

**DECISION REGARDING REQUEST TO PERMIT SPECIAL EDUCATION
PLACEMENT IN AN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL NOT APPROVED FOR
SPECIAL EDUCATION PURPOSES**

Upon application by a responsible agency, the Commissioner may permit, in exceptional circumstances, a special education placement in an independent school that is approved pursuant to State Board of Education Manual (SBEM) Rule 2200, but has not received approval for special education purposes pursuant to SBEM Rule 2228.1. SBEM Rule 2366.2.2(7) notwithstanding, in instances in which the Commissioner grants such approval, tuition and associated otherwise allowable costs shall be reimbursable under subchapter 2 of Chapter 101 of Title 16 of the Vermont Statutes Annotated. Any person aggrieved by the Commissioner's decision may file an appeal with the State Board of Education pursuant to 16 V.S.A. Sec. 828.

1. School district making request, contact person and phone number:
2. Date of request:
3. Name of student:
4. Student's address:
5. Student's date of birth:
6. Date student was determined to be eligible for special education services:
7. Student's disability category:
8. Present educational placement:
9. Proposed educational placement:
10. Cost of proposed educational placement:
11. Is proposed educational placement an independent school that has general education approval pursuant to SBEM Rule 2200?
12. Describe the reasonable efforts the school district has made to locate an appropriate public school or independent school approved for special education purposes to serve students in the disability category under which the student was determined to be eligible for special education (including the names of all schools considered and the reasons they were determined to be inappropriate):

13. Date the student's IEP team deem the proposed placement to be appropriate:
14. What are the beginning and end dates for the requested exception?
15. If approved, should the placement be made subject to any specific conditions (and, if so, please describe those conditions)?

After a thorough review and based upon the recommendations of the Department Residential Review Team, I deem the proposed placement appropriate, subject to the enumerated conditions.

Commissioner, Vermont Department of Education

Date