

Open Choice and Connecticut Technical High Schools

Students with disabilities, who attend Open Choice schools and the CT Technical High Schools, retain all rights under IDEA. Students who attend Open Choice schools and the CT Technical High Schools “belong” to the receiving District. The receiving District convenes the Planning and Placement Team (PPT) meeting and develops the IEP for the student. For students in open choice schools, the LEA of residence is invited to attend the PPT/IEP meetings. It is the responsibility of the District of residence to pay the receiving District an amount equal to the difference between special education and related service costs and the sum of the amount received by the receiving District for the state open choice program.

The CT Technical High Schools are responsible for the provision of services for students with disabilities. Pursuant to Section 10-76q(c) of the Connecticut General Statutes, if the Planning and Placement Team of one of the CT Technical High Schools determines that a student requires special education and related services which precludes such student’s participation in the program offered by a technical high school, the student shall be referred to the board of education in the town in which the student resides for the development of an IEP and such board of education shall be responsible for the implementation and financing of such program.