

EF-S-07 Out of District
Special Education Tuition & Board Report Instructions

Open date: July 1

Due date: October 15

Part I: Special Service Director completes the report and submits to Business Manager

**WHEN CALCULATING THE TUITION COST PLEASE DO NOT
INCLUDE RELATED SERVICES
like 1 on 1, Ed Tech, Speech, OT, PT, Transportation, etc.**

My district does not have out of district placements, what do I do?

This report is required to be submitted by each SAU even if there are no students to report.

- ❖ Click the **No Students to Report** box instead of entering students, click ready to certify this will send the report to the business manager for him/her to submit to DOE.

Before you Begin:

- Only costs for tuition/board are to be reported, do not include costs for related services.
- You can import students who have a valid concurrent enrollment in an out-of-district private school.
- The import button will not bring in students who are enrolled in an out of district public school and must be added manually. For example: students enrolled in a public school day program or a public regional program.

➤ **Enter tuition data**

Step 1. Compile the list of students who have been placed Out of District.

Hint Gather information before the report is open for data entry.*

Please compile a list of your SAU's students who are in an out-of-district placement for the **prior** school year for which your SAU paid Special Education tuition and board. The list should include the following required information:

- State student ID number
- Complete student name
- Student's Date of Birth

- Name of entity that the student has been placed
- Special Education tuition and board costs for these students, do not include related costs
- and, if costs were paid with local funds or federal funds

Step 2. Log into the NEO system

Personnel with the role of “Special Education” who has already established a username and password may access this report in the NEO system by following the link below.

<https://neo.maine.gov/DOE/NEO/Accounts/>

Personnel with the role of “Special Education” who have not established a username and password must request a NEO – special education modular username and password by emailing a request to MEDMS.Helpdesk@maine.gov.

Step 3. Click on the Special Education tab.

Step 4. Click on Forms.

Step 5. Click on EF-S-07.

*If you are responsible for more than one SAU, choose the School Administrative Unit for which you are reporting.

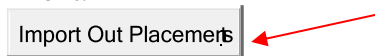
Step 5. Click “Create” in the Navigation Column

Step 6. Add Students - DO NOT INCLUDE RELATED SERVICES like Ed Tech, Speech, OT, PT etc.

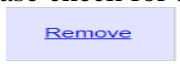
This can be done two ways:

1. Some students may be imported by using the “**Import Out Placements**” button,

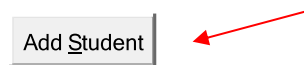
Click on the “Import Out Placements” button, this will import the student who have a valid concurrent enrollment.



- once the data has been imported please check for accuracy, remove students who the SAU did not pay tuition and/or board for.



2. Click “**Add Student**”



**** If the correct placement is not in the drop-down list it is very likely that the student does not have a valid concurrent enrollment. You will not be able to list the student without a valid concurrent enrollment. ****

Enter the student’s State ID and click “**Search**”.
NEO will populate the students name and date of birth.
Verify that the student populated is the correct student information.

Step 7. Select the student’s placement from the “Attending District/Program” drop down list.

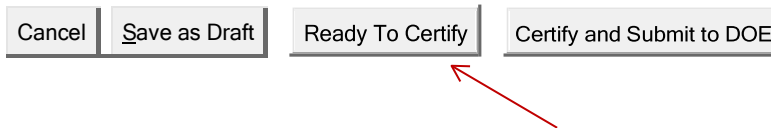
Step 8. Choose the appropriate column (Elementary/Secondary) to enter tuition and board expenditure totals for that student’s placement. *Do not include related services or “regular” education expenditures.*

- Local Funds – Elementary (Pre-K-8th grade)
- Local Funds – Secondary (Grades 9-12)
- Federal Funds – Elementary (Pre-K-8th grade)
- Federal Funds– Secondary (Grades 9-12)

Continue to add students and their placements as needed

Hint Click the “Save as Draft” button often.
The session will time out after a period of time; if you haven’t saved your data before the session times-out, the data will be lost.
Please save often!*

Step 10. Once you are confident that the data is correct please consult with your Business manager to reconcile with his/her Special Education Tuition/Board Expenditures reported in NEO financials, click “Ready to Certify”



**** Special Service Director is the only role that can click “Ready To Certify” ****

Step 11. Contact your business manager and let him/her know that the EF-S-07 has been entered and ready for him/her to verify that your grand totals reconcile with your Business manager’s Special Education Tuition/board expenditures reported in NEO financials.

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The superintendent does not certify and submit this report. The only time he/she performs this task is when the SAU does not employ a business manager

◆ **Business Managers must have two roles in NEO to certify and submit the EF-S-07**

Business Managers with the role of “Business Manager” and “SAU Local Administrator” who have already established a username and password may access this report in the NEO system by following the link below.


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*Business Managers who have not established both roles may contact the help desk by emailing a request to MEDMS.Helpdesk@maine.gov.

➤ **Reconcile → Submit to DOE**

Step 1. Once logged in, the business manager will make sure that the **Grand Totals in both the EF-S-07 and the NEO Financials reconcile.**

Step 2. Once the reports reconcile, the report is ready to submit to Maine DOE. Business manager clicks “Certify and Submit to DOE.” This will send the EF-S-07 to Maine DOE and will remain in “Ready for Approval” status until Maine DOE staff looks at the report.



- ✓ the submission date will automatically populate in the DC&R Calendar
- ✓ DOE staff will accept or reject the EF-S-07 for accuracy you will be notified via email of the Maine DOE’s acceptance or rejection.

If you have questions regarding the completion of EF-S-07, please contact Stephanie Clark at stephanie.clark@maine.gov (207) 624-6807.