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| <b>Category:</b><br><br><b>5000 BUSINESS</b>                       | <b>Policy Number:</b><br><br><b>5615</b>          |
| <b>Policy Title:</b><br><br><b>Contracted Educational Services</b> | <b>Effective Date:</b><br><br><b>June 8, 2004</b> |

The board of trustees of this district authorizes the superintendent or designee to enter into agreements with private service providers when he/she determines that the necessary educational services are not available through the district or that it is in the best interest of a student and the district to enter into an agreement with a private service provider. Such agreements may be entered into for services identified on a student's IEP or 504 plan, or for other educational services as needed by the district. In no event shall such agreement exceed twelve (12) calendar months. All agreements in excess of \$25,000 must be pre-approved by the board.

Any agreement signed by the superintendent/designee with private service providers, pursuant to this policy, shall set forth the terms of the agreement, the relationship of the parties, the services to be provided, provisions for record keeping and confidentiality of records, the billing procedures, as well as other terms that are deemed to be necessary.

The superintendent/designee shall select private service providers hired pursuant to this policy based on their qualifications, work experience, availability, lack of conflict of interest with the district, and financial stability. While the superintendent/designee may also consider a parent's request for a particular service provider, such request will not be the controlling factor in selecting a private service provider.

No private service providers hired under this policy shall be considered employees of the district. Further, all private service providers, and their employees, shall be fully qualified for the services for which the agreement specifies.

**DEFINITIONS**

"Private service provider" is an individual, either self-employed or working for an agency, who is properly licensed and/or certified to provide the educational service for which he or she is contracted. Such services may include, but are not limited to, occupational therapy, speech therapy, physical therapy, behavioral specialist, etc.

**LEGAL REFERENCE:** Idaho Code Section 33-506(1)

- Reference: Policy 6772, "Agreements with Private Service Providers"
- Form 6772, "Special Services Service Provider Agreement"
- Policy 6774, "Special Education for Exceptional Children"
- Policy 6776, "Special Education for Handicapped Students"
- Policy 6785, "Supportive Services"
- Policy 8540, "Student Records and Directory Information"