

# Scholarships for students with disabilities

Does your public school student with a disability want to enroll in a nonpublic school?

YES

First, you must sign an agreement with two entities: your student's current school and the nonpublic school you wish to enroll at.

The commissioner/Department of Education then must do two things:

The commissioner/Department of Education will pay the student's former school district 50% of their general education revenue, resulting in a 50% savings for taxpayers

The commissioner/Department of Education pays the nonpublic school the student's share of special education assistance. The funding follows the student.

NO

Great! He or she remains in public school!

What happens if the public school will not sign the agreement?

If a school tries to say no, they need to provide their reasoning to the Department of Education. The parents can appeal that decision to the commissioner.

What if the student enrolls in the new, nonpublic school, but decides he wants to return to his or her previous school?

This decision is entirely up to them!

- If a student decided he or she wants to remain enrolled in their new, nonpublic school, they can.
- If the student decides he or she prefers their previous school, they can return to the public school and re-enter the special education program.