

6.10.090-P Private Schools – Requests for Funding

The Board has received requests from private schools, which are not church schools, for resources (staffing, materials, supplies and/or funding) to assist such private schools. While the Board has complete discretion whether, and has no obligation, to respond to such requests, it is appropriate to state the governing principles and general conditions applicable to such requests.

I. Governing Principles

- (1) The principles which guide district schools in these matters are as follows:
 - (a) It is the central and primary responsibility of the public schools to provide at public expense within the public schools a secular education, which is open on a full-time basis to all children in the community.
 - (b) Under state law, parents have the right to send their children at private expense to private schools as an alternative to accepting a full-time public school education for their children.
 - (c) Cooperation between the public schools and private schools must meet constitutional limitations, must not encourage a dual system of education at public expense, nor cause the fragmentation of the public school system, nor interfere with the administration of the public schools, nor reduce the quality and effectiveness of public education.
 - (d) The Board will continue to develop within its public schools alternative and varied educational programs at all grade levels to meet the diverse interests and needs of its students.
 - (e) The Board will not consider providing resources to a private school unless it finds the conditions stated under section II below are met.

II. General Conditions

- (1) The staff of the school is qualified to conduct the program.
- (2) The private school has defined its goals, they are consistent with the goals of the district, and the private school seeks to integrate the students attending the school into the public school system.
- (3) The private school shall by contract agree to:
 - (a) Cooperate with the district in the provision of educational services;
 - (b) Conduct evaluations of staff, program and results, and provide this as required by OAR 581-022-1350 and the district;

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- (c) Provide the district with routine reports and any additional reports required by the district;
 - (d) Comply with conditions (1) through (3) above and with such other terms and provisions as the Board shall require.
- (4) This policy does not apply to religious schools, nor commit the Board to provide resources to any private school whatsoever.

Legal References: ORS 332.107; OAR 581-022-1350; ORS 345.505 (2)

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