TO: RESC Interdistrict Magnet School Operators  
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SUBJECT: Dual Enrollment Policy - Open Choice Students Attending a Part-Time Interdistrict Magnet School  

The Connecticut State Department of Education (CSDE) has determined that students enrolled in the Open Choice program are eligible to enroll in a part-time interdistrict magnet school. While CSDE supports the dual enrollment of Open Choice students in part-time interdistrict magnet schools, beginning school year 2019-20, CSDE will no longer fund any new Open Choice student enrolled in a part-time interdistrict magnet school.

An Open Choice student who is attending a part-time interdistrict magnet school is considered a student of the receiving district via Open Choice and should be treated as any student in that district. Accordingly, the receiving district receives the Open Choice grant and pays the tuition for the part-time interdistrict magnet program.

**CSDE Enrollment Validation**

The CSDE Performance Office will work with the Office of Strategic Planning to verify students that are dually enrolled in an Open Choice program and a part-time interdistrict magnet school in the Public School Information System’s October 1 collection. In the case that a student is dually enrolled, the CSDE will exclude the student’s State Assigned Student ID from the part-time interdistrict magnet school operator’s grant payment calculations and make appropriate adjustments for every school year the student is “dual enrolled.”

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