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EASTERN affirms that all curriculum offerings and student admissions and enrollment practices will be handled without discrimination based on race, sex, color, religion, religious creed, age, disability, sexual orientation, gender identity, pregnancy, marital status, veteran status, genetic information, national origin, shared ancestry, or membership in any other protected class, and in accordance with EASTERN's legal obligations. EASTERN is an area career and technical school that provides career and technical education programs to secondary school students from its nine constituent school districts that are parties to EASTERN's Articles of Jointure for Operation ("Participating School Districts") and postsecondary students.

EASTERN's Participating School Districts include:

1. Abington School District
2. Bryn Athyn School District
3. Cheltenham School District
4. Hatboro-Horsham School District
5. Jenkintown School District
6. Lower Moreland Township School District,
7. School District of Springfield Township
8. Upper Dublin School District
9. Upper Moreland School District

Admission and enrollment to EASTERN will comply with applicable law and regulations.

I. Admission of Secondary Schools Students

Admission of secondary school students is limited to students who are enrolled in one of the Participating School Districts and have a legal entitlement to attend EASTERN. Participating School Districts are responsible for evaluating student applications to EASTERN and for recommending admission of its students into EASTERN's programs in accordance with its legal obligations. EASTERN's Executive Director shall establish and provide recommended admissions criteria to the Participating School Districts for use in this process. EASTERN retains the authority to issue final approval and admittance to each student recommended.

Students enrolled in a school district that is not a Participating School District ("Non-Participating School District") or a charter school will not be considered for admission unless:

1. The student's school district of residence requests a placement because the career and technical school in which that student's home district participates does not offer or have available a career and technical course of study similar to that which the student is seeking; or
2. EASTERN has an agreement with the charter school the student is attending that would permit EASTERN to consider admission.

If admission is considered in these two circumstances, EASTERN's Executive Director will oversee the application process to determine whether admission should be granted in accordance with EASTERN's legal obligations.

EASTERN retains the authority to unenroll a student in the event a student no longer has a legal entitlement to attend EASTERN.

II. Costs for Secondary Student Attendance

The costs of student attendance for students enrolled in EASTERN's nine Participating School Districts are addressed within the Articles of Jointure for Operation.

EASTERN does not accept tuition payments or private payments from families for the admittance and/or attendance of secondary students.

If a student enrolled in a Non-Participating school district is found eligible to attend EASTERN and accepted into an EASTERN program, the student's school district of residence shall be charged for that student's attendance in an amount equal to the tuition charges authorized by the Pennsylvania School Code.

In the event that EASTERN has an agreement with a charter school that would permit a charter school student to attend EASTERN, tuition would be charged in accordance with the terms of any agreement EASTERN has with a charter school. EASTERN's Executive Director and/or a designee shall oversee the calculation of such tuition costs under any such agreement with a charter school.

III. Admission of Postsecondary Students

EASTERN offers programs specifically for postsecondary students 17 years or older who have graduated or withdrawn from secondary school. EASTERN is responsible for evaluating applications from postsecondary students for these programs, and it retains the authority to issue final approval and admittance to each student.

Enrollment by postsecondary students at EASTERN shall not be considered enrollment in any of EASTERN's Participating School Districts and shall not establish any responsibility on the part of a resident school district for the support or maintenance of postsecondary students at EASTERN.

IV. Costs for Postsecondary Student Attendance

Postsecondary students are responsible for paying expenses associated with their program, including but not limited to tuition and related costs. Such expenses will be determined by EASTERN's administration, and the administration will set related procedures to ensure that all expenses are properly billed and collected.

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