School Eligibility Requirements

Nevada Eligible schools are private schools (grades K-12) that meet the following criteria:

1. To participate in the Nevada Educational Choice Scholarship Program, a school shall:
   a) Register its intent to participate in the scholarship program with the Department on a form prescribed by the Superintendent of Public Instruction.
   b) Four times a year, no later than August 15, October 15, January 15, and March 15 of each year, submit in a format to be specified by the Department an electronic list of all participating scholarship pupils. The list shall include the following information:
      1) Demographic information for each pupil, including name, date of birth, grade level, gender, race or ethnicity, parent's or guardian's name, and address;
      AND
      2) Information on the pupil's school of attendance, including tuition, fees, and transportation amounts; and the organization providing the scholarship;
      AND
      3) The amount of each pupil's scholarship(s) and the organization(s) providing the scholarship.

2. The Department shall maintain a directory of participating schools on its Internet website.

3. As used in subsection 5 of Section 5 of Assembly Bill 165 of the 78th Session (Statutes of Nevada 2015, Chapter 22), if the school receiving a grant is a private school, "record of the academic progress" includes, without limitation, the results of at least one nationally norm-referenced test that has been approved by the Department. The Department shall maintain a list of the tests it has approved.
   o The Department shall approve the use of a test if it meets the following criteria:
      • Internal consistency reliability coefficients of at least 0.8;
      • High validity evidenced by the alignment of the test with nationally recognized content standards, as well as specific evidence of content, concurrent, or criterion validity;
      • Norming studies within the last five to ten years, with norming within five years being preferable;
      AND
   o Serves as a measure of K-12 pupil achievement in core academic areas.

4. Not later than December 15 of each even-numbered year, the Department shall collect records of academic progress from schools in such a manner that the information may be aggregated and reported to the Governor, State Board of Education, and the director of Legislative Counsel Bureau. Nothing in this section shall be deemed to require the Department to report information in a manner that discloses any Personally Identifiable Information.

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