

Series 3000 – Business & Non-Instructional Operations Business

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(1) Grants

The Suffield Board of Education is committed to providing an excellent quality of education that meets the diverse needs, interests, and abilities of all of its students. The Board of Education receives grant funds supplied by the Federal and State government to advance legislative goals with specific and restrictive spending guidelines. The grant budgets and expenditures are included in the Board of Education monthly Financial Report. The legislative goals of the grants include providing support for special education or Open Choice students and efforts to improve academic achievement for all students.

The Suffield Public Schools participates in the statewide Open Choice Program. This program allows Hartford children to attend public schools in nearby suburban towns and suburban students to attend public schools in Hartford. The goal of this program is to improve academic achievement, reduce racial, ethnic and economic isolation, and, provide a choice of educational programs for students. Districts receive funds based on the percentage of students attending their schools.

The Open Choice Attendance Grant budget framework to support and advance district goals and student learning includes the following expenditure categories:

- Magnet Tuition
- Professional Services
- Consultant Services
- Personnel
- Equipment/Technology
- Professional Development
- Furniture

This framework aligns with Board of Education operating budget.

The budget supplements local funding in the expenditure categories and serves to improve educational outcomes and opportunities for all students.

Student enrollment and the percentage of students participating in the Open Choice program will be reviewed annually by the Board of Education during the budget development process.