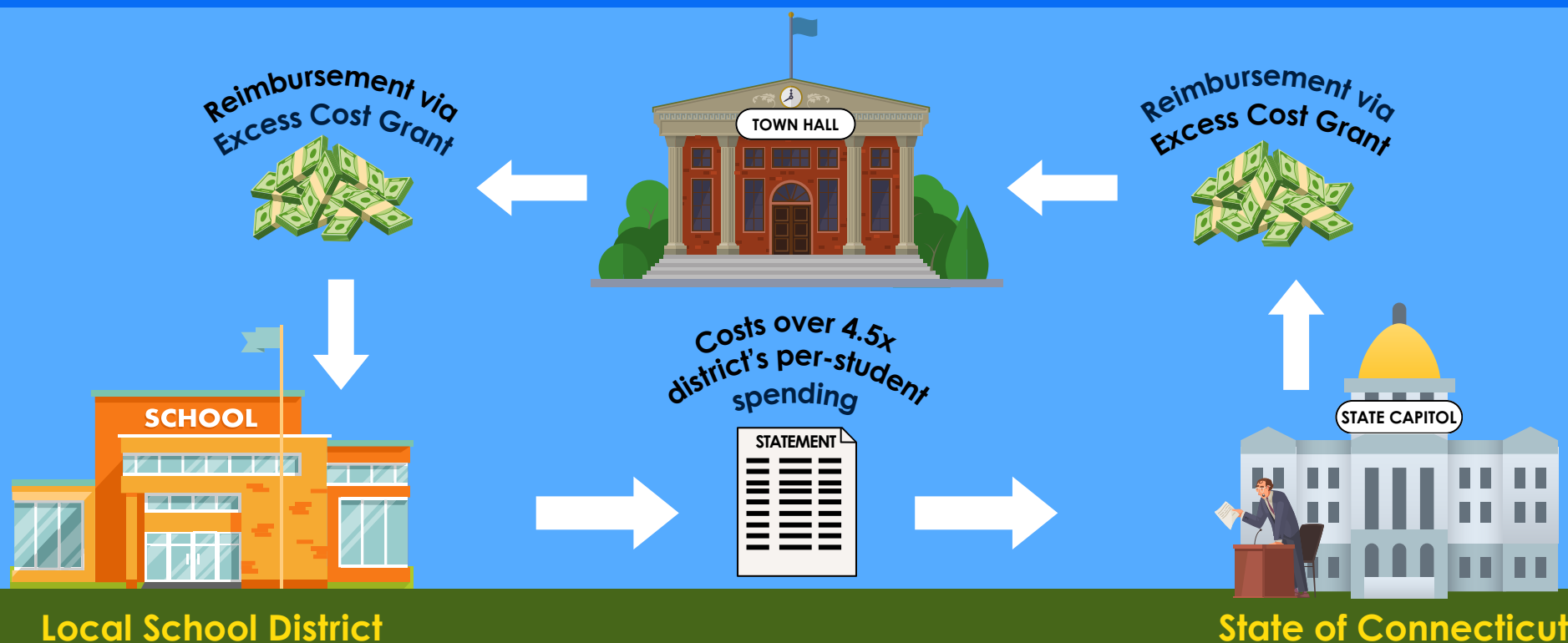


Excess Cost Grant

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 72.8% to 78.8%** — 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

NO

\$20,000

NO

N/A



BRIAN

YES

\$75,000

NO

N/A



DANNY

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 72.8% to 78.8%.

This means, based on DISTRICT Y's wealth, it could receive between \$21,840 and \$23,640 back from the State for Danny's education.

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