

Educational Scholarship Account (ESA) Participating School Assurances Form 2020 - 2021 School Year

Per the **Equal Opportunity for Students with Special Needs** Miss. Code Ann. § 37-181-5, in order for an eligible student to qualify to participate in the ESA program the school that the ESA recipient is attending **MUST** agree to the following statements listed below.

Please check each item signifying that you agree to abide by the statements listed below upon enrolling and accepting a student with an Educational Scholarship Award.

- I agree that I am a state-accredited special purpose school, a state-accredited non-public school, or a nonpublic school located in the state of Mississippi that has enrolled a participating ESA student.
- I agree to provide notice to a participating student's home school district when the eligible student enrolls in the eligible school with an ESA.
- I agree to provide the parent or guardian who submitted the ESA program application with an original itemized receipt, including the service provider's name and address, for all qualifying expenses.
- I agree to ensure that students are treated fairly and kept safe, by complying with the nondiscrimination policies set forth in 42 USCS 1981.
- I agree to prior to enrolling a student with an ESA to provide parents with details of the school's programs, record of student achievement, qualifications, experience, capacities to serve students with special needs, and capacity to serve the participating student within the scope of their IEP.
- I agree to comply with all health and safety laws or codes that apply to nonpublic schools.
- I agree to hold a valid occupancy permit if required by my municipality.
- I attest that I have no public record of fraud or malfeasance.
- I agree to administer a pre-assessment to students at the beginning of the school year and a post-assessment at the end of the school year. (The school shall have the option to select their assessment used to demonstrate academic progress.)
- I agree to notify a parent or guardian applying for the ESA program that the parent or guardian waives the right of the participating student to an individual entitlement to a free and appropriate public education (FAPE) from their home school district, including special education and related services, for as long as the student is participating in the ESA program.
- I agree to conduct criminal background checks on employees and exclude from employment any person not permitted by state law to work in a nonpublic school.
- I agree to exclude from employment any person who might reasonably pose a threat to the safety of students.
- I agree to certify to the Mississippi Department of Education upon enrollment of a participating student that the school shall provide services for the participating student's disability or special education needs or shall provide services addressing a participating student's IEP.
- I agree to submit student performance data to the State Department of Education, Office of Special Education at the end of the school year, including the individual results of the pre-assessment and post-assessment required in Section 37-181-15(f).

Signature of School Administrator

Date