

non-public school student for participating schools, except that at schools where at least 20% of the students are eligible for the free or reduced price lunch program there shall be a distribution of \$90 per student. To be eligible to participate, a non-public school shall:

- (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 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