

Hi Ken,

Per Donna Russo Savage, I have looked into answering some questions the committee had on Sections 10 and 11 regarding students awaiting adoption placement. Can you please share this information with the committee?

Thank you,

Jill

Regarding the question of when the school districts would get reimbursement:

If they consider them residents, but not "state placed" schools will be able to count them in ADM, and get regular special education formula reimbursement (60%) for the allowable special education costs. Just like any resident student.

If they consider them residents and state placed they will actually be reimbursed 100% of special education costs from the state placed student fund, and they will be able to count the student as "state placed" in ADM which is slightly weighted, until they are adopted at which time they will revert to the above. Once adopted they are simply residents.

State placed reimbursement and special ed reimbursement to LEAs happen at the same time there. The only slight difference is that LEAs can ask for an extra payment in June based on their estimated expenditures.

Regarding the question of how the districts get notified of a state-placed student:

DCF acts as "the parent" and the DCF worker is required by DCF policy to enroll the student in the public school immediately. The notification is enrollment. It is the quickest way.

The only exception is if they will be having a meeting to discuss educational best interests with both the former and new school districts to decide together if it is in the students best interest to complete the semester or remainder of the school year in the school where they were previously living. The student remains in the former school until a decision is made, and approved.

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