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School District Consultations with Nonpublic Schools Regarding State-Funded Programs

School districts that have nonpublic schools located within their boundaries are responsible for ensuring the on-time delivery of state-funded programs and services to nonpublic school students. In the coming weeks, school districts will need to hold *timely and meaningful consultations* with their respective nonpublic schools to ensure that the Fiscal Year 2024 programs and services meet the needs of the nonpublic schools.

Consultation Process & Timing

We encourage districts to send the [FY2024 nonpublic school consultation form](#), with information pre-filled by the school district, to the nonpublic schools *before the consultation*. The nonpublic school representative should attend the consultation with all applicable fields completed and prepared to make decisions on how the nonpublic school would like funds to be spent. Consultations may be conducted virtually, electronic signatures are acceptable, and all signed forms may be collected via email.

We recommend that school districts contemplating a change in their nonpublic service provider hold consultations by mid-April. If there are no anticipated changes to the provision of services, consultations should be held by the end of May.

New: Health and Safety Requirements of Nonpublic School Facilities: Attestation and Guidance

To help ensure the health and safety of New Jersey's nonpublic school students and staff, the New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE) will require that all nonpublic schools registered with the NJDOE comply with the health and safety facilities laws and regulations. The NJDOE will now require that school districts collect the signed [attestation of compliance with health and safety facilities laws and regulations](#) from their nonpublic schools at the upcoming spring consultations, *with the following flexibility allowed this year, as noted in the [FY2024 nonpublic school consultation form](#)*:

For FY 2024 consultations only, nonpublic schools that have not complied with all of the facilities health and safety requirements must provide a letter to their public school district identifying the areas of noncompliance and confirming that compliance is in process.

Nonpublic Programs Guidelines & Resources

To help school districts implement nonpublic programs, the New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE) offers the following nonpublic school program guidelines and resources on the [Nonpublic School Services webpages](#).

- [Auxiliary and Remedial Services \(Chapters 192 and 193\)](#)
- [Nursing Services Program](#)
- [Technology Initiative](#)
- [Textbook Program](#)
- [School Security Program](#)
- [Transportation](#)

- [Health and Safety Requirements of Nonpublic School Facilities: Attestation and Guidance](#) –
New for FY2024
- [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.

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