

- (1) Hold a certificate of approval from or be registered with the State Board of Education;
- (2) Not charge more tuition to a participating student than the statewide average per pupil expenditure by the local education agencies, as calculated by the 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 nonpublic schools to assure that the nonpublic schools have appropriate access to federal funds for which they are eligible.

Further provided that no more than 3.0% of this appropriation may be used for administrative expenses.

Further provided that the Maryland State Department of Education shall:

- (1) Assure that the process for textbook acquisition uses a list of qualified textbook vendors and of qualified textbooks; uses textbooks that are secular in character and acceptable for use in any public elementary or secondary school in Maryland; and
- (2) Receive requisitions for textbooks to be purchased from the eligible and participating schools, and forward the approved requisitions and payments to the qualified textbook vendor who will send the textbooks directly to the eligible school, which will: