

## **Students Attending Private Special Education Facilities**

### Section A - Introduction

It is the policy of the Board of Education of District #225 to pay tuition and transportation expenses for special education students to attend Illinois State Board of Education approved private special education facilities at the rate(s) approved by the Governor's Purchased Care Review Board under the terms and conditions set forth below:

### Section B - Eligibility

The student must be a resident of District #225 and be eligible to attend one of the Glenbrook High Schools.

The student must be fifteen years of age by the beginning of the school year to be funded or have graduated from the eighth grade.

The student must have been declared eligible for special education programs and services as a result of a District #225 multidisciplinary staff conference.

The Student Review Board must have found that no District #225 program is adequate or appropriate for the student and, therefore, has recommended private school enrollment.

District #225 may pay for private special education instruction for a student who has been enrolled in Glenbrook's special education program and whose performance has resulted in the Student Review Board recommending private school placement. Room and board costs will not be funded by District 225 unless the District 225 IEP Team has determined that a residential component is required for a student to receive educational benefit as identified in the IEP.

Residential placements are the most restrictive alternative and can be recommended only after all other alternatives have been found by the Student Review Board to be inappropriate and inadequate. Room and board costs will not be funded by District 225 unless the District 225 IEP Team has determined that a residential component is required for a student to receive educational benefit as identified in the IEP.

### Section B - Placement

The director of special education, in cooperation with the Northern Suburban Special Education District, will help parents of students recommended for private schools to locate and apply to an appropriate private facility.

An appropriate private facility shall meet the criteria provided in Section 226.330 of the 23 Illinois Administrative Code.

Students who receive an educational program in hospital schools will be funded under the provisions of Board of Education policy: Homebound or Hospitalbound Instruction (IDE).

District #225 shall pay the educational costs related to residential placements for students who meet all of the criteria described in Section B of this policy when their placement was made by and their room and

board are paid by the Department of Children and Family Services, Department of Corrections and/or the Department of Mental Health.

Residential placements must be annually approved in writing by District #225 Student Review Board, the Northern Suburban Special Education District, and the Illinois Office of Education. Approval of the placement must precede tuition payment.

District 225 will not provide tuition assistance for students whose placement is made unilaterally by the parents and without the participation of the Student Review Board.

District #225 will not provide tuition assistance when the Student Review Board recommends a District #225 program or other appropriate public school program for a special education student and the parents choose to enroll and unilaterally place the student in a private school.

Section D - Transportation to Private Facilities

District #225 shall provide transportation for special education students enrolled in private residential schools as provided by Board of Education policy: Transportation for Special Education Students (7140).

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