

Quick Facts about the Special Needs Scholarship Program

1. Private Schools participating in the Special Needs Scholarship Program are not required to provide special education services to students.
2. Scholarship funds in most cases do not cover all costs at a private school and are only intended to offset tuition and fees at a private school.
3. Scholarship funds cannot be used to offset the costs of out of district tuition, charter schools, transportation, or other options available under public school choice.
4. Promotion or retention of a student does not affect eligibility for the Special Needs Scholarship Program.
5. A student may continue to participate in the GSNS Program if:
 - Student has continual enrollment and attendance in a private school participating in the GSNS Program
 - Student remains a resident of Georgia
 - Student's parent/guardian remain residents of Georgia
 - Parent/guardian complies with GSNS Program law and rule
6. An IEP does not need to be kept current to continue a student's participation in the Special Needs Scholarship Program.
7. Eligibility for the GSNS Program ends if:
 - A student leaves an authorized private school and doesn't re-enroll in another authorized private schoolOR
 - A student graduates from high schoolOR
 - A student turns 22 years old by September 1st and has not yet graduated from high school
8. Scholarship funds cannot be used to pay for the following:
 - Transportation
 - Athletic fees
 - Before or after school care
 - School supplies
 - Meals
 - Summer school programs
 - Tutoring
 - Other fees as determined by the GADOE
 - Fees associated with field trips

For complete information regarding the Special Needs Scholarship Program go to:

<http://www.gadoe.org/External-Affairs-and-Policy/Policy/Pages/Special-Needs-ScholarshipProgram.aspx>

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