May 27, 2011

Dianne Barrett

Naperville, Illinois  60504

Dear Ms. Barrett:

This letter is in response to your recent request for information under the Freedom of Information Act. Your request was received on 5/26/11.

Request 1 – “Please provide a list of all state ISBE approved transition schools for students from ages 18 to one day before 22nd birthday instate or out of state.”

Response 1 – The information you seek can be located at the following location: https://www.hbug.k12.il.us/pfs/

Request 2 – “Please provide a list of all outplacement schools for students K-12\textsuperscript{th} grade or age 18 and older approved by ISBE instate or out of state.”

Response 2 – See Response 1.

Request 3 – “Provide a copy of the policy or code from ISBE which determines whether students qualify for attendance at transition or outplacement schools at public expense.”

Response 3 – The following Rules section (from the Illinois Administrative Code) addresses your questions.

SUBPART B: PLACEMENT AND EDUCATION OF STUDENTS

Section 401.110 Use by School Districts

Each school district shall be responsible for monitoring the performance of each facility where its students are placed, to ensure that the implementation of each student’s Individualized Education Program (IEP) conforms to the applicable requirements of 23 Ill. Adm. Code 226 (Special Education). In addition, no school district shall place any student in a special education program that is subject to the requirements of this Part, nor shall the provider of any such program accept placement of any student under Section 14-7.02 of the School Code, unless all the following conditions have been met.
a) The program has been approved by the State Board of Education for the school year for which placement is sought.
b) The allowable costs for the program have been established pursuant to Section 14-7.02 of the School Code.
c) The district has made the certification of inability to meet the student's needs to the State Superintendent of Education, if required pursuant to Section 14-7.02 of the School Code, and the State Superintendent has found the district in substantial compliance with Section 14-4.01 of the School Code [105 ILCS 5/14-4.01].
d) The program has been approved by the State Board of Education for all of the categories of impairment applicable to the student and requiring services as identified in the IEP.
e) The program has been approved by the State Board of Education for the age range that includes the age of the student.
f) The district has determined that educational programming and related services specified on the student's IEP will be provided to the student. The use of a facility or program in accordance with this Part does not relieve the district of the responsibility for ensuring that the student will receive all programming and related services required by the IEP, whether from one source or from multiple sources.
g) The district and the provider have entered into the contractual agreement called for in 23 Ill. Adm. Code 226.330.

(Source: Amended at 30 Ill. Reg. 8818, effective April 25, 2006)

Request 4 - “Provide a copy of the ISBE budgets showing allocations for outplacement or transition schools July 1, 2008-June 30, 2011 (or as near those dates as your documents show).”

Response 4 - There are no budget documents that provide the level of detail requested.

If you have questions, contact Mark Wancket at 217-782-4648

Sincerely,

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Director of Public Information