

Private Service Provider means a person, group, agency or organization that meets one of the following two conditions:

1. Is not an employee of the Caldwell School District, paid for services in any manner by the district or a public agency with legal jurisdiction over the circumstances related to their involvement with the student, or
2. Is paid for services provided to the student either by the district or by an agency contracted by the district.

Examples of private service provider services are: Developmental Therapy, Speech Therapy, Physical Therapy, Psycho-Social Rehabilitation, Service Coordination, etc.

ALLOWABLE SERVICES

Private Service Providers may do the following in the Caldwell School District:

1. Refer a student to a school Student Assistance Team (SAT) , or similar school team, for consideration for evaluation to determine eligibility for special education.
2. Submit evaluation reports to a school Individual Education Plan (IEP) Team for consideration related to the referral or an evaluation being conducted by the SAT or IEP Team.
3. Be invited to an IEP Team meeting by either the school or parent.
 - A. Under IDEA 1997, the determination of eligibility for special education and the provision of a Free Appropriate Public Education (FAPE) is the responsibility of the IEP Team and cannot be prescribed by any other entity.
 - B. All educational decisions regarding educational methodology, materials, and personnel are the responsibility of the school district.

DISTRICT FUNDED SERVICES

District funded or contracted Private Service Providers may provide services in the school to students under the terms of a contract with the school district.

1. Contracts are established when the school district is paying for the services and should describe the services, the role and responsibilities of the Private Service Provider with the IEP Team, the frequency and duration of services, documentation of licensure/certification to perform the prescribed services, address issues related to

liability, terms for payment, and state the provisions for changes or termination of the contract.

2. Contracted services to a student with a disability will be included on the student’s IEP.

SERVICES NOT FUNDED BY DISTRICT

A Private Service Provider not funded or contracted in any way by the district may not provide services to students within the academic school day

DENIAL RIGHTS

The district has no obligation to enter into any agreement or with a private service provider or to allow a private service provider access to school district property, space, materials, or equipment.

RECORDS ACCESS

School records are only accessible to Private Service Providers under contract with the school district or with written consent of the student’s parent/guardian, or the student if 18 years old or older. Requests for records may be subject to a fee to cover costs of copying and mailing.



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