

Glassboro Public Schools



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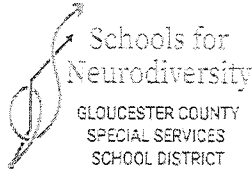
To: Mark Silverstein

From: Michael Sloan

Date: 04/30/2025

Re: GCSSSD Choice Student Program

Recommend Board approval of the 2025-2026 Contract for Participation in Gloucester County Special Services School District Choice Student Program as well as the 2025-2026 Choice Student Program Guidelines



Schools for Neurodiversity
Gloucester County Special Services School District
1340 Tanyard Road
Sewell, NJ 08080
856 – 468 – 6530

April 23, 2025

Dear Michael Sloan:
Glassboro Public Schools

Several Gloucester and Salem county school districts have been designated as Choice Schools. Resident school districts are responsible for arranging either transportation or AIL payments for the students attending these schools. The documentation and paperwork needed to process these students is either very similar or identical to those needed for nonpublic students.

We would like to offer you the option of coordinating the paperwork for any of your students who are attending an out-of-district Choice school. This would include placing the student in our May bid, notifying the parents by letter of either transportation arrangements or AIL payments, contacting the schools to verify attendance, sending vouchers to the parents/guardians, etc. The cost would be **4% of the annual AIL amount, per child**. The enclosed Guidelines contain additional information and procedures about this program.

Enclosed are two copies of a 2025-2026 Contract for Participation in GCSSSD's Choice Student Program as well as a copy of the 2025-2026 Choice Student Program Guidelines.

Please present the enclosed contract to your Board for approval. Sign each copy (original signatures required), affix your Board seal, and return both copies to GCSSSD by **June 16, 2025**. We will return a fully executed copy to you as soon as they are complete.

Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns. We look forward to serving your district in the 2025-2026 school year.

Sincerely,

Alyssa Valori

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Director of County Services - Transportation

c: Christopher Retzbach, School Business Administrator/Board Secretary

Enclosures

2025-2026 CONTRACT
FOR PARTICIPATION IN
CHOICE SCHOOL PROGRAM

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4. District acknowledges that this Agreement is not self-renewing and may be renewed for renewal periods not to exceed one (1) year.

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Board of Education

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County Special Services School District

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Board of Education

Gloucester County Special Services School District Choice Student Program Guidelines

1. The Participating District will send Choice student applications for the 2025-2026 school year to GCSSSD as soon as they are received. GCSSSD will place these students in a Bid to be held in May 2025. A list of students eligible for Aid-in-lieu payments and/or transportation will be forwarded to the District. Copies of all applications will be maintained in GCSSSD's files.
2. If a bid is received, letters will be sent to parents notifying them of the cost of their child's transportation and requesting that they confirm whether or not they will pay the cost of transportation which is over the annual AIL amount as defined by the state. GCSSSD will notify the District as to the parents' decision.
3. If parents/guardians agree to pay the excess transportation costs, it will be the District's responsibility to arrange for payment from the parent. GCSSSD will bill the District the full cost of the transportation route(s) on a monthly basis.
4. Letters will be sent to parents informing them as to whether their child(ren) will receive transportation or Aid-in-lieu.
5. Request for Payment of Transportation Aid-Choice School Student Vouchers will be sent in January and May to all parents whose child(ren) are eligible for Aid-in-lieu payments for the 2025-2026 school year. The original, completed vouchers will be returned to the District on or before the first week of February/June. Vouchers received after the due date will be forwarded to the District as soon as they are received. GCSSSD will not keep copies of the completed vouchers.
6. GCSSSD will contact each Choice school in mid-October to ascertain the continuing attendance of eligible students for DRTRS reporting and again in January and May (B8Ts) for Aid-in-lieu payments. The original, completed B8T will be sent to the District on or before the third week in October for DRTRS reporting, and on or before the last week in January and the last week in May in order for the district to process Aid-in-lieu payments. A copy of each B8T will be maintained in GCSSSD's files.

GCSSSD will establish contacts at each Choice School in order to monitor student attendance, including change of addresses, change of school placement, etc. All information will be forwarded to the District in a timely manner.

7. GCSSSD will charge the Participating District **4% of the annual AIL amount** per child, per 2025-2026 school year Choice Student application on file in our office as of November 3, 2025.

An invoice will be sent to the Participating District in November 2025.