

Understanding the Residential Room and Board Reimbursement (Form 34-37) Process

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Residential Room and Board – 34-37

- The Residential Room and Board Application is used for districts seeking reimbursement for students placed residentially through an Individual Education Program (IEP) Team decision.
 - Applications must be submitted <u>prior</u> to:
 - Date of initial placement,
 - Due date of continuation application
 - Change of district
 - Change of facility or facility code.
 - Applications may be submitted in sections
 - All documents must be received <u>before final</u> <u>approval/reimbursement is given</u>

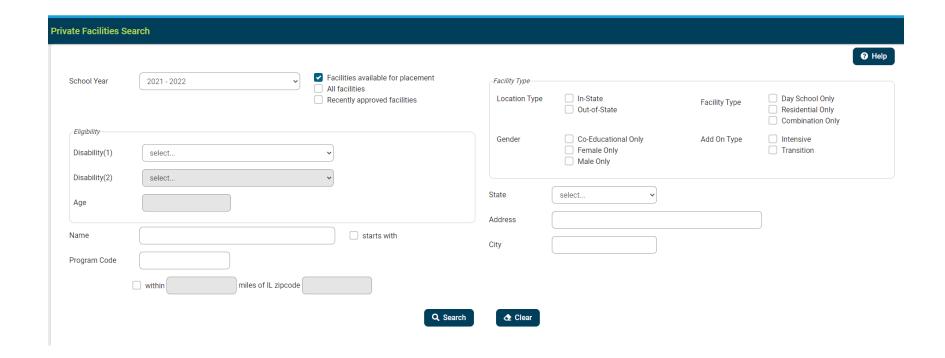


Room & Board Reimbursement Form

- Form Number 34-37 Application for Approval of Private Residential Placement – Room and Board Reimbursement.
- Revised Form 34-37 Begin use March 1, 2022.
- Internet address for form location:
 https://www.isbe.net/Documents/34 37 residential room board.pdf#search=34%2D37



Private Facility Search



https://apps.isbe.net/pfsearch/



Nonpublic Facility Placement Contract

- Certification of inability to meet student's needs documented during IEP meeting
- Nonpublic

 Facility
 Placement
 Contract (Form
 19-83)

RETURN THIS FORM TO: School District of Residence Special Education Services Division 100 North First Street, N-243 Springfield, Illinois 62777-0001 NONPUBLIC FACILITY PLACEMENT CONTRACT Agreement for Student Placement and Services under Section 14-7.02 Do not return this form to the Illinois State Board of Education. For additional cog This document shall be used by both the public school district of the student's residence and the nonpubservices, including room and board when necessary, for the placement of each student with a disability. The laws of the United States and the State of Illinois may be included under Section V at the discretion of Copies of this documentation shall be kept at both the nonpublic facility and the local school district of res SECTION I The (Name of Nonpublic facility Program)	pies, go to www.isbe.net. blic facility providing special education and related ther conditions consistent with this agreement and if the public school district or the nonpublic facility.
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(Street Address)	(City) IL(Zip Code)
hereinafter referred to as facility, agrees to provide	
(City) (Zip Code)	(Street Address) uant to the terms and conditions set forth herein, a
a program of special education, related services, and/or room and board in accordance with the student's learned beginning and ending and ending	individualized Education Program (IEP) during the
1.17	(Date) (Year)
and the	
	IL.
(Street Address)	(City) (Zip Code)
hereinafter referred to as district, agrees to pay an amount as determined and specified in Section III here of the student is hereinafter referred to as parent or guardian.	in. Any person or entity having legal responsibility
SECTION II	

19-83 nonpublic facility.pdf (isbe.net)



Responsibilities

Nonpublic Private Facility

- Implements IEP
- Collects and analyzes data
- Creates goals and objectives
- Provides programming
- Develops unique curriculum

Public Placing School District

- Ensures receipt of services
- Develops and revisesIFP
- Awards credits, transcripts and diplomas
- Coordinates state assessment testing



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APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL OF PRIVATE RESIDENTIAL PLACEMENT ROOM AND BOARD REIMBURSEMENT

SPECIAL EDUCATION DEPARTMENT				
Start Date: Check one: _ Initial Placement _ Continuing Placement _ Change of District or Facility Code.				
INSTRUCTIONS: When a school district determines at an IEP meeting that the least restrictive environment for a student is a private residential placement, This form is to be completed and submitted in a timely manner to allow approval PRIOR to the district effecting the placement. Tuition and room and board may be contracted by a school district for students ages 3 through 21 who are residents of the school district, have a parent or guardian other than a public agency, and need a residential placement for educational reasons. (No reimbursement will be provided for students who are 22 years old or older.) Upon region approval for reimbursement via ISBE Form 34-37, the student must be entered in I-Star to complete the approval process. Claims for room and board should be submitted monthly in IWAS.				
Complete and submit one copy of this application form PRIOR to placment, renewal due date, or change of placement. Make certain to include separate pages with narrative, as necessary. Submit application to 3437RnB@isbe.net .				
SECTION I IDENTIFICATION (Ite	ms must match the information	ı listed	d in I-Star.)	
NAME OF STUDENT (LAST NAME / FIRST NAME - Do not use nicknames.) SIS NUMBER				
GENDER	BIRTH DATE (MM/DD/YY)		REGION, COUNTY, DISTRICT, TYPE CO	DDE
☐ Male ☐ Female				
RESIDENT DISTRICT NAME AND NUMBER AND ADDRESS (Street, City, ZIP Code)				
NAME AND TITLE OF CONTACT PERSON AND LOCATION			EPHONE NUMBER (Include Area Code)	EMAIL OF CONTACT PERSON
RESIDENTIAL PRIVATE FACILITY CODE RESIDENTIAL PRIVATE FACILITY NAME AND ADDRESS (Street, City, ZIP Code)				
(Where student is located)				
Complete this section if the Residential Private Facility code is a Residential Only code OR if the tuition will be paid to a different entity code than listed above.				
TUITION PRIVATE FACILITY CODE PRIVATE FACILITY				
NAME AND NUMBER AND ADDRESS (Street, City, ZIP Code)				



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- Start Date
- Initial Placement
- Continuing Placement (Change of Placement)
- Change of District or Facility Code Applies for transition to High School, move to another district, change of code at current facility
 - Elementary district is responsible for <u>notifying</u> the high school district <u>prior</u> to the residential facility's 8th grade graduation date or before student's 15th birthday
 - High School submits 34-37 <u>prior</u> to taking responsibility



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- Section I: Identification
 - Information must match listed information in I-STAR/FACTS – Including SIS number
 - RCDTS <u>District</u> number
 - Contact Name main person completing paperwork
 - Residential Code Must have before submitting!!
 - Facility Search (slide 4) & 19-83 Form (slide 5)
 - Tuition Code Must have this if Residential Code is residential only



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Use the codes below to indicate the disability(ies) of the student. (This information storage Primary Disability (i.e., the one that has the most adverse impact on the education of the student)	Secondary Disability, if identified			
DIS	ABILITY KEY			
A = Intellectual Disability	K = Emotional Disturbance O = Autism L = Other Health Impairment P = Traumatic Brain Injury M = Multiple Disabilities pairment N = Developmental Delay			
For initial out-of-state applications, has a DCFS Interstate Compact been init	iated for an initial Out-of-State Application if the student is under the age of 18?			
Yes No Email for Compact is <u>DCFS.InterstateCompactGeneral</u>	al@illinois.gov .			
Initial or Continuing Out-of-State Placement for all Students – complete the following: (If needed, add pages at end of application.)				
Yes N/A For a child who is placed in an out-of-state special education residential facility, prior to the placement, the school district referred to the child and/or the parent/guardian the option to place the child in a special education residential facility located within this State, if any, that provides treatment and services comparable to those provided by the out-of-state special education residential facility?				
IN-STATE OPTIONS CONSIDERED REASONS THE PLACEMENT WAS REJECTED				
ISBE USE ONLY Initial/Continuing Age Gender Disability Residential Only Out of State				
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☐ Interstate Compact ☐ Narrative ☐ Reintegration Plan ☐ Past Reintegration Plan ☐ Signatures				
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Page 1 – Instructions

- Section I: Identification (continued)
 - Disability The facility's approved disability codes must match the student's primary disability (must match information in I-STAR/FACTS)
 - Out-of-State/Interstate Compact Contact Information

DCFS.InterstateCompactGeneral@Illinois.gov

- Students under 18
- Initial placement
- Change of facility
- Change of district



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- Out-of-state placements
 - Initial
 - Continuing
 - Complete table demonstrating in-state placement options considered
 - List facility name
 - Reason rejected
 - Add additional page, if needed



SECTION II PLACEMENT INFORMATION

HISTORY OF SERVICES PROVIDED. Use the chart below to indicate the educational setting(s) in which the student has been placed for the last two school years. Begin at the top of the chart with the most recent placement. Indicate the primary disability code (see Disability Key in Section I) and the educational environment (EE) code. Enter the beginning and discontinued dates for each EE. Leave the disability code blank if the student was in regular education and not identified eligible for special education. If a two-year history is not available, please enter the date, month/year, when the student entered the district.

Month	Year

	DISABILITY CODE (Key in Section I)	EE CODE (Key at Right)	Beginning Date		Discontinued Date	
			Month	Year	Month	Year
Most recent placement:						

EDUCATIONAL ENVIRONMENT CODES AND BRIEF DESCRIPTION KEY

For additional details, see EE codes in Instructions for the IEP Student Tracking and Reporting System (IStar).

- 01 = Sp. Ed. 80% or more of day inside regular classroom
- 02 = Sp. Ed. 40-79% of day inside regular classroom
- 03 = Sp. Ed. less than 40% of day inside regular classroom
- 04 = Full-time sp. ed. class in a separate public day school that does not house programs for students without disabilities
- 05 = Full-time sp. ed. class in a separate public day school that does not house programs for students without disabilities in conjunction with a student's placement in a residential facility
- 06 = Philip J. Rock Center and School
- 07 = Detention center or jail



- Section II: Placement Information
 - Complete for all applications
 - Two-year history
 - If student history is not available, note date student entered district



SERVICES INFORMATION

SERVICES PROVIDED IN MOST RECENT PLACEMENT. (This includes hospital instructional program if applicable.) Use the keys below to indicate the services and amount of time provided on a weekly basis in the most recent placement described in Section II. List services in order of importance.

List services in order of importance.			
RELATED AND OTHER SERVICES CODES (Key Below)	AMOUNT OF TIME PER WEEK (Key Below)		

REQUESTED SERVICES. Use the keys below to indicate the services and amount of time these are to be provided each week by the requested residential placement. This information should be in the student's current IEP.

RELATED AND OTHER SERVICES CODES (Key Below)	AMOUNT OF TIME PER WEEK (Key Below)

RELATED AND OTHER SERVICES KEY

01 = Adapted Physical Education

19 = Physical Therapy

02 = Aide - Class

20 = Psychiatric Services

N3 - Aide Individual Student

21 - Recreation



- Section II: Services
 - Services provided in most recent placement
 - Order of importance
 - Type of services
 - Amount of time provided (Use 'Amount of Time Key')
 - Requested Services
 - Related services to be implemented in Residential placement
 - Must be noted in current IEP
 - Coincide with related services in most recent placement
 - Amount of time requested (Use 'Amount of Time Key')



OTHER SERVICES

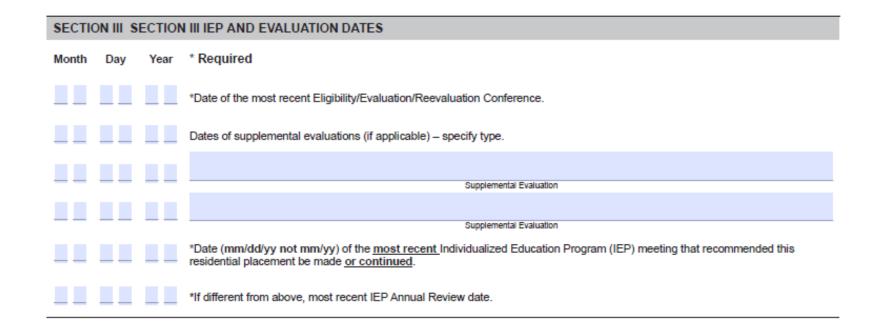
Use this space to describe other services (code 16) indicated in Section II, including services provided by other agencies in cooperation with the school program. Attach additional pages, if needed. Number of pages attached for this section is ______.

OTHER SERVICES	DESCRIPTION OF SERVICES	OTHER AGENCY(IES) (If applicable)



- Description of Other Related Services (Code 16)
 - The list of other related services may include other developmental, corrective, or supportive services (such as artistic and cultural programs, art, music, and dance therapy) if they are required to assist a student with a disability to benefit from special education in order for the student to receive FAPE (CFR 34 300.34).







- Section III: IEP and Evaluation Dates
- Complete for <u>All</u> Applications
 - Required documentation:
 - Date of most recent Eligibility/Evaluation/Re-eval
 - Date of IEP recommending residential placement
 - Date of IEP Annual Review if <u>different</u> from placement



SECTION IV AGENCY CONTACT				
AGENCIES CONTACTED				
The district must show appropriate contacts with state or local agencies including but not limited to those listed below that provide community suppor programs and services to students and their families. Applications that do not show evidence that consideration was given to the appropriate services potentially available will be returned for further clarification. Attach additional pages as necessary and indicate the number of pages attached for this section				
Use the codes provided in the key below to indicate the department(s) and agency(ies) contacted. Check the appropriate box(es) below to indicate service assistance provided. Explain the results of all contacts and any resulting financial assistance. Copies of all correspondence regarding agency contacts, distri requests, and agency responses should be maintained at the district level and are subject to review upon request.				
DEPARTMEN	NT/AGENCY KEY			
A = Department of Public Aid	K = Local Mental Health Center			
B = Department of Human Services	L = Local Youth Services Provider			
C = Department of Children and Family Services	M = Local Recreation Services Provider			
F = Department of Corrections	N = Local Substance Abuse Services Provider			
G = County Probation Agency	O = Private Counseling Service			
H = Department of Public Health	P = State Psychiatric Hospital/Zone Center			
I = Division of Specialized Care for Children	Q = Other State/Local Agency			
J = Community and Residential Services Authority				
	If more space is needed, please attach additional page(s).			
Department/Agency Contacted (Use key above.)	RESULTS OF CONTACT/COMMENTS:			
Participated in IEP Meeting				
Assessment				
Technical Assistance				
Financial Assistance				
Medical				
Other (Explain at right.)				
Department/Agency Contacted (Use key above.)	RESULTS OF CONTACT/COMMENTS:			
Participated in IEP Meeting				
Assessment				
Technical Assistance				
Financial Assistance				



- Section IV: Agencies Contacted
 - Complete for <u>ALL</u> Applications
 - List state or local agencies that provide community support and services to students and their families
 - Include agencies contacted to assist with transition back to home community
 - Use Department/Agency Key
 - Add additional pages if needed



SECTION V NEED FOR PRIVATE RESIDENTIAL PLACEMENT — REQUIRED NARRATIVE

Applications may be submitted in sections. However, reimbursement will not be approved until all required documents, signed by both the district superintendent and the director of special education, are received.

Initial Applications Only

Please provide a narrative that includes a chronological description of the antecedents to the IEP recommending residential placement. This narrative should minimally include specifics related to the following and should describe of the efforts taken to alleviate the adverse impact of the student's disability:

- The student's educational history from initial entry into school to the present time. This history should include the types of placements that the student has entered, the successes or failures of these placements and the reasons for any failures, the student's academic strengths and weaknesses, a specific description of any behavioral incidents, and any other issues/concerns over the years of school enrollment and a description of actions initiated to remediate these issues/concerns.
- The student's non-educational or social history, including information on the composition of the family and any issues/concerns in the home/ community.
- The student's physical health and any identified issues/concerns.
- The student's psychological or emotional health and any identified issues/concerns. This includes information related to any psychiatric hospitalizations and the resulting diagnoses or findings.
- The student's involvement with the courts or other agencies.

Initial and Continuing Applications

All applications must include the following information:

- The student's current levels of educational performance, including information related to functional grade level, achievement testing results, IQ test results, etc.
- A description of the nature or type of program and services to be provided in the residential placement that the school district is unable to
 provide this student in order to ameliorate the adverse effects of the disability.

Continuing Applications Only

If at the time of an IEP review the student is unable to return to his/her home school, there must be clearly stated specific reasons why the student cannot be appropriately educated locally. Applications for continuing placements subsequent to the initial year of approval for room and board reimbursement must include a description of the continuing issues/concerns/adverse effects that necessitate the continuation of the residential placement, including specific descriptions of the progress or lack thereof in the placement over the year of the approval for room and board reimbursement.



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- Section V: Need for Private Residential Placement Required Narrative
 - Initial Applications
 - Chronological description of history prior to residential recommendation (<u>description of need for placement</u>), including:
 - Efforts taken to alleviate adverse impact of disability
 - Student's <u>ENTIRE</u> educational history
 - Student's non-educational or social history
 - Student's physical health
 - Student's psychological or emotional health
 - Student's involvement in court or other agencies



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- Required Narrative
 - Initial/Continuing Applications -
 - Present Level of Educational Performance
 - Functional Grade Level
 - Achievement Tests/IQ Tests
 - Description of the program & services that the school district cannot provide



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- Required Narrative (continued)
 - Continuing Applications
 - Reasons why student cannot return to local district
 - Clearly stated
 - Progress/lack of progress (identified issues, concerns, and adverse effects creating need for continued placement)
 - Educational status update



SECTION VI REINTEGRATION PLAN

Private residential placement for educational reasons is considered a temporary placement for the purpose of allowing a student to be in an atmosphere in which he/she can adjust and align with the usual expectations for students. It is expected that specific outcomes will be targeted and met within the timeframe of the approval for room and board reimbursement. It is further expected that placement will be short-term as opposed to custodial care. Therefore, plans for reintegration must be made in order to accomplish a smooth transition from the residential placement back into home school/community life.

A Reintegration Plan must be initiated for a student's eventual return to the school district/community even though his/her progress in the residential facility cannot be entirely predicted. This plan must be reviewed and updated at least annually and, for continuing applications, must state what parts of the prior plan have been initiated/completed and what parts continue or need to be revised.

The Reintegration Plan should be detailed as to the specific steps to be taken by the district over the one-year timeframe of the reimbursement approval that will allow for the return and continuing support of the student in the community and schools. Timelines should be attached to specific activities that need to be completed. The plan should include the agencies that need to be contacted for either student or parent/guardian referral purposes; any needs in the school district to be addressed in order to allow the student to return; and the steps to be taken to minimize the adverse effects and to support the student and his/her family in the transition process and/or alternative living arrangements. The plan should finally include information as to the educational setting to which the student is expected to return.

REINTEGRETION PLAN – Complete for Requested Application Period

Use the Reintegration Plan form to complete this section for all applications for the upcoming year or application period (if different). (For students 18 through 21 years of age, please note community resource connections that have been completed with the student's home community in preparation to transition to post-school services.)

ANTICIPATED DATE/ TIMELINE OF ACTIVITY	PARTICIPANTS	BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF ACTIVITY



- Section VI: Reintegration Plan Initial/Continuing Applications
 - Initiated for student's anticipated return to home district
 - Up to one year
 - Steps taken by district that will allow for return and continual support of student in home community
 - Use table minimum of monthly contact (may add pages)
 - Involvement of outside agencies
 - Parental involvement
 - District involvement
 - Plan for student to transition to home district. (For students 18-21, include preparation activities for transition to post-school services)



SECTION VII REINTEGRATION PLAN — CONTINUING APPLICATIONS

REINTEGRETION PLAN - Past Application Approval Documentation

In addition to the Reintegration Plan Proposal for the future, districts applying for a Continuation Application are required to complete the following chart demonstrating the proposed plan from the previously approved 34-37 Application and the timelines for the completion of the reintegration tasks as noted in that application. (Please complete the chart with the activities that were approved on the previous 34-37 Application and provide the details below.)

DATE OF COMPLETED ACTIVITY	PARTICIPANTS	BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF ACTIVITY



- Section VII Reintegration Plan Past Application Approval Documentation
 - Continuing Applications
 - Table should reflect approved Plan from previous approved 34-37 application
 - Note dates activities were completed
 - Note participants
 - Provide a brief description of the activities
 - May attach additional pages
 - Actual documentation does not need to be submitted.
 However, it should be available for review, if requested.



ASSURANCES

This form must be signed by both the superintendent of the school district where the student's parent or guardian resides and the state-approved director of special education responsible for the district. Signing the form attests to the accuracy and validity of the information contained within the application and attests to compliance with the requirements of Article 14 of the School Code, ensuring that a full and comprehensive continuum of educational services is available in the district/joint agreement/region, yet is insufficient for this student's education.

We, the undersigned, do hereby declare that the foregoing statements are true to the best of our knowledge and belief, and that said school district or joint agreement has complied with requirements of the law and regulations as set forth in Article 14 of the School Code and 23 Illinois Administrative Code 226, and all other applicable state and federal laws and regulations. The costs of the placement (i.e., the tuition, room and board, and transportation as delineated in the IEP) will be paid by the district and will be at no cost to the parent or youth.

District Superintendent

TELEPHONE NUMBER (Include Area Code)
EMAIL ADDRESS
EMAIL ADDITESS
Signature of District Superintendent
ime.) TELEPHONE NUMBER (Include Area Code)
OOPERATIVE:
EMAIL ADDRESS
·
nature of State-Approved Director of Special Education



- Assurances Agreement
 - District Superintendent Name and Information
 - District Superintendent signature required
 - State-Approved Director
 - If part of Cooperative Must be the Cooperative State-Approved Director (Not district level director)
 - If part of a Cooperative Name of Cooperative and Information
 - State-Approved Director signature required



Final Notes

34-37 Room and Board Application Submission
 Submit PRIOR to placement
 Submit to 3437RnB@isbe.net

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Form 34-37 – Basic Documents

- Room and Board Reimbursement Form 34-37 Basic documents needed for completed application:
 - 34-37 Application
 - DCFS Interstate Compact initiated for out-of-state placements
 - 19-83 Nonpublic Facility Placement Form
 - Narrative including chronological description of the antecedents to the Individual Education Program recommending residential placement
 - Reintegration Plan future information
 - Reintegration Plan past information and documentation
 - Signatures of State-Approved Director and District Superintendent



Resources

- The Room and Board Reimbursement Form 34-37 can be located on the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) Webpage at https://www.isbe.net/Documents/34-37
 37 residential room board.pdf#search=34%2D37
- Private Facilities Search is located at https://apps.isbe.net/pfsearch/
- Nonpublic Facility Placement Contract Form 19-83 is located at https://www.isbe.net/Documents/19-83_nonpublic_facility.pdf#search=19%2D83
- State of Illinois Department of Children and Family Services Interstate Compact Placement Request (This form is to be used for students who are under the age of 18 and being placed residentially in an out-of-state facility.)
 - Interstate Compact Office 217-785-2680
 - Interstate Placement Request Information can be located at DCFS.InterstateCompactGeneral@Illinois.gov



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 782-5589
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 782-5256
 - Jodi Whitlow <u>jwhitlow@isbe.net</u>

