

**APPENDIX J**

**§76.656**

**INTERMEDIATE UNIT 20:**

**STUDENTS ENROLLED IN PRIVATE SCHOOLS**

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- A. In order to comply with federal and state law, a free and appropriate program of special education will be made available to eligible disabled persons in private and parochial schools by the Colonial Northampton Intermediate Unit and its constituent districts. School districts would have the primary responsibility for making these programs available to non public pupils and the Intermediate Unit would provide support and assistance.

Children in need of special education who attend nonpublic schools are identified by the district through an annual census or referrals coming directly from the nonpublic schools. Parents and nonpublic school officials are informed of the opportunity to participate in district (or IU) special education programs. If it is determined that a nonpublic school student is eligible for special education, then regular due process procedures are followed.

Districts and the IU usually provide nonpublic students access to public school special education through dual enrollment arrangements or offering itinerant programs in mobile vans or trailers. The decision on how and where to provide special education programming to nonpublic school children is done through cooperative involvement of the nonpublic school, the district of residence, the IU and the parents.

- B. There are 8,206 (total enrollment of participating schools) students enrolled in private schools who have been identified as eligible to benefit under the program.
- C. All eligible private school students will receive benefits under the program.
- D. These students were selected in accordance with 22, PA Code Chapters 14 and 342.
- E. The students will be served within the geographical boundaries of the IU at a time consistent with the public school system's calendars.
- F. There will be no differences in benefits to those nonpublic students identified for services herein.