

Aid to Non-Public Schools Program FY 2023 (SY 2022-2023)
Program Assurances

By applying to the Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE) to participate in the Aid to Non-Public Schools Program, I hereby agree, as the official representative of the school, to comply with the following terms and conditions:

1. The school holds a certificate of approval by or is registered with the Maryland State Board of Education.
2. Non-discrimination:
 - a. The school operates in compliance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended.
 - b. The school complies with Title 20, Subtitle 6 of the State Government Article.
 - c. The school does not discriminate in student admissions, retention, or expulsion, or otherwise discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sexual orientation, or gender identity or expression. Nothing herein shall require any school or institution to adopt any rule, regulation, or policy that conflicts with its religious or moral teachings. However, all participating schools must agree that they will not discriminate in student admissions, retention, or expulsion, or otherwise discriminate based on race, color, national origin, sexual orientation, or gender identity or expression. If the school is found to be in violation of the requirements to not discriminate, the school shall be required to return to MSDE all textbooks, computer hardware, software and other electronically delivered learning materials acquired through the FY 2023 allocation.
 - d. The school had incorporated the following statement into its student handbook as required by Annotated Code of Maryland, Education Article § 26-704(c). Please note the exceptions provided under § 26-702:

"It is the policy of the State of Maryland that all public and publicly funded schools and school programs operate in compliance with:

- (1) Title VI of the federal Civil Rights Act of 1964; and
 - (2) Title 26, Subtitle 7 of the Education Article of the Maryland Code, which states that public and publicly funded schools and programs may not:
 - i. Discriminate against a current student, a prospective student, or the parent or guardian of a current or prospective student on the basis of race, ethnicity, color, religion, sex, age, national origin, marital status, sexual orientation, gender identity, or disability;
 - ii. Refuse enrollment of a prospective student, expel a current student, or withhold privileges from a current student, a prospective student, or the parent or guardian of a current or prospective student because of an individual's race, ethnicity, color, religion, sex, age, national origin, marital status, sexual orientation, gender identity, or disability; or
 - iii. Discipline, invoke a penalty against, or take any other retaliatory action against a student or parent or guardian of a student who files a complaint alleging that the program or school discriminated against the student, regardless of the outcome of the complaint."
3. The school will submit its student handbook or other written policy related to student admissions to MSDE for review to ensure compliance with program eligibility requirements.
 4. The school will not charge more tuition to a participating student than the statewide per pupil expenditure, which has been calculated by MSDE as \$18,153, with appropriate exceptions for special education students.

5. The school will dedicate the savings on the cost of textbooks and equipment to reducing the cost of textbooks for students. The school's records will show that the eligible student's cost of textbooks was reduced by the requisite amount.
6. The school will maintain an inventory of all books purchased under the program, including the location of the books and equipment, and final disposition for worn or outdated books.
7. The school understands that the textbooks and equipment are the property of MSDE. The school will not sell merchandise purchased through this program.
8. The school will receive prior approval from the MSDE Office of Fiscal and Policy Analysis regarding the disposition of outdated or worn textbooks and equipment.
9. The school will maintain records for three years and will make all records related to the program available for review and audit by authorized representatives of MSDE.
10. Erin's Law requirement – A school that holds a certificate of approval from the State Board under the Education Article §2-206(e) and participates in the Aid to Non-Public Schools Program shall develop and implement a program of age-appropriate education on the awareness and prevention of sexual abuse and assault. The program shall be taught by a teacher who is trained to provide instruction on the awareness and prevention of sexual abuse and assault and incorporated into the school's health curriculum.

I further certify that all of the facts, figures, and representations made with respect to student enrollment, number and percentage of students eligible to receive free and reduced-price lunch, and tuition costs are true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief.

This assurances page must be signed by the Head of the School.

Head of School Name

Title

Head of School Signature

Date

Nonpublic School Name