

DCERT FORM FOR STUDENTS RECOMMENDED FOR PRIVATE PLACEMENT

Return this form to MAG by fax at 518-943-5632 or email to your STAC specialist. Call 518-943-0708 with questions.

School District:		School Year:	
Student Last Name:		Student First Name:	
Type of Placement:	☐ Day / In-State ☐ Day / Out of State	☐ Residential / In-State ☐ Residential / Out of State	
Form Completed By (Name):		CSE Meeting Date	
Private School Desired:		Start/ Transfer Date	
School Year 1:1 aide ☐ shared aide ☐		Date Faxed To Consultant	
Summer 1:1 aide ☐ shared aide ☐			
Attending: School Year ☐ Summer ☐ Both ☐			

(Please Check ALL that apply)

Certification (For all Private Placements):

Upon submission of this form, the school district representative of the Committee on Special Education (CSE) or his/her designee hereby certifies that all the information on this form is true and accurate. All information is subject to verification by the New York State Education Department.

Certification (For all placements of students in an in-state or out-of-state approved private school):

- ☐ The CSE has provided a current individual evaluation or reevaluation of the student.
- ☐ The student has a current individual education program (IEP).
- ☐ The student is of school age and has a disability or combination of disabilities such that appropriate public facilities for instruction are not available.
- ☐ The CSE has documentation of its efforts to place the student in a public facility and the outcomes of those efforts, and/or of CSE finding regarding the lack of suitability of each currently available and geographically accessible public placement.
- ☐ The CSE has documentation of all efforts to enable the students to benefit from instruction in less restrictive settings using support services and supplementary aids and special education services, and/or for those services not used, a statement of reasons why such services were not recommended.
- ☐ The CSE has detailed evidence of the student's lack of progress in previous less restrictive programs and placements or a statement of reasons that such evidence is not available.
- ☐ In the case of a reapplication for reimbursement, the CSE has documentation of the continuing need for placement of the student for private school.
- ☐ **For NYC only: Initial Year Nickerson Day Placements** – The CSE is not able to make one or more of the above assurances because the student has an IEP recommendation for public day program and the student was placed in a private school by the parent to a Nickerson Letter for the first time this school year.

Additional Certification required for all Residential Placements (in-state or out-of-state):

The CSE recommends placement of a student in a residential program.

- ☐ Documentation is on record that residential services are necessary to meet the student's educational needs as identified in the student's IEP.
- ☐ Documentation is on record that includes a proposed plan and timetable for enabling the student to return to a less restrictive environment or a statement of reasons why such a plan is not currently appropriate.
- ☐ For **out-of-state** placement recommendations, documentation is on record that demonstrates that there are no appropriate public or private facilities for instruction available within this State.

Additional Certification (for all initial placements in residential care):

Documentation is on record that, upon determination that the student was first at risk of residential placement, the district:

- ☐ Provided information to the parent on community support services that may be available to the family, including the name and address of agencies which can perform and assessment of a family's community support needs, where such a list had been made available to the CSE
- ☐ Sought parental consent (or consent of the student if age 18 or older) to invite county or State agency representatives to the CSE meeting to make recommendation concerning the appropriateness of residential placement and other programs and placement alternatives. For students in foster care placement, the local social services district was notified when the student was determined to be at risk of residential placement.
- ☐ Obtained parental (or student) consent and other agency representative(s) we invited to the CSE meeting
Invited County or State agency representative attended the CSE meeting
Choose One [] YES [] NO

NOTE: In order to obtain a timely determination of approval of State reimbursement, the certification must be received by the Department prior to requesting reimbursement. If the district fails to submit a certification, requests for State reimbursements for ten-month private placements will not be processed.

Date Transferred into District _____