PRIVATE SCHOOL INFORMATION

Public Schools are not required or obligated to provide services to all Private School students.

The Director of Special Services will meet annually with the Superintendent of each Private School within the School District to get input on the services that will be provided to each Private School; however, the specific services and amount of services for each Private School will be determined by the Director of Special Services. If the Director of Special Services chooses to spend the state allocated Private School funds for SPEECH ONLY, then that will be the only service provided to Private School students. The Director of Special Services may decide that a Private School, who only has one student who is eligible for services would benefit more from materials and resources, rather than direct speech services one time per month (which is all that this Private School is allocated).

If the Private School funds have been encumbered for specific Private School services for the school year, the Public School is not obligated to provide services to any other Private School students for the remainder of that school year.

At the beginning of each school year, a percentage of the Private School funds will be divided among the Private Schools in the district who have specific students who are currently on an ISP.

If the School District decides to offer Private School materials and resources that can be used with students in the Private School setting in lieu of direct services, then the Public School has the right to do so.

If a student has been referred for an initial evaluation, the team must determine eligibility and complete a MEEGS form. If the student is eligible for services, then Public School personnel will complete an IEP, based on the services that the student would receive in the Public School setting. Public School personnel must write across the top of the IEP and initial it, stating “IEP pending enrollment in the Owasso Public School District”. Public School personnel must give the parent a copy of the IEP, MEEGS form and Written Notice form. The Public School District is not required to provide services for the remainder of the school
year. If the Public School District decides to provide services to this student during the next school year, school personnel would complete an ISP, but would not be required to complete another MEEGS form. The thirty day requirement does not apply to Private School students.

Public Schools are not obliged to provide any direct services to students in Private Schools. Whatever services are provided would be based on the percentage of Private School money that would be allocated to each Private School within the district, based on the eligible number of students in each Private School. If the Director of Special Services decides to provide speech to one student in a specific Private School, the student may only receive speech services one time per month, based on the allocation for that Private School. Providing resources and materials for the Private School teachers may be more beneficial.

If the Public School District completes an ISP on a student, then the Public School is responsible for transportation. The Public School can request that the parent bring the student, but cannot require them to do so.

Be careful about offering an ISP. The services must be based on the percentage of Private School funds that have been allocated to each Private School by the Public School District.