

**UT TYLER UNIVERSITY ACADEMY
BOARD POLICY MANUAL
POLICY GROUP 6 - SPECIAL EDUCATION
PRIVATE SCHOOL CHILDREN**

Sec. 1. CHILD FIND PRIVATE SCHOOL STUDENTS

UT Tyler University Academy shall coordinate with home school districts, who are primarily responsible for consulting with private school representatives, regarding the child find process and the provision of special education and related services to children enrolled in private schools within UT Tyler University Academy's boundaries.

UT Tyler University Academy shall undertake activities similar to those undertaken for children enrolled in public schools and shall complete the child find process for children enrolled in private schools in a time period comparable to that for other students attending the public schools within UT Tyler University Academy's boundaries.

20 U.S.C. § 1412(a)(10)(A)(ii)–(iv).

Sec. 2. SPECIAL EDUCATION STUDENTS PLACED IN PRIVATE SCHOOL

a) Placement by UT Tyler University Academy

If UT Tyler University Academy places a child with a disability in a private school or facility, or refers the child to a private school or facility, as a means of carrying out the requirements of the special education laws, UT Tyler University Academy shall ensure that the child is provided special education and related services, in accordance with an individualized education program ("IEP"), at no cost to the parents.

20 U.S.C. § 1412(a)(10)(B)(i).

b) Placement by the Parent

When a student with a disability who has been placed by his or her parent directly in a private school is referred to UT Tyler University Academy, UT Tyler University Academy shall convene an admission, review, and dismissal ("ARD") committee to determine whether UT Tyler University Academy can offer the child a free appropriate public education ("FAPE"). If UT Tyler University Academy determines that it can offer a FAPE to the student UT Tyler University Academy is not responsible for providing educational services to the student, except as provided in 34 C.F.R. §§ 300.130–300.144 or 19 § Texas Administrative Code § 89.1096(e), until such time as the parents choose to enroll the student in UT Tyler University Academy full-time.

19 Tex. Admin. Code § 89.1096(b).

Sec. 3. REJECTION OF OFFER OF FAPE

a) Student Receives ISP

If UT Tyler University Academy offers to provide a FAPE to a child with a disability and the parents elect to place the child in a private school or facility, UT Tyler University Academy is not required to pay for the cost of education, including special education and related services.

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However, UT Tyler University Academy must develop and implement an individualized services plan (“ISP”) for the child.

20 U.S.C. § 1412(a)(10)(C)(i); 34 C.F.R. § 300.148(a).

b) *Reimbursement*

If the parents of a child with a disability, who previously received special education and related services under the authority of UT Tyler University Academy, enroll the child in a private school without the consent or referral by UT Tyler University Academy a court or a hearing officer may require UT Tyler University Academy to reimburse the parents for the cost of that enrollment if the court or hearing officer finds that UT Tyler University Academy had not made a FAPE available to the child in a timely manner before the enrollment.

20 U.S.C. § 1412(a)(10)(C)(ii); 34 C.F.R. § 300.148(c).

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