



State Accredited Nonpublic Annual Assurances

Purpose

Nonpublic schools, working toward continuous improvement of instruction and student learning, assure ongoing compliance with the described federal and state code.

Requirements

Assurances shall be made by the nonpublic head administrator only. Legal citation accompanies each required assurance.

English Learners

- The state accredited nonpublic school maintains and annually revises the LEA Lau (EL) Plan. (Lau v. Nichols, 1974); Iowa Code sec. 280.4, sec. 216.9.
- The state accredited nonpublic school has a policy of admitting students regardless of their immigrant status or English-speaking status. [Plyer vs. Doe (1982); Title VI of the Civil Rights Act (1964)]
- The state accredited nonpublic school includes a Home Language Survey in registration materials for all students and maintains these forms in student cumulative folders. [Iowa Admin. Code r. 281-60.3]
- The state accredited nonpublic school provides a Language Instruction Educational Program (LIEP) with direct instruction provided by an ESL-endorsed teacher. Consultative services do not meet the requirement for direct instruction. [Iowa Admin. Code 281-60.3(2)]
- The state accredited nonpublic school reports required EL data elements on Iowa's Student Reporting System. [ESSA sec. 1111(h), 3121]
- The state accredited nonpublic school uses the state-approved language proficiency test (ELPA21) to screen and identify ELs (including parental notification) within the first 30 days of a student being enrolled in the local education agency at the beginning of the school year, and within 14 days thereafter. ESSA Sec. 1112(e)(3)(a) and Sec. 1112(e)(3)(b)