

SERIES 300 - INSTRUCTION

Educational Program - 340

Special Needs Voucher Program (342.11)

This policy is to serve as a notice to inform parents and guardians of students with disabilities that the State of Wisconsin has established the “Special Needs Scholarship Program.” Under this scholarship program, a child with a disability may be eligible to receive a scholarship from the Department of Public Instruction (DPI) that allows the child to attend a private school that is participating in the scholarship program.

A parent or guardian who is interested in the Special Needs Scholarship Program should independently verify the participating private schools and the specific terms, eligibility criteria, and application procedures of the scholarship program with the DPI. However, the following are some of the initial eligibility requirements that a child must meet in order to receive a program scholarship that covers attendance at an eligible private school.

1. The student resides in the Norwalk-Ontario-Wilton School District
2. The child, or the child's parent or guardian on behalf of the child, must have submitted the required application for a program scholarship to the eligible private school that the child will attend.
3. An individualized education program, or a services plan as defined under 34 C.F.R. §300.37 of the federal special education regulations, must have been completed for the child.

Additional information about the Special Needs Scholarship Program should be available on the website of the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction: <http://dpi.wi.gov/>.

Legal Reference: Sections 115.7915, Section 115.385(4), Wisconsin Statutes
Wisconsin Act 55, Section 9134(6q)

Cross Reference: Special Education Handbook

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