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Relationship Between Nonpublic Educational Organizations and MAPS

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I. PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to govern the relationship between nonpublic educational organizations and Moorhead Area Public Schools.

II. GENERAL STATEMENT OF POLICY

A nonpublic school requesting approval as a private school for operation within the Moorhead Area Public Schools boundaries is required to furnish information to the Superintendent consistent with the Minnesota Compulsory Instruction Law (120A.22).

The school district shall maintain a listing of approved schools.

A. Reports to Superintendent

1. The person or nonpublic school in charge of providing instruction to a child must submit to the Superintendent of the district in which the child resides the name, birth date, and address of the child; the annual nationally norm-referenced standardized achievement examination, if required; the name of each instructor; and evidence of compliance with one of the requirements specified for instructors:

a) by October 1 of the first school year, the child receives instruction after reaching the age of seven;

b) within 15 days of when a parent withdraws a child from public school after age seven to provide instruction in a nonpublic school that is not accredited by a state-recognized accredited agency;

c) within 15 days of moving out of a district; and

d) by October 1, after a new resident district is established.

2. The person or nonpublic school in charge of providing instruction to a child between the ages of seven and 16 must submit, by October 1 of each school year, a letter of intent to continue to provide instruction under this section for all students under the person's or school's supervision and any changes to the information required in paragraph 1.

3. The Superintendent may collect the required information under this section through an electronic or web-based format but must not require electronic submission of information under this section from the person in charge of reporting.

B. Availability of Documentation

1. The person or nonpublic school in charge of providing instruction to a child must maintain documentation indicating that the required subjects are being taught and proof that the required tests have been administered. This documentation must include class schedules, copies of materials used for instruction, and descriptions of methods used to assess student achievement.

2. The parent of a child who enrolls full-time in public school after having been enrolled in a nonpublic school that is not accredited by a state-recognized accredited agency must provide the enrolling public school or school district with the child's scores on any tests administered to the child and other education-related documents the enrolling schools or district requires to determine where the child is placed in school and what course requirements apply. This paragraph does not apply to a shared-time student who does not seek a public school diploma.

C. Curriculum

Instruction must be provided in at least the following subject areas:

- 1) basic communication skills, including reading and writing, literature, and fine arts;
- 2) mathematics and science;
- 3) social studies, including history, geography, and government; and
- 4) health and physical education.

Instruction, textbooks, and materials must be in the English language. Another language may also be used.

D. Requirements for Instructors

A person who is providing instruction to a child must meet at least one of the following requirements:

- 1) hold a valid Minnesota teaching license in the field and for the grade level taught;
- 2) be directly supervised by a person holding a valid Minnesota teaching license;
- 3) successfully complete a teacher competency examination;
- 4) provide instruction in a school that is accredited by an accrediting agency, recognized according to the Nonpublic Education Council or recognized by the commissioner;
- 5) hold a baccalaureate degree; or
- 6) be the parent of a child who is assessed according to the procedures in section E below.

Any person providing instruction in a public school must meet the requirements of paragraph 1) above.

E. Assessment of Performance

- 1) Each year, the performance of every child ages seven through 16 who is not enrolled in a public school must be assessed using a nationally norm-referenced standardized achievement examination. The Superintendent of the district in which the child receives instruction and the person in charge of the child's instruction must agree about the specific examination to be used and the administration and location of the examination.
- 2) To the extent the examination in paragraph 1) does not provide an assessment in all of the subject areas in section C., the parent must assess the child's performance in the applicable subject area. This requirement applies only to a parent who provides instruction and does not meet the requirements of section D. 1), 2), or 3).
- 3) If the results of the assessments in paragraphs 1) and 2) indicate that the child's performance on the total battery score is at or below the 30th percentile or one grade level below the performance level for children of the same age, the parent must obtain an additional evaluation of the child's abilities and performance for the purpose of determining whether the child has learning problems.

4) A child receiving instruction from a nonpublic school, person, or institution that is accredited by an accrediting agency, recognized according to the Nonpublic Education Council, or recognized by the commissioner, is exempt from the requirements of this section.

F. Exemptions

A nonpublic school, person, or other institution that is accredited by an accrediting agency or recognized by the commissioner, is exempt from the documentation regarding subjects and tests in section B. above.

Legal References:

Minn. Stat. 120A.22-120A.26 (Compulsory Instruction)

Minn. Stat. 121A.15 Subds. 1-9 (Health Standards; Immunizations; School Children)

Cross References:

Moorhead School Board Policy 530: Student Immunization Requirements

Moorhead School Board Policy 516: Medication

Moorhead School Board Policy 611: Home-Schooled Students