

STATE OF CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION



Strategic Planning Division Policy 2021-3

TO: Interdistrict Magnet School Operators

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SUBJECT: Facility Code Policy for Interdistrict Magnet Schools for the 2021-22 School Year

Beginning in the 2021-22 school year, the Connecticut State Department of Education (CSDE) is implementing a policy to streamline Interdistrict Magnet School (IMS) facility code designations to maintain transparency and accountability based on program theme, grades and building location. The policy requires that each IMS maintains:

- a single facility code for a single theme and school location; and
- a separate facility code for multiple themes and/or school locations.

CSDE will correspond with operators affected by this policy to determine timelines for implementation and support revisions to operations plans as necessary.

Based on facility code, each interdistrict magnet school is subject to the following conditions:

- 1. An IMS Operator will operate the interdistrict-magnet program in accordance with the approved operations plan, the Connecticut General Statutes (C.G.S.), and CSDE policies.
- 2. An IMS Operator will enroll students within the enrollment targets designated by the CSDE and will seek CSDE approval for enrollments in excess of those targets.
- 3. An IMS Operator will submit the annual application for magnet school funding and budget information to the CSDE for review and approval in a timely manner.
- 4. An IMS must comply with student diversity and student enrollments goals outlined in the August 2021memo. Click the link below to view the full memo.
 - a. Enrollment Policies for Interdistrict Magnet School in the Sheff Region memo.
 - b. Enrollment Policies for Interdistrict Magnet School in the Non-Sheff Region memo.
- 5. The CSDE interdistrict operating grant payments to the IMS Operator, to the extent eligible, will be made pursuant to C.G.S. § 10-264*l* and other applicable policies/provisions. As a condition for funding eligibility, the school is subject to periodic reviews by CSDE, including on-site visits.

Your LEA directory certifier needs to request changes in Directory Manager.

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