



Georgia Special Needs Scholarship Information (Senate Bill 10)

What the law says:

Georgia's Special Needs Scholarship will allow parents of students with disabilities who were enrolled in the Georgia public schools (2006-2007) and have an active IEP to choose the educational setting – public or private—for their child.

Created by the Georgia State Legislature in the 2007 session, Georgia's Special Needs Scholarship will provide Georgia students with disabilities the opportunity to attend an eligible participating private school. The list of state approved participating private schools is posted on this website, <http://public.doe.k12.ga.us/sb10.aspx>

You are qualified for these funds if:

- Your child was in a public school system in the state of Georgia during the 2006-07 school year.
- Your child had an active IEP (Individual Education Plan).
- You have applied to and your child has been accepted by a participating private school.

Process to transfer to a new school:

- Complete an "Intent to participate" form on the SDOE website, <http://public.doe.k12.ga.us/sb10.aspx>. (Click on the Parent Intent to Participate box at the top right side of the webpage, fill out and submit the form.)
- Complete the worksheet with your child's information to determine the amount of your state scholarship dollars.

Process for Application to Chatham Academy:

- Download the Chatham Academy from our website at: www.chathamacademy.com
- Send in the application with a \$50 application fee. Also include:
 - Your child's IEP and IEP meeting minutes
 - Your child's most recent psychological report
- After the application is received, you will be notified by phone or email of the next step in the admissions process.
- If the application is approved a school visit and an interview with the principal will be scheduled. (Placement testing will also take place during this visit.)
- Based on testing results and the interview, admission to Chatham Academy will be discussed.
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Important Dates:

- **Application for the 2008-09 school year opens January 20 and closes on June 30, 2008.**