



RTC Statement of Assurances

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The applicant assures that special education programs and services approved by the Arizona Department of Education, Exceptional Student Services (ESS) unit shall be operated in accordance with all applicable state and federal statutes, regulations, and policies; the applicant agrees to comply with all provisions of such requirements, regulations, and policies. **All requirements of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) must be followed in providing a free appropriate public education (FAPE) for the students placed at the residential treatment center.** The applicant agrees to:

1. To accept students from public education agencies (PEAs) into a facility that has been approved as meeting the standards for an educational voucher.
2. To provide notification to the Arizona Department of Education of any changes in staff or deletion of programs **within 10 school days** of the change or deletion.
3. To provide special education instructional programs for students with disabilities that exceed those provided by the school districts of Arizona and that meet the requirements of IDEA.
4. To provide special education services and related services to meet the needs of the students as indicated on their IEPs.
5. To maintain instructional services consistent with the curriculum that is aligned with Arizona's Academic Standards and to provide for review, upon request, of this curriculum to the home school district to ensure students will be eligible for promotion or graduation upon completion of the residential treatment center program.
6. To administer all required statewide assessments to those students placed in the residential treatment facility by a PEA or through the educational voucher system and to submit assessment materials to home school districts in a timely manner.
7. To accept all responsibilities concerning instructional programs to students with disabilities and parents or guardians that are required of the public schools of Arizona. **Ultimate responsibility for any student placed on an educational voucher rests with the home school district.**
8. To provide in a timely manner student documents, but not limited to, voucher paperwork, attendance records, discipline data, progress data and reports, grades, transcripts as required by ADE and the home school district, and data submissions required by Exceptional Student Services for the upcoming year. To maintain student records in accordance with the statutory requirements and to maintain an accounting system and budget that includes the costs of operation, maintenance, transportation, and capital outlay and that is open to review upon request.
9. To provide documentation of special education policies and procedures based on IDEA and state statutes as it pertains to providing education between public schools and residential treatment centers.
10. To provide administrative personnel such as a head teacher, principal, or other administrator certificated in an administrative area or experienced and certificated in the appropriate area of special education.
11. To maintain adequate liability insurance.
12. To maintain current fire inspection, which must be classified as an educational or medical facility.
13. To permit on-site evaluation and audit of the program by the Arizona Department of Education or its designees and by the representatives of PEAs.
14. To ensure all employees have undergone a background check and have a current fingerprint clearance card as per A.R.S. 15512.
15. To provide all student information requested on the residential voucher application to the home school district within **5 calendar days**.

The applicant recognizes and agrees that approval status and financial assistance from public funds will be based on the representations and agreements made in these assurances and that the United States and the State of Arizona, individually or jointly, shall have the right to seek judicial enforcement of these assurances. These assurances are binding on the applicant, and the person whose signature appears below is authorized to sign these assurances on behalf of the applicant. **Failure to comply with the Statement of Assurances will result in revocation of approval for voucher funding from the Arizona Department of Education.**

Contact vouchersunit@azed.gov for questions.