**Certified Audiologists and Speech Language Pathologist Salary Supplement FAQs**

1. **Who qualifies for the salary supplement for speech language pathologist or audiologist?**

* Those employed by the local board of education to provide or coordinate speech language pathology or audiology services for students and
* Hold either a certificate of clinical competence issued by the [American Speech Language Hearing Association](https://www.asha.org/certification/cert-verify/) or board certified from the [American Board of Audiology](https://members.audiology.org/cvweb/cgi-bin/memberdll.dll/info?wrp=find-an-audiologist.htm);
* Those who have a valid Kentucky credential approved and issued by Education Professional Standards Board under KRS Chapter 161 or a license approved by the Kentucky Board of Speech Language Pathology and Audiology under KRS Chapter 334A.

1. **Is there a web site the district can visit to verify if the employee is qualified for the salary supplement?**

* Yes, either the [American Speech Language Hearing Association](https://www.asha.org/certification/cert-verify/) or the [American Board of Audiology](https://members.audiology.org/cvweb/cgi-bin/memberdll.dll/info?wrp=find-an-audiologist.htm).

1. **Does the district have to pay the full $2,000 salary supplement to the audiologists and speech-language pathologists who hold the certificate or board certified by ASHA in their district, even if the reimbursement from the state was pro-rated?**

* No, if the amount appropriated by the General Assembly is less than the amount necessary to meet the requirements of the $2,000 salary supplement, the salary supplement received by each qualified speech language pathologist or audiologist shall be reduced proportionately by the Kentucky Department of Education (KDE) so all eligible individuals receive the same amount as a supplement.

1. **Does the district have to pay the $2,000 salary supplement to each** **qualified speech language pathologist or audiologist if the General Assembly does not provide an appropriation?**

* No, if funds are not appropriated by the General Assembly to support the salary supplement, a local board of education is not required to pay this supplement; however, the local board of education may voluntarily provide an annual salary supplement to each qualified speech language pathologist or audiologist.

1. **How does the district get a reimbursement from the state?**

* The district will complete and submit an application found on the KDE’s web page [School District Personnel Information](https://education.ky.gov/districts/FinRept/Pages/School%20District%20Personnel%20Information.aspx).

1. **When is the Certified Audiologists and Speech Language Pathologist Salary Supplement form due to KDE?**

* May 1~~st~~

1. **When does the school district get the reimbursement from the state?**

* KDE will issue the reimbursement payment on or around June 15~~th~~.

1. **When will the district know when the full $2000 is to be dispersed or be pro-rated?**
   * Districts will be notified by May 15th the annual pro-rated supplement amount for these employees. If an annual supplement amount appropriated by the General Assembly is less than two thousand dollars ($2,000), the local board may provide an additional supplement up to the amount required for the total annual supplement to equal two thousand dollars ($2,000).
2. **Who do we contact at KDE for questions?**

* You can contact our office at 502.564.3846, or email your questions to Ann Culbertson at [ann.culbertson@education.ky.gov](mailto:%20ann.culbertson@education.ky.gov)for questions concerning the application, or the reimbursement payment.