

**Hartford Region Open Choice
2014-2015 District Funding
As of 5.11.15**

1. **Attendance Grant:** Based on annual October 1, 2014 PSIS count as reported to CSDE. Percentage is determined by dividing the number of Open Choice students by total district enrollment.
 - \$3,000 per pupil for districts that enroll less than 2%
 - \$4,000 per pupil for districts that enroll greater than or equal to 2%
 - \$6,000 per pupil for districts that enroll greater than or equal to 3% OR for districts with greater than 4,000 students enrolled that increase the number of enrolled Open Choice students by at least 50% above the October 1, 2013 PSIS
 - \$8,000 per pupil for districts who enroll greater than or equal to 4%
2. **Early Beginnings Grant:** For each pre-kindergartner and kindergartener enrolled in district for a full-day program, the district receives an additional \$4,500 above the attendance grant. In addition, districts that enroll five (5) kindergarten students in one school will receive one Literacy & Math Facilitator (certified teacher) to provide one day, per week, of literacy assistance to all students in the classroom.
3. **Academic & Social Support Grant:** This grant is provided to districts to promote academic and social success for students participating in the Hartford Region Open Choice Program. For school year 2013-2014, \$3.2 million is available. The grant consists of a per pupil award; \$575 per pupil enrolled in grades PK-5 and \$900 per pupil enrolled in grades 6 -12, and a tiered incentive which is available for districts as they increase their levels of participation. The current tiered incentive, based on the prior year's January PSIS enrollment filing is:
 - \$50,000 if Open Choice student enrollment is greater than or equal to 2.1% and less than 2.7% of the district's enrollment;
 - \$75,000 if Open Choice student enrollment is greater than or equal to 2.7% and less than 3% of the district's enrollment; or
 - \$115,000 if Open Choice student enrollment is greater than or equal to 3% of the district's enrollment.
4. **Capital Funds Grant:** NEW for 2014-15, \$750,000 is available for capital expenditures that support the Open Choice program in the district. This competitive grant is available for districts that increase the total enrollment of Open Choice students by 12 or more from the previous year. Funds may be used for a variety of purposes including renovating classrooms, purchasing furniture, equipment, or technology hardware.
5. **Educational Cost Sharing Grant:** Each sending district and each receiving district shall divide the number of children participating in the program who reside in such district or attend school in such district by two for purposes of the counts.

BONUS SET ASIDE GRANTS:

1. **Schools with 10 or more Choice students:** Available to districts when a school enrolls 10 or more Open Choice students. Districts share in a bonus set aside of up to \$500,000 (subject to available funds). For FY14-15, districts received \$225 per student statewide.
2. **Tier II Bonus:** Available to districts that enrolled an increased number of Choice students from the prior year, based on October 1 PSIS. Districts share in a bonus set aside of up to \$500,000 (subject to available funds), traditionally \$100,000 has been available. For FY14-15, districts received \$448 per student statewide.

3. **School Construction Bonus Funds:** Each district has an opportunity to receive a funding bonus through the school construction grant, which is equal to the percentage of Open Choice seats to the total projected enrollment in the school capped at 10%. For example, a school with a highest 8 year projected enrollment of 600 students, which enrolls 60 Open Choice students, would receive the full 10% bonus on their school.