



San Mateo  
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SELPA

# Special Education Local Plan Area

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## POLICY

### EXTRAORDINARY COST POOL UNIQUE CIRCUMSTANCES/ INORDINATE SUFFERING

The SELPA Funding Model states that “when, because of unique circumstances an LEA suffers inordinately” that LEA may apply to the Extraordinary Cost Pool for relief if the parameters for “unique circumstances” listed below are met:

1. The circumstance comes too late in the prior school year, or occurs during the school year, so there is insufficient time to make the changes necessary to adapt to the circumstance.
2. The circumstance does not involve an individual child, because this need can be met through individual application to the High Cost Pool.
3. The circumstance is not related to implementation of our current funding model.

The “uniqueness” of the situation will be determined on a case-by-case basis. Relief is granted for a one-year period only. LEAs may re-apply if the circumstance has not been resolved, but relief is not automatic. The assumption when granting the initial relief is that the LEA and/or SELPA will take steps to ameliorate the circumstance. The Funding Advisory Committee will review the claim and make recommendations to the SELPA Governing Board for approval/disapproval via the Senior SELPA Administrator.

**Adopted by the SELPA Governing Board: March 25, 2014**