

department, with appropriate exceptions for special education students as determined by the department; and

- (3) Comply with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended.

The department shall establish a process to ensure that the local education agencies are effectively and promptly working with the non-public schools to assure that the non-public schools have appropriate access to federal funds for which they are eligible.....

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Further provided that the Maryland State Department of Education shall:

- (1) Assure that the process for textbook, computer hardware, and computer software acquisition uses a list of qualified textbook, computer hardware, and computer software vendors and of qualified textbooks, computer hardware, and computer software; uses textbooks, computer hardware, and computer software that are secular in character and acceptable for use in any public elementary or secondary school in Maryland; and
- (2) Receive requisitions for textbooks, computer hardware, and computer software to be purchased from the eligible and participating schools, and forward the approved requisitions and payments to the qualified textbook, computer hardware, or computer software vendor who will send the textbooks, computer hardware, or computer software directly to the eligible school which will:
  - (i) Report shipment receipt to the department;
  - (ii) Provide assurance that the savings on the cost of the textbooks,