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POLICY GROUP 6 - SPECIAL EDUCATION PRIVATE SCHOOL CHILDREN

Sec. 1. CHILD FIND PRIVATE SCHOOL STUDENTS

Triumph Public High Schools shall coordinate with home school districts, who are primarily responsible for consulting with private school representatives, regarding the child find process and the provision of special education and related services to children enrolled in private schools within Triumph Public High Schools' boundaries.

Triumph Public High Schools shall undertake activities similar to those undertaken for children enrolled in public schools and shall complete the child find process for children enrolled in private schools in a time period comparable to that for other students attending the public schools within Triumph Public High Schools' boundaries. 20 U.S.C. 1412(a)(10)(A)(ii)–(iv).

Sec. 2. SPECIAL EDUCATION STUDENTS PLACED IN PRIVATE SCHOOL

a) Placement by Triumph Public High Schools

If Triumph Public High Schools places a child with a disability in a private school or facility, or refers the child to a private school or facility, as a means of carrying out the requirements of the special education laws, Triumph Public High Schools shall ensure that the child is provided special education and related services, in accordance with an individualized education program ("IEP"), at no cost to the parents. 20 U.S.C. 1412(a)(10)(B)(i).

b) Placement by the Parent

When a student with a disability who has been placed by his or her parent directly in a private school is referred to Triumph Public High Schools, Triumph Public High Schools shall convene an admission, review, and dismissal ("ARD") committee to determine whether Triumph Public High Schools can offer the child a free appropriate public education ("FAPE"). If Triumph Public High Schools determines that it can offer a FAPE to the student, Triumph Public High Schools is not responsible for providing educational services to the student, except as provided in 34 CFR 300.130–300.144 or 19 TAC 89.1096(e), until such time as the parents choose to enroll the student in Triumph Public High Schools full time. 19 TAC 89.1096(b).

Sec. 3. REJECTION OF OFFER OF FAPE

a) Student Receives ISP

If Triumph Public High Schools offers to provide a FAPE to a child with a disability and the parents elect to place the child in a private school or facility, Triumph Public High Schools is not required to pay for the cost of education, including special education and related services.

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However, Triumph Public High Schools must develop and implement an individualized services plan ("ISP") for the child. 20 U.S.C. 1412(a)(10)(C)(i); 34 CFR 300.148(a).

b) Reimbursement

If the parents of a child with a disability, who previously received special education and related services under the authority of Triumph Public High Schools, enroll the child in a private school without the consent or referral by Triumph Public High Schools, a court or a hearing officer may require Triumph Public High Schools to reimburse the parents for the cost of that enrollment if the court or hearing officer finds that Triumph Public High Schools had not made a FAPE available to the child in a timely manner before the enrollment. 20 U.S.C. 1412(a)(10)(C)(ii); 34 CFR 300.148(c).

