

Instruction

Magnet Schools

The Board recognizes that students may benefit from choosing a magnet school to attend within the public school system that is not limited by school district boundaries.

District students who apply pursuant to the regulations approved by the Board may enroll directly into a magnet school within the district boundaries, with which the district does not have a participation agreement, on a space available basis. The district shall be responsible for any tuition for such enrollment, and transportation.

In addition, local students may enroll in particular magnet schools beyond the district boundaries on a space available basis.

The Board recognizes that annually each interdistrict magnet school operator shall provide written notification to the school district that is otherwise responsible for educating a student who resides in such school district and will be enrolled in an interdistrict magnet school under the operator's control for the following school year. Such notification shall include the number of such students, by grade, who will be enrolled in an interdistrict magnet school under the control of such operator, the name of the school in which such student has been placed and the amount of tuition to be charged to the local board of education for such student. Such notification shall represent an estimate of the number of students expected to attend such interdistrict magnet schools in the following school year, but shall not be deemed to limit the number of students who may enroll in such interdistrict magnet schools for such year.

The Board, as required, will post information relating to interdistrict magnet schools on the Board's website.

Nondiscrimination

The Board, the Superintendent, other administrators and teachers shall not make any distinction on account of race, color, national origin, sex, sexual preference, gender identity or expression, ethnic group, religion or disability or any other basis prohibited by Connecticut state and/or federal nondiscrimination laws, of any student who may seek admission to any magnet school.

Special Education

Requests from the parents of special education students for admission shall be considered in accordance with applicable state and federal laws. The student's current Individual Education Plan (IEP) shall be used to determine if the requested school can meet the student's needs.

The District recognizes its responsibility for planning an appropriate educational program and for paying the additional costs of such services for a resident special education student attending an interdistrict magnet school.

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Transportation

Transportation for District students who enroll in a magnet school, not within the boundaries of the District, shall be at the discretion of the Board of Education. Transportation may be provided from a central location.

Legal Reference: Connecticut General Statutes

10-220d Student recruitment by regional and interdistrict specialized schools and programs. Recruitment of athletes prohibited. Information re and notice of availability of certain schools and education centers.

10-264l(h) Grants for the operation of interdistrict magnet school programs. Transportation. Special education.

P.A. 08-170, Section 14 An Act Concerning Various Education Grants

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