

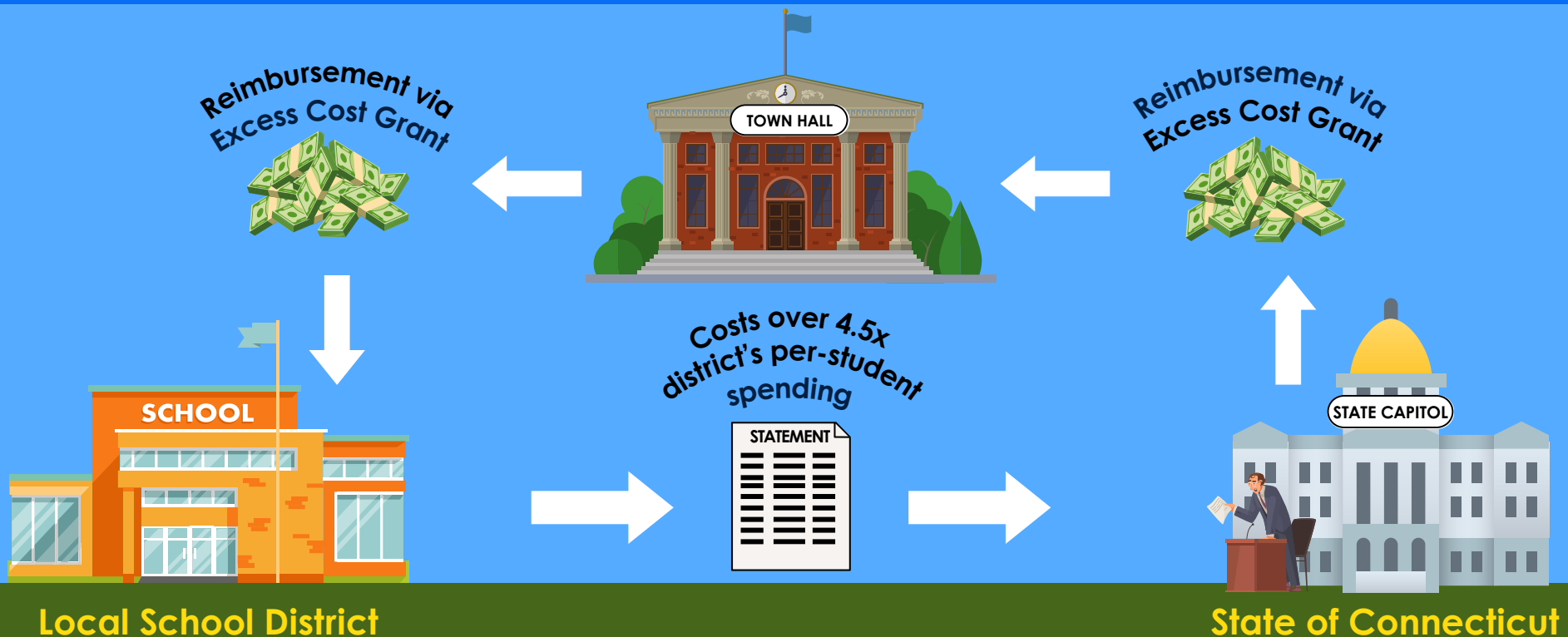
# Excess Cost Grant

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The Excess Cost grant is Connecticut's method of reimbursing school districts for extraordinary costs incurred in providing special education services

Districts are eligible for **partial reimbursement** from the State when the cost of educating a student with disabilities is **greater than 4.5 times the district's overall per-student spending**

Due to a significant funding shortfall, **districts are currently reimbursed at rates ranging from 70.8% to 75.8%** — far less than what they're entitled to under state law



# EXAMPLE: How the Excess Cost Grant Works

DISTRICT Y spends \$20,000 per student. That means in order to receive partial reimbursement from the Excess Cost grant, the costs to educate a student with disabilities at DISTRICT Y must exceed \$90,000.

Let's explore how this would work with three example students from DISTRICT Y.



EMILY



BRIAN



DANNY

Special Education Student?	Cost to Educate Student	Eligible for Excess Cost Grant?	Costs Eligible for Partial Reimbursement
NO	\$20,000	NO	N/A
YES	\$75,000	NO	N/A
YES	\$120,000	YES	\$30,000 (\$120,000 - \$90,000)

For these three example students, only the costs to educate Danny that are above \$90,000 (4.5x DISTRICT Y's per-student spending) would be eligible for reimbursement through the Excess Cost grant.

But DISTRICT Y would not be reimbursed for the full \$30,000. Instead, the district would receive a percentage of those costs based on a 3-tiered system the State has established. Reimbursement percentages currently range from 70.8% to 75.8%.

This means, based on DISTRICT Y's wealth, it could receive between \$21,240 and \$22,740 back from the State for Danny's education.

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