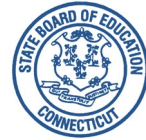




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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION



TO: Interdistrict Magnet School Operators

FROM: Keith M. Norton, Chief Strategic Planning Officer
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SUBJECT: Follow-up Clarification on 504 Billing, Planning and Implementation
Responsibilities for **Interdistrict Magnet Schools**

This memorandum provides guidance and clarification on billing, planning and implementation responsibilities for 504 services for students enrolled in an Interdistrict Magnet school.

Responsibility for Ensuring Compliance with Section 504 Services

The Connecticut State Department of Education (CSDE) recently issued a communication regarding Public Act 25-143, § 10, which clarified responsibilities for Section 504 services under the **Open Choice program**. This clarification applies only to Open Choice and does not affect Magnet schools.

For **Interdistrict Magnet schools**, the legislation concerning Section 504 remains unchanged. Pursuant to Connecticut General Statute (C.G.S.) § 10-264l(h)(2), the residing (sending) district continues to be financially responsible for costs associated with Section 504 services and accommodations. The text of C.G.S. § 10-264l(h)(2) is copied below:

C.G.S. § 10-264l(h)(2) states that, "In the case of a student with a plan pursuant to Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended from time to time, the school district in which the student resides shall pay the interdistrict magnet school an amount equal to the difference between the reasonable cost of educating such student and the sum of the amount received by the interdistrict magnet school for such student pursuant to subsection (c) of this section and amounts received from other state, federal, local or private sources calculated on a per pupil basis. If a student with a plan pursuant to Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended from time to time, attends an interdistrict magnet school on a full-time basis, such interdistrict magnet school shall be responsible for ensuring that such student receives the services mandated by the student's plan, whether such services are provided by the interdistrict magnet school or by the school district in which the student resides."

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