

SERVICES TO STUDENTS PROVIDED BY OUTSIDE INDIVIDUALS, AGENCIES, AND/OR ORGANIZATIONS

The Lyon County School District (LCSD) has an interest in establishing policies to ensure that individuals and representatives of outside agencies or organizations who enter its public schools do so under circumstances that protect students, staff, and the school district from threats to safety and intrusion on instructional time. In this regard, the LCSD acknowledges that there are varying circumstances under which various individuals, agencies, or organizations may legitimately seek access to the public schools and the students who attend those schools. In addition, there are circumstances where the mission of the LCSD is supported by collaborative work with outside individuals, agencies, and organizations.

This policy is intended to establish parameters for school administrators to use in providing for access by outside individuals, agencies, and organizations to the LCSD public schools and to the students who attend those schools.

School Visitation Policy

The LCSD recognizes the importance of providing and maintaining a safe learning environment for its students and employees. In this regard, the LCSD has established a separate SCHOOL VISITATION POLICY (LCSD Board Policy INH) designed to ensure that all visitors to the schools report to the main office when they arrive at the building for a visitor pass. The SCHOOL VISITATION POLICY contains additional requirements concerning school visitations.

Individual Student Instructional Support

The LCSD recognizes its obligation to employ and/or contract with teachers, paraprofessionals, related services providers, and other service providers as needed, who are appropriately licensed and trained, to provide a public school education to the students in attendance at LCSD schools. This obligation includes the obligation to employ and/or contract with personnel necessary to provide special education and related services provided to students with disabilities in accordance with plans developed under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act or Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973.

From time to time, an instructional, or instructional support, or related services need may be identified for a particular student, and the LCSD may need to hire additional staff to meet that need. In such circumstances, the LCSD may, in accordance with applicable district policies and agreements, contract with an outside entity for the provision of those educational services. However, no teacher, tutor, counselor, behavior management specialist, paraprofessional, related service provider, or other service provider who is not under the employment or contractual authority of the LCSD will be permitted to provide routine instructional, or instructional support, or related services of any kind to LCSD students during the school day.

Non-Instructional Support

The LCSD recognizes the importance of creating partnerships with outside agencies and organizations who share the school district's commitment to the overall health and well-being of students who attend the public schools.

From time to time, the LCSD may enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with such agencies/organizations to facilitate the work of the agency/organization in cooperation with the LCSD, and on the premises of LCSD public schools. Any such MOU must include, at a minimum, provisions to address the following items:

- Beginning and ending dates for the term of the MOU
- Purpose for the work and description of the work to be accomplished
- Specific roles and responsibilities of the LCSD and the agency/organization
- Licensing, as appropriate and required by state law, of the agency/organization
- Licensing, as appropriate and required by state law, of the staff members associated with the agency/organization
- Evidence, as appropriate, that the agency/organization is in good standing with all applicable regulatory agencies
- Assurance that all activities conducted by the agency/organization in cooperation with the LCSD are specifically undertaken in such a way as to minimize interruption of instruction
- Understanding that staff members associated with the agency/organization are generally subject to expectations of conduct established by LCSD policy and administrative regulation while working on the premises of a public school or at a school-sponsored activity
- Understanding that the LCSD reserves the exclusive right to limit or prohibit the agency/organization or its staff members, at any time, from accessing the public schools or its students
- Evidence that the agency/organization is covered by insurance sufficient to indemnify and hold the LCSD harmless and defend the LCSD from any and all liability and claims, including but not limited to costs and attorney's fees, which may result from the negligent and/or intentional acts of the agency/organization and/or its staff
- Provision for the agency/organization to indemnify and hold the LCSD harmless and defend the LCSD from any and all liability and claims, including but not limited to costs and attorney's fees, which may result from the negligent and/or intentional acts of the agency/organization and its staff.