



# SEQUESTRATION

Individuals With Disabilities Education Act  
(IDEA) B Advisory Panel Update  
September 17, 2012

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### Sequestration and How it Affects Federal Funding

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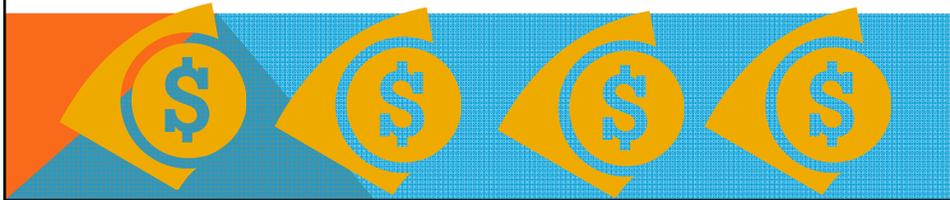
Advocating for education reform and funding, specifically  
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## SEQUESTRATION – WHAT DOES THAT MEAN FOR CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES?

### ✓ Oklahoma IDEA Part B funds –

- The U.S. Department of Education's (USDE) budget will be reduced by approximately \$3.5 billion.
- For FY 2014, Oklahoma districts will lose approximately:
  - Part B Funds (3-21) – **\$10,500,000**
  - Part B Preschool Funds (3-5) – **\$270,000**
- Districts have been advised to plan ahead concerning personnel and services.
- Some districts will experience a greater impact than others.
- The USDE will announce updates after October 2012.



LINDSEY NICOLE HENRY (LNH) SCHOLARSHIP  
FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES

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## WHAT IS THE LNH SCHOLARSHIP?

The parent or legal guardian of a public school student with a disability may exercise their parental option and request to have a Lindsey Nicole Henry scholarship awarded for the child to enroll in and attend a private school if specific conditions are met.



## CONDITIONS OF THE LNH SCHOLARSHIP

- ✓ The student has spent the **prior school year** in attendance at an Oklahoma public school. This is defined by a student being enrolled in and reported by the public school for funding purposes during the preceding school year and is currently on an Individualized Education Program (IEP)
- ✓ The student must be **accepted by an approved Oklahoma private school** accredited by the State Board of Education or another accrediting association approved by the State Board of Education for students with IEPs.

1. **Prior Year attendance with current IEP**

2. Private school acceptance

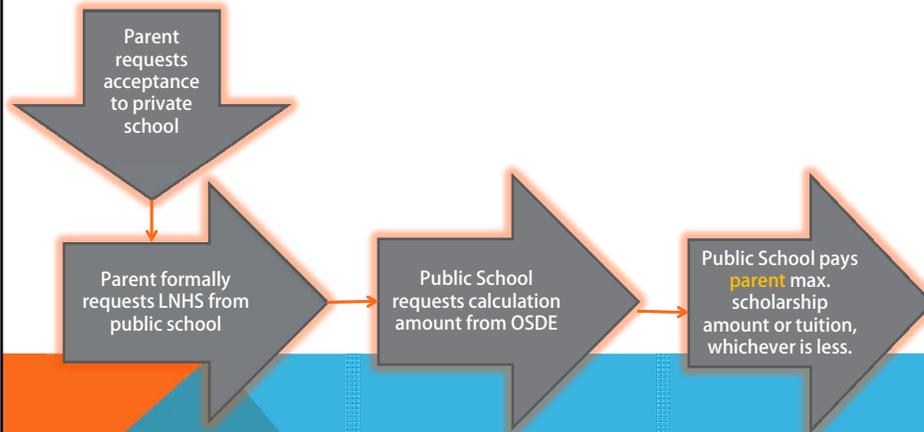
## APPROVED PRIVATE SCHOOLS LISTED ON THE OSDE WEB SITE

Approved Private Schools for the Lindsey Nicole Henry (LNH) Scholarship for Students with Disabilities	
All Saints Catholic School Leslie Schmitt 4201 50th Avenue, Northwest Norman, Oklahoma 73072 (405) 447-4600	Bishop John Carroll School Corrie Oelke 1100 Northwest 32nd Street Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73118 (405) 525-2256
Bishop McGuinness Catholic High School David L. Minton 801 Northwest 50th Street Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73118 (405) 842-6638	The Catholic School of St. Eugene Suzette Williams 2402 West Helmer Road Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73155 (405) 751-0297
Deedee Christian School Diana Howard 3801 Southeast 20th Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73115 (405) 677-6000	Emmanuel Christian School Cathy L. Epps 2502 West Garnett Road Enid, Oklahoma 73703 Phone: (505) 237-8632 Fax: (505) 237-6662
Good Shepherd Catholic School at Mercy Brandi Bramlett 13404 North Meridian Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73120 (405) 752-2264	Good Shepherd Lutheran School and Child Development Center Gair Kucharski 700 North Al Capot Boulevard Midwest City, Oklahoma 73110 (405) 732-0276
Happy Hands Education Center Jaime Pridi 8801 South Garnett Road Broken Arrow, OK 74012 (918) 993-8800	Holy Family Cathedral School Jill Luffmeyer 820 South Boulder Tulsa, Oklahoma 74119 (918) 582-2422
Holy Trinity Catholic School Timmy Jacobs Post Office Box 485, North 2nd & Missouri Parche, Oklahoma 73762 (405) 442-4422	Holy Trinity Christian School Dahle Swanson 308 Northwest 154th Street Edmond, Oklahoma 73013 (405) 464-4000
Maritan Christian Academy	Katsum Aderholt Academy Wes Williams Post Office Box 429 Langley, Oklahoma 74355 (505) 728-2400

<http://ok.gov/sde/lindsey-nicole-henry-lnh-scholarship-program-children-disabilities>

## HISTORY OF THE LNH SCHOLARSHIP

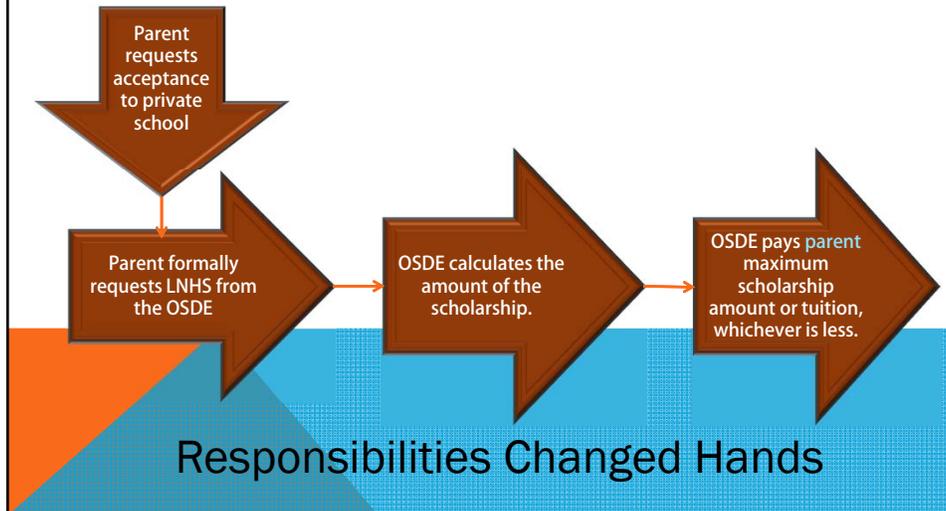
House Bill 3393 (70 O.S. § 13-102.2) became effective August 27, 2010.



Everyone had responsibilities

## HISTORY OF THE LNH SCHOLARSHIP

House Bill 1744 (70 O.S. § 13-101.2) amended the LNH Scholarship and became effective on August 26, 2011.



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House Bill 3090 (70 O.S. § 13-101.2) amended the LNH Scholarship and became effective on August 28, 2012.

The amendment:

- ✓ Clarifies language;
- ✓ Provides for proration;
- ✓ Modifies time period for notification; and
- ✓ Amends duties and termination date of the Task Force

## MAXIMUM AMOUNT OF SCHOLARSHIP

- ✓ The maximum scholarship granted for an eligible student with disabilities shall be a calculated amount equivalent to the local and county revenue for the school district which is chargeable in the State Aid formula, state-dedicated revenue, and state-appropriated funds per weighted average daily membership generated by that student for the applicable school year.
- ✓ The weighted average daily membership will be determined using the grade and disability weights only. The maximum scholarship amount shall be calculated by the State Board of Education for each year the student is participating in the scholarship program.
- ✓ The amount of the scholarship will be the preceding amount or the amount of **tuition and fees** for the private school, whichever is less, and may be prorated under certain instances.



## SCHOLARSHIP FACTS

- Parents must obtain **acceptance** from an approved private school, observing the formal application process to the OSDE annually by December 1<sup>st</sup> of the school year during which the scholarship is requested.
- Acceptance of a scholarship will have the same effect as a **parental revocation of consent** to service pursuant to 20 U.S.C., Sections 1414(a) (D) and 1414(C) of the IDEA.
- The **parent shall assume full financial responsibility** for the education of the student, including but not limited to transportation to and from the private school.

## SCHOLARSHIP FACTS

- The parent shall fully comply with the **parental involvement requirements** of the private school and attend regularly, unless excused by the school for illness or other good cause.
- **Payments** to reimburse parents for tuition and fees will be processed quarterly in arrears.
- At any time the parent may **remove the student** from private school and place the student in another private school that is eligible for the program or return the student to public school.
- **Public School District must notify parents** of children with disabilities of the scholarship at least annually.

## PARTICIPATION IN THE LNH SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

- ✓ **Number of participating students in FY 2012 - 149**
- ✓ **Scholarship funds reimbursed in FY 2012 - \$969,166.07**
- ✓ **Number of participating students to date in FY 2013 - 180**
- ✓ **Scholarship funds granted to date in FY 2013 - \$1,314,969.46**



## LNH SCHOLARSHIP WEB PAGE - UPDATED INFORMATION

### Application Procedure

1. The parent must first choose an approved private school. [Approved Private Schools List](#)
  2. The LNH Scholarship Application must be submitted by the parent/guardian to the Oklahoma State Department of Education (OSDE) by mail or fax, with the required documentation, by December 1 of the year that parent/guardian is seeking the scholarship. All applications received after December 1, beginning with the 2010-2011 school year, will be processed for the following school year.
  3. The application process must be completed with the OSDE each year that the parent/guardian chooses to participate in LNH Scholarship.
- To request the LNH Scholarship for your child with a disability, please submit a completed copy of the LNH Scholarship Application (available below) with all required documentation to the OSDE. You may also call (405) 521-4865 to receive an application packet by mail.
- Please mail all documents to the address below or fax documents to (405) 522-3503

Oklahoma State Department of Education  
Special Education Services  
Attention: Anita Eccard  
2300 North Lincoln Boulevard  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73105

For assistance with scholarship applications or other questions related to the Oklahoma State Department of Education (LNH) Scholarship for Students with Disabilities, please contact Anita Eccard at (405) 521-4865.

Applications & Forms	Parent Information	Resources for Private Schools
2012-2013 Lindsey Nicole Henry (LNH) Scholarship Application (pdf)	Application Procedures for the Lindsey Nicole Henry (LNH) Scholarship (pdf)	Private School Annual Affidavit (pdf)
Vendor/Payee Form (pdf)	Frequently Asked Questions about the Lindsey Nicole Henry (LNH) Scholarship for Students with Disabilities (pdf)	
	Lindsey Nicole Henry (LNH) Scholarship for Students with Disabilities Act (pdf)	
	Parent Rights in Special Education: Notice of Procedural Safeguards (pdf)	

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