

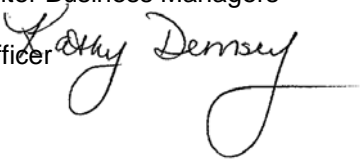


STATE OF CONNECTICUT

STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION



TO: Superintendents of Schools
School Business Officials
Regional Educational Service Center Directors
Regional Educational Service Center Business Managers

FROM: Kathy Demsey, Chief Financial Officer 

DATE: August 22, 2014

SUBJECT: 2014-15 Out-of-Town Magnet School Transportation Grant Application

The 2014-15 Out-of-Town Magnet School Transportation Grant Application (Form ED021) is now open for the fall submission. The purpose of Form 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. **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.

Form ED021 and instructions are located on the State Department of Education (SDE) 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, 2014.** Districts not applying for the grant are not required to complete or certify the application. For informational purposes, instructions and a sample form are available at <http://www.sde.ct.gov/sde/cwp/view.asp?a=2634&q=320626>.

The out-of-town magnet school transportation grant reimburses district expenditures to a maximum of \$1,300 per student (except for transportation to magnet schools in the Hartford area affected by the Sheff court case, for which the maximum is \$2,000). The grant will be paid in two installments: the first in October 2014 equal to one-half of the estimated grant, and the balance in May 2015 based on revised data from the spring submission of Form ED021 (which will be due March 16, 2015). Magnet school transportation expenditures reported on the End of Year School Report (Form ED001) in excess of this grant will be considered eligible expenditures for the purpose of determining the 2015-16 regular pupil transportation grant under Section 10-266m of the Connecticut General Statutes.

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 this form to David Twedt at 860-713-6492 or david.twedt@ct.gov. Questions about specific magnet schools, projected enrollments, or transportation agreements should be referred to Regina Hopkins at 860-713-6549 or regina.hopkins@ct.gov or Kenneth Imperato at 860-713-6532 or kenneth.imperato@ct.gov.

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