

## **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 may enroll in particular schools beyond this District on a space available basis without payment of tuition, except as otherwise provided by law and subject to such policies as may be stipulated by the magnet school. In addition, local students may enroll directly into a magnet school, with which the District does not have a participation agreement, on a space available basis. The District will be responsible for any tuition for such enrollment, but not for transportation. *(Unless the school is within the boundaries of the school district.)*

The Board recognizes that on or before May 15, 2010, and annually thereafter, 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.

### **Nondiscrimination**

The Board, the Superintendent, other administrators and teachers shall not make any distinction on account of race, sex, sexual preference, ethnic group, religion or disability 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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### **Magnet Schools (continued)**

#### **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

10-264l(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

June 19 Special Session, Public Act No. 09-1, An Act Concerning Educator Certification & Professional Development & Other Education Issues.)

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