

POLICY GROUP 6 - SPECIAL EDUCATION  
PRIVATE SCHOOL CHILDREN

**Sec. 1. CHILD FIND PRIVATE SCHOOL STUDENTS**

SFA Charter School 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 SFA Charter School's boundaries.

SFA Charter School 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 SFA Charter School's boundaries.

*20 U.S.C. 1412(a)(10)(A)(ii)–(iv).*

**Sec. 2. SPECIAL EDUCATION STUDENTS PLACED IN PRIVATE SCHOOL**

**a) *Placement by SFA Charter School***

If SFA Charter School 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, SFA Charter School 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 SFA Charter School, SFA Charter School shall convene an admission, review, and dismissal ("ARD") committee to determine whether SFA Charter School can offer the child a free appropriate public education ("FAPE"). If SFA Charter School determines that it can offer a FAPE to the student, SFA Charter School is not responsible for providing educational services to the student, except as provided in 34 CFR 300.130–300.144 or 19 TAC 89.1096(e), until such time as the parents choose to enroll the student in SFA Charter School full time.

*19 TAC 89.1096(b).*

**Sec. 3. REJECTION OF OFFER OF FAPE**

**a) *Student Receives ISP***

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If SFA Charter School 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, SFA Charter School is not required to pay for the cost of education, including special education and related services. However, SFA Charter School must develop and implement an individualized services plan (“ISP”) for the child.

*20 U.S.C. 1412(a)(10)(C)(i); 34 CFR 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 SFA Charter School, enroll the child in a private school without the consent or referral by SFA Charter School, a court or a hearing officer may require SFA Charter School to reimburse the parents for the cost of that enrollment if the court or hearing officer finds that SFA Charter School 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 CFR 300.148(c).*