

Increase in School Districts' Share of Maintenance Costs

Chapter 58 of the laws of 2011 amended section 4405 of the Education Law to increase school districts' share of ten-month school year maintenance costs (room and board) for students placed in residential schools by Committees on Special Education from 20 percent to 38.424 percent. This change is effective for services provided on or after January 1, 2011 and applies to maintenance costs at the special act school districts and approved in-state and out-of-state private schools. The same process that was used to bill school districts for 20 percent of maintenance costs will be used to bill them for 38.424 percent of maintenance costs as follows.

The social services district:

- receives a "STAC-3 Approval Information Listing" from the State Education Department for each child placed in an approved residential school by the child's school district of residence,
- pays the residential school for maintenance costs for the child named on the "STAC-3 Approval Information Listing" based on the ten-month maintenance rate for the residential school published by the Office of Children and Family Services, and
- submits a voucher to the child's school district of residence for 38.424 percent reimbursement of the maintenance costs paid to the residential school for the child named on the "STAC-3 Approval Information Listing". The child's school district of residence is required to reimburse the social services district within 60 days from the date of the voucher.

There is no change to the funding shares for maintenance costs for two-month summer programs. The State Education Department will continue to pay 70 percent of summer maintenance costs while school districts and counties will continue to pay 20 percent and 10 percent respectively.