

## News Release

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### Transition Readiness Grant Program recipients selected

MADISON – The Department of Public Instruction announced the 37 school districts that will receive funding through a competitive grant program dedicated to aiding students with disabilities plan for life after high school.

The Transition Readiness Grant Program, created by the passage of the 2017 state budget, will disburse \$1.5 million during the 2019 fiscal year for the expansion and development of services that assist students with disabilities in transitioning from school to the workforce. In total, the 37 districts requested nearly \$3 million for the 17,125 students with disabilities they serve.

Adapted from Wisconsin's Let's Get to Work grant project, this program represents a partnership among DPI and advocacy organizations in the state. For students with an Individualized Education Program (IEP), a defined transition plan is a critical indicator within the Wisconsin State Performance Plan – a plan focused on ensuring children with disabilities succeed in school and adjust to life after graduation.

“This program is an important step in improving and expanding services for our students with disabilities,” said State Superintendent Tony Evers. “It is particularly critical to ensuring that every student in Wisconsin graduates from high school with the necessary skills and supports to succeed in the workforce and in further education.”

Priority was given to grant applicants that cited services proven to increase the likelihood of post-school employment. Funding requests for Project SEARCH – an evidence-based transition program that secures a variety of internships for students with developmental disabilities – were considered priorities and commonly cited by approved districts. All funded applicants must follow a set of general requirements that relate to the longer-term development and refinement of integrated, community-based transition processes.

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Additionally, many districts requested funding for transportation, tuition to colleges and technical schools, activities to build connections with local employers, and for educators to obtain a certification in the area of transition services.

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**NOTES:** A list of districts that will receive funding through the Transition Readiness Grant Program is attached. This news release is available electronically at <https://dpi.wi.gov/sites/default/files/news-release/dpinr2018-59.pdf>.

## Transition Readiness Grant Program Recipients

*2019 Fiscal Year*

**CESA 1**

Elmbrook School District	\$49,000
Kenosha Unified School District	\$30,000
Milwaukee Public Schools	\$33,000
Racine Unified School District	\$50,000

**CESA 2**

Clinton Community School District	\$61,000
Madison Metropolitan School District	\$25,000
Watertown Unified School District	\$56,000

**CESA 3**

Platteville Public School District	\$33,000
Potosi School District	\$40,000
River Ridge School District	\$35,000

**CESA 4**

Galesville-Ettrick-Trempealeau School District	\$41,000
La Crosse School District	\$52,000
Royall School District	\$30,000

**CESA 5**

Baraboo School District	\$53,000
Marshfield Unified School District	\$52,000
Waupaca School District	\$25,000

**CESA 6**

Fond du Lac School District	\$42,000
Oshkosh Area School District	\$48,000
Ripon Area School District	\$30,000
West Bend School District	\$30,000

**CESA 7**

Chilton Public School District	\$37,000
Green Bay Area Public School District	\$25,000
Two Rivers Public School District	\$48,000
Pulaski Community School District	\$35,000

**CESA 8**

Marinette School District	\$40,000
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**CESA 9**

DC Everest Area School District	\$36,000
Lakeland Union High School	\$31,000
Marathon County School District	\$33,000
Tomahawk School District	\$25,000

**CESA 10**

Bloomer School District	\$35,000
Cadott School District	\$43,000
Osseo-Fairchild School District	\$43,000

**CESA 11**

Ellsworth Community School District	\$30,000
Hudson School District	\$30,000
River Falls School District	\$40,000

**CESA 12**

Hurley School District	\$35,000
Washburn School District	\$43,000

**\*Total: \$1,424,000**

\*Each district also receives \$2,000 for specific grant assurance activities; this accounts for the difference between the total sum and the \$1.5 million allocated for the program.