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2700 SERVICES TO NONPUBLIC SCHOOL PUPILS

The Board of Education shall provide, in accordance with law and to the limit of State aid available for such purposes, services to pupils enrolled in nonpublic schools located within this school district in which a child may legally fulfill compulsory school attendance requirements and which complies with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

Textbooks N.J.S.A. 18A:58-37.1 et seq. N.J.A.C. 6A:23-6.1 et seq.

The Board shall, on individual request, purchase and loan, without charge, textbooks to pupils attending a nonpublic school located in this district, provided the pupil is a New Jersey resident and the pupil's tuition is not paid by a district Board of Education. Such loan of textbooks will be indicated in each book by a label. Any textbook so loaned will remain the property of this Board. Textbooks loaned to nonpublic school pupils shall be returned at the end of the school year or the district may enter into agreements with the nonpublic schools to store the textbooks without cost to this Board.

A request for the loan of textbooks shall be signed by the parent(s) or legal guardian(s) of nonpublic school pupils and submitted in writing directly to this Board or may be forwarded collectively by the nonpublic school. Requests must be received by the Board by March 1 of the preceding school year.

Textbooks shall be purchased in the same manner as are textbooks purchased for use in this district. Nonpublic school pupils shall be subject to the rules and sanctions for the care of textbooks set forth in Policy No. 5513, Care of School Property, in the same manner as are pupils of this district.

Remedial Services N.J.S.A. 18A:46-19.1 et seq. N.J.A.C. 6A:14-1.1 et seq.

The Board shall provide services for the identification, referral, evaluation, and determination of eligibility for special education and/or related services, the development of individualized education programs, and speech correction for articulation disorders.

The eligibility of pupils in nonpublic schools for such services shall be determined by the criteria established by rules of the State Board and used to determine the eligibility of pupils enrolled in this district for the same services. Services shall be provided only upon the written consent of

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the parent(s) or legal guardian(s) of the pupil and shall include procedural safeguards provided to pupils of this district under N.J.A.C. 6A:14.2 et seq. and Policy No. 2460.

Remedial services will be supplied by appropriately certified personnel who are not employees of the nonpublic school, except that speech correction may be provided by employees of the nonpublic school. Such services shall be provided only upon consent of the parent(s) or legal guardian(s) of the pupil. Services may also be provided under contract with a public or private agency approved by the Commissioner for the provision of remedial services. The location in which services are provided will be determined by the Board, and will comply with rules of the State Board.

Auxiliary Services N.J.S.A. 18A:46A-1 et seq. N.J.A.C. 6A:14-1.1 et seq.

The Board shall provide supportive services for acquiring communication proficiency in the English language for children of limited English speaking ability, supplementary instruction services, and home instruction services. Auxiliary services will be provided only upon the written consent of the pupil's parent(s) or legal guardian(s).

Auxiliary services may be provided by appropriately certified personnel who are employees of this district or of the nonpublic school. Services may also be provided under contract with a public or private agency approved by the Commissioner for the provision of auxiliary services. The location in which services are provided will be determined by the Board, and will comply with rules of the State Board.

Nursing and Emergency Services N.J.S.A. 18A:40-23 et seq. N.J.A.C. 6A:16-2.4 et seq.

The Board shall provide basic nursing services in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A16-2.4 et seq. within the limits of funds appropriated or otherwise made available for this purpose according to N.J.S.A. 18A:40-23. Nursing services shall include the extension of emergency care for pupils enrolled full time in the nonpublic school who are injured or become ill at school, or during participation on a school team or squad pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:16-1.4(a)1.

The Superintendent and the administrator of the nonpublic school shall meet annually to review funding, to agree on basic nursing services and additional medical services to be provided based on funding, and to assure the nonpublic school has a copy of N.J.S.A. 18A:40-23 to 31. If agreement cannot be reached between the district and the nonpublic school, the County Office of Education shall be consulted for clarification. The district may provide additional nursing services when all basic nursing services have been provided, or will be provided, within the limits of funds appropriated or otherwise made available for this purpose according to N.J.S.A. 18A:40-23. The nursing services provided to a nonpublic school shall not include instructional services.

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Funds spent on services delivered under this policy in any one nonpublic school shall not exceed the amount allocated to that school on a per pupil basis, less the cost to this district of administrative services directly attributable to the provision of such services or six percent of the funds allocated for each participating nonpublic school, whichever is less.

Nursing services shall include assistance with medical examinations and dental screening, screening of hearing examinations, maintenance of pupil health records, notification of local and county health officials of any pupil who has not been properly immunized, and the conduct of scoliosis examinations. If the Board and the nonpublic school agree, emergency care shall be provided to nonpublic school pupils who become ill or are injured in school or during participation on a school athletic team or squad in the same manner such services are provided to pupils of this district.

Nursing and health care services shall be provided by a professional registered nurse licensed in New Jersey who is an employee of this district, an employee of a third party contractor, or an independent contractor. The location of the services will be determined by the Board and will comply with the rules of the State Board.

The Board may purchase equipment and supplies for the provision of services under this policy, within the allocation of funds, and may lend any such equipment to a nonpublic school without charge provided it is understood that such equipment remains the property of the Board.

A nonpublic school pupil whose parent(s) or legal guardian(s) objects in writing to the receipt of nursing services shall not be compelled to receive such services; except for a physical examination to determine whether the pupil is ill or infected with a communicable disease.

The Superintendent or designee will retain a written statement verifying the annual meeting was held with the nonpublic school. The Superintendent or designee will also retain a copy of the contract document; Board meeting minutes approving the contract that describes the methods by which nursing services to the nonpublic pupils will be provided for the ensuing school year; a rationale for the distribution of funds; and a description of the type and number of services which were provided during the previous year to nonpublic pupils will be recorded on a form provided by the Commissioner of Education as required in N.J.A.C. 6A:16-2.4(a).

Delivery of Services

The Board shall provide any transportation necessitated by the provision of services under this policy.

Records regarding individual pupils receiving services under this policy shall be kept in accordance with State Board rules and Policy No. 8330 on Pupil Records.

The Board shall, file with the Commissioner a report on the number of nonpublic school pupils identified as eligible to receive services at a time and in a form required by the New Jersey Department of Education.

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N.J.S.A. 18A:40-23 et seq.; 18A:40A-17(c); 18A:46-19.1 et seq.; 18A:46A-1 et seq.; 18A:58-37.1 et seq. N.J.A.C. 6A:14-1.1 et seq.; 6A:16-2.4 et seq.

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