

SPECIAL EDUCATION

NEW: PARAPROFESSIONAL IEP TIME REQUIREMENT- (MN Statutes 125A.08)

- Paraprofessionals assigned to work alone with an individual student with a disability **be given paid time or time during the school day:**
 - To review a student’s individualized education program (IEP)
 - Be briefed on the student’s specific needs by appropriate staff
- The **time must be provided** within five (5) days of the paraprofessional beginning to work alone with the student.

NEW: AGE EXTENTION TO 22 - (MN Statutes 120A.20 subd. 1, 121A.41 subd. 7)

- **Extends admission and provisions of the Pupil Fair Dismissal Act** for all students with a disability to the **student’s 22nd birthday**.

NEW: HOMELESS PUPIL TRANSPORTATION - (MN Statutes 120A.20, 125A.76, 123B.92 subd. 1)

- **SPED HOMELESS AID** - Special education homeless pupil aid is available to compensate schools who are not eligible for full reimbursement of their transportation costs for homeless and highly mobile students. (*Starting in FY24 and later*)
- **FOSTER CARE ELIGIBILITY** - Students placed in **foster families are eligible** for transportation funding in the same manner as homeless and highly mobile students.

NEW: INTERPRETERS - (MN Statutes 122A.31 subd. 1)

- **Adds** Certified Deaf Interpreter (CDI) certification issued by RID to approved list of approve programs.
- **Defines an interpreter** with the required ASL / English certifications or credentials “**essential personnel**”.

NEW: UTILIZATION OF ONLINE LEARNING PROGRAM

- A school with a **state-approved online learning program may use the program** to fulfill its educational program requirements for the student, if the child, or the parent or guardian of the student under the age of 18, agrees to that form of instruction.
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EFFECTIVE DATE - AUGUST 1, 2023

NEW: SOCIAL WORK SERVICES - (MN Statutes 256B.0625 subd. 26)

- **School social work services eligible** for medical assistance payment **if provided** by a:
 - mental health professional
 - clinical trainee under the supervision of a mental health professional
 - mental health practitioner under the supervision of a mental health professional
 - A mental health practitioner performing school social work services **must provide services within the mental health practitioner's licensure scope of practice**, if applicable, and within the mental health practitioner scope of practice defined in law.
 - **SPED evaluations, IEPs, or individual family service plans** can be used to **determine medical necessity and eligibility** for social work services instead of a diagnostic assessment.
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EFFECTIVE DATE JANUARY 1, 2024, OR

UPON FEDERAL APPROVAL (WHICHEVER IS LATER)