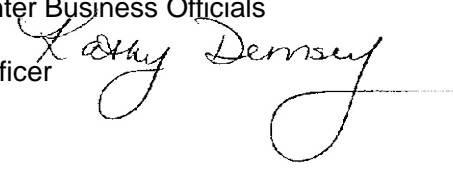




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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION



TO: Superintendents of Schools
School Business Officials
Regional Educational Service Center Directors
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FROM: Kathy Demsey, Chief Financial Officer 

DATE: August 26, 2020

SUBJECT: 2020-21 Out-of-Town Magnet School Transportation Grant Application

The 2020-21 Out-of-Town Magnet School Transportation Grant Application (ED021) is now open for the fall submission. The purpose of the ED021 is to collect information necessary to calculate grants for out-of-town magnet school transportation under Section 10-264i of the Connecticut General Statutes.

The grant will be paid in two installments: the first in October 2020 equal to one-half of the estimated grant, and the balance in May 2021 based on revised data from the ED021 spring submission. **As in the past, your reported estimates of the numbers of students transported and associated costs should cover the entire school year. However, considering the uncertainties of the 2020-21 school year, we recommend that you estimate conservatively to avoid us making a grant overpayment in the fall that would later need to be refunded to the state.**

The ED021 and instructions are located on the Connecticut State Department of Education (CSDE) data collection Web site at <https://www.csde.state.ct.us>. **Districts applying for the grant must complete data entry and enter the Superintendent's certification code by September 15, 2020.** Districts not applying for the grant are not required to complete or certify the application. For your information, instructions and a sample form are available at <https://portal.ct.gov/SDE/Fiscal-Services/Data-Collection-and-Forms/Documents>.

In order for a student and associated transportation costs to be included on this application, both of the following conditions must apply:

1. The student must be transported to and from an approved interdistrict magnet school not located in the student's local school district.
2. The student's local school district must register or maintain a record of the student.

There are a variety of scenarios for reporting students on this application, depending on the particular transportation arrangements made by each magnet school and local district. Please refer to the instructions for examples and important details concerning the number of students and costs to be reported on this application.

Please refer questions regarding the completion of the ED021 to David Twedt at david.twedt@ct.gov. Questions about specific magnet schools, projected enrollments, or transportation agreements should be referred to Shola Freeman at shola.freeman@ct.gov.

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