CHARTER SCHOOL POLICY

SHARED SERVICES ARRANGEMENTS

Universal Academy open-enrollment charter schools may enter into a written contract to jointly operate their special education programs. The contract must be approved by the Commissioner. Funds to which the cooperating schools/charter schools are entitled may be allocated to the schools/charter schools jointly as shared services arrangement units or shared services arrangement funds in accordance with the shared services arrangement schools/charters' agreement. (TEC §29.007)

Residential Placement Contracts

If needed, Universal Academy open-enrollment charter school may contract with a public or private facility, institution, or agency inside or outside of this State for the provision of services to students with disabilities. Each contract for residential placement must be approved by the Commissioner. The Commissioner may approve a residential placement contract only after at least a programmatic evaluation of personnel qualifications, adequacy of physical plant and equipment, and curriculum content. The Commissioner may approve either the whole or a part of a facility or program. (TEC $\S29.008(a)$)

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