



STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION



TO: Interdistrict Magnet School Operators (Non-Sheff)

FROM: Keith M. Norton, Chief Strategic Planning Officer *KMN*
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SUBJECT: Request to Charge Magnet Tuition to Local or Regional Boards of Education

In accordance with Section 10-264l(m)(2) of the Connecticut General Statutes (C.G.S.), any interdistrict magnet school operated by a local or regional board of education and did not charge tuition to a local or regional board of education prior to July 1, 2014, may not charge tuition to such board unless such operator receives authorization from the Commissioner of Education to charge the proposed tuition. If such authorization is granted, interdistrict magnet operators must send written notification on or before September first of the school year prior to the school year in which such tuition is to be charged to such board of the tuition to be charged to such board for each student that such board is otherwise responsible for educating and is enrolled at the interdistrict magnet school under such operator's control. In deciding whether to authorize an interdistrict magnet school operator to charge tuition under this subdivision, the Commissioner shall consider the average per pupil expenditure of such operator for each interdistrict magnet school under the control of such operator, and the amount of any per pupil state subsidy and any revenue from other sources received by such operator. The Commissioner may conduct a comprehensive financial review of the operating budget of the magnet school of such operator to verify that the tuition is appropriate. The provisions of this subdivision shall not apply to any interdistrict magnet school operator that is a regional educational service center or assisting the state in meeting the goals of the 2008 stipulation and order for Milo Sheff, et al. v. William A. O'Neill, et al., as extended, or the goals of the 2013 stipulation and order for Milo Sheff, et al. v. William A. O'Neill, et al., as extended.

The Connecticut State Department of Education requires that all written requests to charge tuition must include the following information to be considered for approval:

1. Using the prior October 1, Public School Information System enrollment data, provide the average per-pupil expenditure for each interdistrict magnet school for the prior school year. In-direct costs must be included when calculating school expenditures.
2. Provide the amount of any per pupil subsidies and any revenue from other sources received by such operator for each interdistrict magnet school for the prior school year.

The information provided must include detailed back-up documentation of all costs and revenues that went into the per pupil calculation. Construction costs and in-kinds services should not be included in the per pupil calculation. The Commissioner of Education may conduct a comprehensive financial review of the operating budget of the magnet school to verify that the tuition is appropriate.

All data must be certified as accurate by the Superintendent of Schools and be submitted no later than **June 1**.

Please direct any questions to the Office of Strategic Planning at SDE.StrategicPlanning@ct.gov or [860-713-6465](tel:860-713-6465).

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