages of 3 through 21, inclusive, including children with disabilities who have been suspended or expelled from school.

The public must be afforded reasonable opportunities for comment for 30 days prior to the submission of the application before the deadline on May 24, 2023, The Department of Education-Special Education Division must review and give due consideration to all comments and suggestions prior to the submission of the application for funding. Public comments may be submitted no later than May 10, 2023 via email: herbert.boat@doe.as, sent by mail to: Dr. Herbert Boat, SPED Assistant Director, PO Box 1032, Pago Pago, AS 96799 or submission to the DOE-Special Education Division main office in Fagaalu next to the Matafao Elementary School.

Copies of the application are available at the Office of Special Education Division located at the West end of the Matafao Elementary School in Fagaalu. All persons interested in the application are encouraged to pick up a copy between



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the hours of 8:00am and 4:00pm. Written comments will also be taken during these hours. Comments and suggestions may also be made via email to herbert.boat@doe.as or may be sent surface mail to Dr. Herbert Boat, SPED Assistant Director, PO Box 1032, Pago Pago, AS 96799. The Annual State Part B Application for funding is also posted on the ASDOE website: www.asdoe.net.



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Finagalo Fa'alaua'itele mo le Tusi Talosaga mo Alagatupe Fuafuaina o le Ofisa o A'oga Fa'apitoa.

Ua tu'uina mai e le Matagaluega o Aoga Amerika Samoa (ASDOE) Ofisa o A'oga Faapitoa (SPED) se avanoa e fa'alia ai finagalo fa'alaua'itele a le mamalu o le atunuu mo:

(a) alagatupe talosaga i lalo ole Maga B Tulafono mo Tagata o iai Manaoga Fa'apitoa (IDEA) Ofisa o A'oga Faapitoa (OSEP) o le Matagaluega o A'oga ale Malo Tele o Amerika (USDOE).

O ia alagatupe ua fuafuaina e faatino ai aoaoga faapitoa tuuina atu mo tamaiti aoga uma, e amata mai i le 3-21 tausaga, i totonu ole Teritori o Amerika Samoa o loo iai manaoga faapitoa ua fa'afaigata ai taumafaiga tau a'oa'oga i totonu o potu a'oga.

E tusa ai ma le Tulafono a le Ofisa o Aoga mo tagata e iai manaoga faapitoa i le 1977 (American Samoa Special Education Act of 1977), toe teuteuina i le 2000, ua faaogaina ni fa'avae e ala ini tusitusiga e faataunuu ai aoaoga e aunoa ma se totogi, e tatau ai, mo fanau tausaga 3 e oo atu i le 21, e aofia ai ma tamaiti aoga o loo iai manaoga faapitoa i aoga uma a le Malo Amerika Samoa; e aofia ai foi ma tamaiti aoga o lo'o iai manaoga faapitoa ua fa'atea ma aoga poo ua tuli ese ma le aoga.

O se tasi o aiaiga mo le taliaina o le talosaga, e tatau i Setete ma Teritori uma o loo talosagaina ia alagatupe ona faasalalau a latou tusi talosaga tupe mo se finagalo faaalua o tagata lautele. E tatau ona lava se avanoa e silasila lelei ai le atunu'u mo le silafia ma tu'uina mai so latou finagalo fa'aalia e tusa e 30 aso ae le'i tu'uina atu le tusi talosaga i le Ofisa o Aoga Fa'apitoa (OSEP) ae le'i



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faamutaina le taimi atofaina ia May 24, 2023. O le a iloiloaina e le Matagaluega o A'oga Amerika Samoa, Ofisa o Aoga Fa'apitoa (SPED) finagalo ma manatu fa'aalia a le lautele ma tu'uina atu ni fautuaga ae le'i o'o i le aso fa'atapula'aina o tusi talosaga. E tatau ona fa'ao'oina mai ni finagalo fa'aalia o tagata lautele I le Ofisa o A'oga Fa'apitoa (SPED) ae le'i atu I le aso Me 10, 2023 e ala ile imeli: Herbert.boat@doe.as, meli I le falemeli tuatusi, Fomai Herbert Boat, PO Box 1032, Pago Pago, AS 96799 poo le fa'ao'o mai i le Ofisa o Aoga Fa'apitoa (SPED) i Fagaalu e latalata I le Aoga Matafao tulaga muamua.

O lo'o maua kopi o lenei tusi talosaga i le Ofisa o A'oga Fa'apitoa I le itu sisifo o Aoga tulaga lua a Matafao (Elementary School) i Fagaalu. Mo i latou e manaimoa se kopi, e avanoa le ofisa mai ile itula 8:00am I le 4:00pm. O manatu fa'alia e tauala mai i tusitusiga e mafai ona tu'uina mai i taimi ua fa'atulagaina. A iai nisi manatu ma fautuaga e mafai ona imeli mai i le emeli: herbert.boat@doe.as pe tusi mai ia Dr. Herbert Boat, SPED Assistant Director, PO Box 1032, Pago Pago AS, 96799. O loo mafai foi ona maua se kopi o Tusi Talosaga mo Alagatupe, ma Tulafono ma Faiga Faavae I luga ole upegatafa'ilagi ASDOE website: www.asdoe.net.