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Sec. 1. STATE FUNDING: SPECIAL ALLOTMENTS

WINFREE ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOLS shall maintain records of students participating in special programs in accordance with the Commissioner of Education's rules.

19 TAC 129.21.

Sec. 2. SPECIAL EDUCATION ALLOTMENT

Each open-enrollment charter school will receive an annual allotment equal to the adjusted basic allotment multiplied by 1.1 for each student receiving special education and related services in a mainstream instructional arrangement. For each full-time equivalent student receiving special education and related services in average daily attendance in an instructional arrangement other than a mainstream instructional arrangement, the open-enrollment charter school is entitled to an annual allotment equal to the adjusted basic allotment multiplied by a weight determined according to instructional arrangement as set forth in Section 48.102, Texas Education Code.

Funds allocated under this section, other than an indirect cost allotment established under State Board of Education ("SBOE") rule, must be used in the special education program under Subchapter A, Chapter 29 of the Texas Education Code.

Education Code 48.102(h).

Sec. 3. COMPENSATORY EDUCATION ALLOTMENT

WINFREE ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOLS must use funds allocated under TEC §48.104 for a purpose authorized in Section 48.104(j-1), (k) of the Texas Education Code

Education Code48.104.

Funds allocated under Eduction Code Section 48.104 shall be used to fund supplemental programs and services designed to eliminate any disparity in performance on assessment instruments administered under Subchapter B (School-Based Health Centers), Chapter 39, Texas Education Code, or disparity in the rates of high school completion between students at risk of dropping out of school, as defined by Section 29.081 of the Education Code (Compensatory, Intensive, and Accelerated Instruction) and all other students. Specifically, the funds, other than an indirect cost allotment established under SBOE rule, which may not exceed 45 percent, may be used to meet the costs of providing a compensatory, intensive, or accelerated instruction program under Education Code Section 29.081 or an alternative education program established under Education Code Section 37.008 (Disciplinary Alternative Education Programs) or to support a program eligible under Title I of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965, as provided by Pub.

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L. No. 103-382 and its subsequent amendments, and by federal regulations implementing that Act, at a campus at which at least 40 percent of the students are educationally disadvantaged. In meeting the costs of providing a compensatory, intensive, or accelerated instruction program under Education Code Section 29.081, WINFREE ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOLS's compensatory education allotment shall be used for costs supplementary to the regular education program, such as costs for program and student evaluation, instructional materials and equipment and other supplies required for quality instruction, supplemental staff expenses, salary for teachers of at-risk students, smaller class size, and individualized instruction.

Education Code 48.104(k).

Sec. 4. BILINGUAL EDUCATION ALLOTMENT

For each student in average daily attendance in a bilingual education or special language program under Subchapter B, Chapter 29, an open-enrollment charter school is entitled to an annual allotment equal to the adjusted basic allotment multiplied by 0.1. Funds allocated under this section, other than an indirect cost allotment established under SBOE rule, must be used in providing bilingual education or special language programs under Subchapter B, Chapter 29, and must be accounted for under existing agency reporting and auditing procedures. An open-enrollment charter school's bilingual education or special language allocation may only be used for program and student evaluation, instructional materials and equipment, staff development, supplemental staff expenses, salary supplements for teachers, and other supplies required for quality instruction and smaller class size.

Education Code 12.104(b)(3)(G),42.105.

Sec. 5. CAREER AND TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION ALLOTMENT

For each full-time equivalent student in average daily attendance in an approved career and technology education program in grades 7 through 12 or in career and technology education programs for students with disabilities in grades seven through 12, an open-enrollment charter school is entitled to:

- 1. an annual allotment equal to the adjusted basic allotment multiplied by a weight of 1.35; and
- 2. \$50 for each of the following in which the student is enrolled:
 - a. two or more advanced career and technology education classes for a total of three or more credits;
 - b. a campus designated as a P-TECH school under Section 29.566; or
 - c. a campus that is a member of the New Tech Network and that focuses on project-based learning and work-based education.



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For purposes of this allotment, "full-time equivalent student" means 30 hours of contact a week between a student and career and technology education program personnel.

At least 55% of the funds allocated under this section must be used in providing career and technology education programs in grades 7 through 12.

Education Code 48.106.

