

Students

Welfare

Private Service Provider During School Day

The Watertown Unified School District recognizes that private (non-district) service providers can contribute to the healthy development and well-being of students who attend school in the District. For this reason, the District encourages professional collaboration with private service providers when such collaboration is deemed, by appropriate District personnel, to be beneficial to individual students and does not interfere with the District's provision of instructional services to students. While encouraging collaboration between the District and private service providers to benefit District student(s), the District believes that the provision of services by private service providers should, for the most part, be outside of the student's school day and off of school premises.

In some instances, the collaboration may involve allowing private service provider interactions with a student(s) during the school day and/or on school premises. To avoid disruption of classroom instruction and other school activities, such interactions by private service providers should be of limited duration and frequency. All private service provider activities with students during the school day and/or on school premises shall be approved by the building administrator in accordance with established District procedures. The District reserves the right to deny or restrict any private service provider activities under this policy or its implementing procedures.

Classroom instruction, the implementation of students' individualized educational programs (IEPs) and the provision of other school-related services are the responsibilities of District personnel and may not be subordinate to the actions or intent of private service providers. Private service providers may not assume or accept responsibility for the provision of instruction, implementation of a student's (IEP, school-related services, student supervision or student discipline.

Private service providers are not employees of the District. Accordingly, they are not covered by the District's professional liability insurance or any other employee welfare programs including but not limited to Worker's Compensation Insurance. The District takes no legal responsibility for their activities in the Watertown Unified School District or any costs associated with the activities of a private service provider. By allowing private service providers access to the schools, the District is not endorsing any particular service or methodology.

For purposes of this policy and its implementing procedures, a "private service provider" is defined as a non-instructional individual or agency representative employed by or acting on behalf of the parent/guardian of a student attending school in the District to provide specified services to benefit the student's educational experience. Examples of activities of private services providers might include but are not limited to observation or other evaluation of a student, individual counseling or consultation with school staff. District approved volunteers are not considered to be private service providers and are not subject to the provisions in this policy.

Legal Reference: **Wisconsin Statute – 118.001**
 Wisconsin Statute – 120.12(2)
 Wisconsin Statute – 120.13
 Wisconsin Statute – 120.13(17)

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