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## District Consultations with Nonpublic Schools Regarding State-Funded Programs

School districts with nonpublic schools located within their boundaries are responsible for ensuring on-time delivery of state-funded programs and services to nonpublic school students. In the coming weeks, districts will need to hold *timely and meaningful consultations* to ensure that the Fiscal Year 2021 programs and services meet the needs of the nonpublic schools.

### Consultation Process & Timing:

We encourage districts to send the [consultation form](#), with information pre-filled by the district, to the nonpublic schools *before the consultation*. The nonpublic school representative should come to the consultation with all applicable topics filled out and ready to make decisions on how it would like funds to be spent.

We recommend that districts that are contemplating a change in their nonpublic service provider hold consultations by the end of **March**. If there will be no change in the provision of services, consultations should be scheduled in **May**.

### Nonpublic Programs Guidelines & Resources:

To help districts implement nonpublic programs, the Department of Education has the following nonpublic school program guidelines and resources available on the [Nonpublic School Services webpages](#). *Note the programs with revised processes and requirements for FY2021.*

- [Auxiliary and Remedial Services \(Chapters 192 and 193\) – New ELL identification/assessment requirements for 2021](#)
- [Nursing Services Program](#)
- [Technology Initiative](#)
- [Textbook Program – Textbook Program Guidelines revised for 2021](#)
- [School Security Program – School Security Guidelines revised for 2021](#)
- [Transportation](#)
- [Timeline for the Timely Delivery of Nonpublic School Services and Products](#)

### Nonpublic Transportation Resources:

The NJDOE also provides the following resources specifically to support districts and Cooperative Transportation Services Agencies in providing busing to nonpublic school students:

- [Calendar of Key Dates for Nonpublic School Transportation](#)
- [Nonpublic Transportation Procedures](#)
- [Summary of Nonpublic School Transportation Requirements and Recommendations](#)

If there are any questions, please email [Nonpublic@doe.nj.gov](mailto:Nonpublic@doe.nj.gov).

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