



# MINNETONKA PUBLIC SCHOOLS

## **Services for Non-Public School Students**

The state requires all school districts to provide special education services to students with disabilities who attend non-public schools within the school district's borders. Other services for non-public school students are nursing services for students in grades K through 12 and guidance and counseling services for secondary students (grades 7 through 12).

Districts must identify students who are potentially eligible for special education services, and, once identified, offer parents a plan for services.

The public school district may provide special education instruction and services at the nonpublic school building, a public school, or at a neutral site other than a nonpublic school. The public school district determines the location, student by student.

### **What are the disability areas eligible for services?**

Students must meet specific criteria determined by the Minnesota Department of Education.

There are 13 disability categories for services:

- Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD)
- Deaf-Blind (DB)
- Deaf and Hard of Hearing (DHH)
- Developmental Cognitive Disability: Mild to Moderate (DCD-MM) or Moderate-Severe (DCD-MS)
- Early Childhood Special Education (ECSE)
- Emotional or Behavioral Disorders (EBD)
- Other Health Disabilities (OHD)
- Physically Impaired (PI)
- Severely Multiply Impaired (SMI)
- Specific Learning Disability (SLD)
- Speech or Language Impairments (SPL)
- Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI)
- Visually Impaired (VI)

More information about each of the above categories is available at one of the links below.

### **What guidance and counseling services are available?**

Another educational benefit provided, under state law, to nonpublic students in grades 7 through 12 is guidance and counseling services. This means all of the typical activities of a licensed school counselor in counseling pupils and parents, including assisting in personal and social development and career and post-secondary planning.

Parents seeking career and college planning information for their children attending nonpublic schools are also welcome to use the resources on the [Minnetonka High School College & Career Center website](#).

For more information about services you can request, see the contact list linked below, or consult the state statute, also linked below.

[Parent Memo](#)

### **Contacts for Services to Non-Public School Students**

These are the people to contact if you believe your student attending a non-public school may qualify for special education services: Michelle Ferris; Executive Director for Student Support Services; [michelle.ferris@minnetonkaschools.org](mailto:michelle.ferris@minnetonkaschools.org) #952-401-5017

### **Minn. Statute 123B.44: Provision of Pupil Support Services**

The text of the Minnesota statute governing the support services that school districts are required to provide for students attending nonpublic schools.