K12 PROGRAMS: UPDATE FOR NONPUBLIC SCHOOLS

News: Nonpublic School Portal
In the next few weeks, you will see some changes in the Nonpublic School Portal as SEAA gears up to process the Disabilities Grant Program through the same Portal. If you sign on to conduct Opportunity Scholarship business as usual, you should not experience any disruption. If you need to register as a participating school for the Disabilities Grant, see below.

Quick Explanation: How to participate in the Disabilities Grant Program
Schools already participating in the Opportunity Scholarship Program:
➢ Sign a Disabilities Grant Participation Agreement. Upload through the Nonpublic School Portal.

Schools registered with the North Carolina Division of Nonpublic Education but not participating in the Opportunity Scholarship Program:
➢ Register to participate with SEAA. There is one process to register for either or both K12 Programs. Schools may choose to participate in the Opportunity Scholarship Program only, in the Disabilities Grant program only, or in both programs.

Schools not registered with the North Carolina Division of Nonpublic Education:
➢ Register first with NC DNPE (www.ncdnpe.org). Then register to participate with SEAA.

The statute which governs both K12 Programs states that the nonpublic school shall be subject to the requirements of G.S. 115C-562.5.

For more information about the Disabilities Grant legislative changes, please attend one of the webinars offered on Wednesday, October 21. Webinar details are available here.

Quick Explanation: Fall 2015 student awards for the Opportunity Scholarship and testing
All Opportunity Scholarship recipients in 3rd grade and higher must be tested annually. If an Opportunity Scholarship student enrolls after your school’s scheduled testing window, a separate test must be arranged for that student. As a reminder, Opportunity Scholarship students cannot be charged for the cost of tests unless all students at your school are charged for tests. Click here for testing information.

Quick Explanation: Fall 2015 student awards for the Opportunity Scholarship and costs
During Recipient Certification, schools provide tuition information. Schools should report the standard cost (required tuition and fees for your school for the student’s grade level for the 2015-16 school year), the annual cost (the amount owed by this particular student for the 2015-16 school year), and the fall cost. There is no pro-rated Opportunity Scholarship for students entering your school late. Schools should report the annual cost for the Opportunity Scholarship student as they would for any student who enrolls after the beginning of the semester. Click here for Recipient Certification instructions.

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