

**Aid to Non-Public Schools Program Fiscal Year 2025
Nonpublic Textbook 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 from 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 Fiscal Year 2025 allocation.
 - d. The school complies with the requirements under Annotated Code of Maryland, Education Article [§ 26-701 — 704](#).
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 including the required language under Education Article [§ 26-701 — 704](#).
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 \$21,023, with appropriate exceptions for special education students.
5. The school will dedicate the savings on the cost of textbooks, computer hardware, and computer software to reducing the cost of textbooks, computer hardware, and computer software for students. The school's records will show that the eligible student's cost of textbooks computer hardware, and computer software was reduced by the requisite amount.
6. The school will maintain an inventory of all textbooks, computer hardware, and computer software purchased under the program, including the location of the textbooks, computer hardware, and computer software, and final disposition for worn or outdated textbooks or computer hardware.
7. The school understands that the textbooks, computer hardware, and computer software are the property of MSDE. The school will not sell the textbooks, computer hardware, and computer software purchased through this program.
8. The school will receive prior approval from the Office of Special Fiscal Programs at MSDE regarding the disposition of outdated or worn textbooks, computer hardware, and computer software.

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. The school may be selected for any reason to undergo a desk audit or monitoring site visit. Schools may be asked to verify the information they attested to in their application and demonstrate that the items purchased under this program are being used for their intended purpose.
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 meals, 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.

Name of Nonpublic School:

Advance Link Number (09-**-****):

Name of Principal or Head of School:

Title of Principal or Head of School:

Email of Principal or Head of School:

Signature of Principal or Head of School:

Date: