

## **MONONA GROVE SCHOOL DISTRICT**

Board Policy 423.1

### **PRIVATE SCHOOL STUDENT PARTICIPATION IN FEDERALLY FUNDED PROGRAMS**

The Monona Grove School District attempts to foster a good relationship with the private schools serving the communities' students. In keeping with this perspective and in accordance with relevant laws regarding the participation of private school students in federally funded programs, the following policy is adopted.

The Monona Grove School District shall provide students enrolled in private schools opportunities for equitable participation in federally funded programs, in accordance with federal regulations and in a manner that is consistent with the number of eligible private school students and their needs. While opportunities for equitable participation shall be provided, the district shall maintain continuing administrative direction and control over funds and property that benefit students enrolled in private schools.

The district shall consult with appropriate representatives of students enrolled in private schools during all phases of the development and design of a federally funded project including which students will receive benefits under the project, how the student's needs will be identified, what benefits will be provided, how the benefits will be provided and how the project will be evaluated.

The district shall consult with appropriate representatives of students enrolled in private schools before they make any decision that affects the opportunities of these students to participate in a federally funded project and shall give the appropriate representatives a genuine opportunity to express their views.

The district shall determine the needs of students enrolled in private schools, the number of those students who will participate in a federally funded project and the benefits that the public agency will provide under the program to those students (i.e., consultation, in-service, use of certain instructional equipment/material) on a basis comparable to that used in providing for participation of students enrolled in the Monona Grove School District.

The district shall develop and implement an individualized *Private School Plan* for each disabled child enrolled in a private school and receiving special education and related services from the district. The allocation of funds for the *Private School Plan* is equal to a proportional amount as calculated pursuant to state and federal law.

The program benefits that the district provides for students enrolled in private schools shall be comparable in quality, opportunity for participation and scope to the program benefits that the district provides for students enrolled in public schools.

The district shall ensure equitable opportunities for participation by students enrolled in private schools who have the same needs as the public school students to be served and are in that group, attendance area or age or grade level. If the needs of a student enrolled in a private school are different from the needs of students enrolled in the Monona Grove School District, correspondingly different program benefits shall be provided.

The district shall ensure availability of the following information in its application for a federally funded project.

1. A description of how the district will meet the federal requirements for participation of students enrolled in private schools.
2. The number of students enrolled in private schools who have been identified as eligible under the program.
3. The number of students enrolled in private schools who will receive benefit under the program.
4. The criteria the district used to select the students.
5. The manner and extent to which the district complied with the consultation requirements listed above.
6. The places and times that the students will receive benefit under the program.
7. The differences, if any, between the program benefits the district shall provide to public and to private school students and the reason for those differences.

The district shall not use federally funded program/project funds for classes that are organized separately on the basis of school enrollment or religion of the students if the classes are at the same site and include both students enrolled in the Monona Grove School District and students enrolled in private schools. Federally funded program funds shall not be used to finance the existing level of instruction in a private school or to otherwise benefit the private schools. The district shall use program funds to meet the specific federally funded needs of students enrolled in private schools rather than the need of a private school or the general needs of the students enrolled in a private school.

Federally funded program funds shall be used to make public personnel available in other than school district facilities only to the extent necessary to provide equitable program benefits designed for students enrolled in private schools and only if those equitable benefits are not normally provided by the private school.

The district shall use federally funded program funds to pay for the services of an employee of a private school only if the employee performs the services outside of his/her regular hours of duty and under public supervision and control.

The district shall maintain title to and administrative control of all equipment and supplies acquired with federally funded program funds. The district shall ensure that the equipment or supplies placed in a private school are used only for the purposes of the federally funded project and can be removed from the private school without remodeling the private school facilities. The district shall remove equipment or supplies from a private school if the equipment or supplies are no longer needed for the purpose of the project or removal is necessary to avoid use

of the equipment/supplies for other than project purposes. The district shall ensure that program funds are not used for the construction of private school facilities.

LEGAL REFERENCES: Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) 1997  
Wisconsin Statute 115, Subchapter V  
Wisconsin Administrative Code PI-11

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