§2902. State requirements

Private schools approved for attendance purposes by the department shall: [PL 1981, c. 693, §§5, 8 (NEW).]

1. Immunization. Comply with the immunization provisions under chapter 223, subchapter 2; [PL 2015, c. 329, Pt. A, §3 (AMD).]

2. Language of instruction. Use English as the language of instruction except as specified under section 4701;
[PL 1991, c. 824, Pt. B, §5 (AMD).]

3. Courses required by law. Provide instruction in elementary schools as specified in sections 4701, 4704, 4706 and 4711 and in secondary schools as specified in sections 4701, 4704, 4706, 4722, 4723 and 4724.
[PL 2017, c. 466, §4 (AMD).]

4. Commissioner's basic curriculum. Provide instruction in the basic curriculum established by rule by the commissioner under section 4704 and in alignment with the system of learning results established in section 6209;
[PL 2001, c. 454, §10 (AMD).]

5. Certified teachers. Employ only certified teachers;
[PL 1981, c. 693, §§5, 8 (NEW).]

6. Secondary schools. For private secondary schools:

A. Meet the requirements of a minimum school year under section 4801; [PL 1981, c. 693, §§5, 8 (NEW).]

B. Provide a school day of sufficient length to allow for the operation of its approved education program; [PL 1981, c. 693, §§5, 8 (NEW).]

C. Have a student-teacher ratio of not more than 30 to one; [PL 1981, c. 693, §§5, 8 (NEW).]

D. Include not less than 2 consecutive grades from 9 to 12; and [PL 1981, c. 693, §§5, 8 (NEW).]

E. Maintain adequate, safely protected records; [PL 1997, c. 266, §4 (AMD).]
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7. Approval rules. Meet the requirements applicable to the approval of private schools for attendance purposes adopted jointly by the state board and the commissioner;
[PL 1999, c. 669, §2 (AMD).]

8. Release of student records. Upon the request of a school unit, release copies of all student records for students transferring from the private school to the school unit;
[PL 2001, c. 452, §5 (AMD).]

9. Medication. Meet the requirements for administering medication under section 254, subsection 5; and
[PL 2001, c. 452, §6 (AMD).]

10. Reintegration planning. Meet the requirements for administering reintegration planning under section 254, subsection 12.
[PL 2001, c. 452, §7 (NEW).]

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