IDEA PUBLIC SCHOOLS BOARD POLICY MANUAL

POLICY GROUP 6 - SPECIAL EDUCATION FUNDING – SHARED SERVICES ARRANGEMENTS

Sec. 1. FUNDING-SHARED SERVICES ARRANGEMENTS POLICY

IDEA Public Schools may enter into a shared services cooperative or shared services arrangement to jointly operate its special education programs. Funds to which the cooperating schools/charter schools are entitled may be allocated to the schools/charter schools jointly as shared services arrangement units or shared services arrangement funds in accordance with the written contract establishing the shared services arrangement, Texas Education Agency Guidance, and Texas Government Code Chapter 791 (interlocal agreements).

A contract establishing a shared services cooperative must, at a minimum:

- (a) establish clear procedures for administering services under the direction and control of the cooperative and for assigning responsibility for all costs and liabilities associated with services provided under the contract;
- (b) Establish the duties, responsibilities, and accountability of the fiscal agent and of each member for services provided under the contract;
- (c) Establish clear procedures for withdrawal of a member from the agreement and for the dissolution and winding up of the affairs of the cooperative; and
- (d) Be approved in writing by the Commissioner of Education before any services are provided, in the form of a material non-expansion amendment.

19 TAC §§ 100.1001(26), 100.1035(d)(2)(A).

Sec. 2. <u>Date Adopted and Effective</u>

As set forth in the pertinent minutes to the meeting of the Board, the Board adopted this policy on January 31, 2025, and it became effective on January 31, 2025.

Sec. 3. RETENTION

This policy shall be retained until superseded, expired, or discontinued and for five (5) years thereafter in accordance with state law.

Sec. 4. CERTIFICATION

The Undersigned, being the Secretary of the Corporation, hereby certifies that the foregoing represents a true copy of the Board Policy relating to Funding-Shared Services Agreement, as adopted on January 31, 2025, is in full force and effect and has not been revoked or amended.

Board Secretary
1/31/2025

Date Signed

ADOPTED: January 31, 2025



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