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<p><u>Disqualified Persons</u></p> <p><i>Wis. Stat., secs. 119.23(1)(ag) and (10)(a)8., created by Act 47 sections 12 and 26.</i></p>		<p>A “disqualified person” means a person who, when a private school was barred or terminated from participation in the program satisfied at least one of the following: (1) had a controlling ownership interest in, or was the administrator or an officer, director, or trustee of, the private school; (2) was a person designated by the administrator of the private school to assist in processing pupil applications; or (3) was responsible for an action or circumstance that led to the private school being barred or terminated from participation in the program under this section.</p> <p>Before the end of a 7-year period beginning on the date of an order issued by the state superintendent, a private school may not retain a disqualified person, for compensation or as a volunteer, as an owner, officer, director, trustee, administrator, person designated by the administrator to assist in processing pupil applications, or person responsible for administrative, financial, or pupil health and safety matters.</p> <p>If a school retains a disqualified person, the school may be terminated from the program.</p>
<p><u>Certificate of Occupancy</u></p> <p><i>Wis. Stat., sec. 119.23(7)(d)1.b., amended by Act 47 section 24.</i></p>	<p>The municipality within which the school was located must issue a certificate of occupancy for the school.</p>	<p>If the municipality within which the private school is located does not issue certificates of occupancy, the private school may submit a certificate of occupancy issued by the local or regional governmental unit with authority to issue certificates of occupancy.</p>

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<p><u>Preaccreditation</u></p> <p><i>Wis. Stat., sec. 119.23(2)(a) 7.b., amended by Act 47 sections 17.</i></p>	<p>Completed by: Institute for Transformation of Learning at Marquette University, Wisconsin North Central Association, the Wisconsin Religious and Independent School Accreditation (WRISA), the Independent Schools Association of the Central States, the archdiocese within which the school is located or any other organization recognized by the National Council for Private School Accreditation.</p>	<p>Can no longer be completed by an organization recognized by the National Council for Private school Accreditation.</p> <p>May also be completed by Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod School Accreditation and National Lutheran School Accreditation, and the diocese within which the private school is located.</p> <p>In any school year, a private school may apply for and seek to obtain preaccreditation from only one of the preaccreditation organizations.</p>
<p><u>Allowable Accrediting Organizations</u></p> <p><i>Wis. Stats. Sec. 119.23 (2)(a)7.a. amended by Act 47 section 16.</i></p>	<p>Completed by: Wisconsin North Central Association, the Wisconsin Religious and Independent School Accreditation (WRISA), the Independent Schools Association of the Central States, the archdiocese within which the school is located or any other organization recognized by the National Council for Private School Accreditation.</p>	<p>May also be completed by Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod School Accreditation and National Lutheran School Accreditation, and the diocese within which the private school is located.</p>
<p><u>Accreditation Exemption for PAVE approved schools</u></p> <p><i>Wis. Stat. sec. 119.23(2)(a)7.d. amended by Act 47 section 18.</i></p>	<p>A school approved for PAVE scholarships in the 2005-06 school year was exempt from the accreditation requirement.</p>	<p>Schools exempt from the accreditation requirement have until December 31, 2015 to be fully accredited by one of the following organizations: Wisconsin North Central Association, the Wisconsin Religious and Independent School Accreditation (WRISA), the Independent Schools Association of the Central States, the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod School Accreditation, the National Lutheran School Accreditation, the diocese or archdiocese within which the school is located or any other organization recognized by the National Council for Private School Accreditation.</p> <p>A school that is not accredited must be preaccredited before adding new grades.</p>

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<p><u>Department of Revenue</u> Income Method</p> <p><i>Wis. Stat. sec 119.23 (2)(a)1.b. amended by Act 47 section 15.</i></p>	<p>Prior year adjusted gross income is used to determine income eligibility.</p>	<p>If the prior year tax information is not available, DOR can use tax information from the second preceding tax year.</p>
<p><u>Department of Revenue</u> Family Member Names</p> <p><i>Wis. Stat. sec 119.23 (2)(a)1.b. amended by Act 47 section 15.</i></p>	<p>The applicant must mark the family size number on the application.</p>	<p>The applicant must provide the names of all the family members residing with the student on the family application.</p>
<p><u>Department of Revenue</u> Marital Status</p> <p><i>Wis. Stat. sec. 119.23(2)(a)1.b. amended by Act 47 section 15.</i></p>	<p>The applicant must indicate whether the parents or legal guardians listed on the application are married.</p>	<p>The applicant must also provide whether and to whom the parents or legal guardians that reside in the same household as the student are married.</p>
<p><u>Students on Waiting List</u></p> <p><i>Wis. Stat. sec. 119.23(3)(b) amended by Act 47 section 19.</i></p>		<p>An eligible student that was on a school's waiting list because the school did not have space available does not have to provide income documentation when applying for the program in the following year.</p>

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<p><u>Fees</u></p> <p><i>Wis. Stat. secs. 119.23(3m)(a) and (am) amended by Act 47 sections 20-23.</i></p> <p><i>For additional information see Informational Bulletin 03-02: Student Fees: Updated in November</i></p> <p>http://dpi.wi.gov/sms/m-pinfbul.html</p>	<p>A private school participating in the program under this section “may not charge or receive any additional payment” for a choice pupil in grades kindergarten through 8.</p> <p>A private school may charge a choice pupil in grade 9-12 tuition and fees only if the family income of the pupil exceeds 220% of the poverty level.</p> <p>A private school shall determine whether the private school may charge additional tuition and fees to a pupil on the basis of the pupil's family income. The private school shall establish a process for accepting an appeal to the governing body of the private school of the determination to charge tuition.</p>	<p>119.23 (3m) (am) 1. Beginning in the 2011-12 school year, a private school participating in the program under this section <u>may recover the cost of providing the following</u> to a pupil participating in the program under this section <u>through reasonable fees</u> in an amount determined by the private school and charged to the pupil, except that no participating private school may retroactively recover any uncollected costs incurred prior to the effective date of this subdivision [November 19, 2011]:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Personal use items, such as uniforms, gym clothes, and towels. b. Social and extracurricular activities if not necessary to the private school's curriculum. c. Musical instruments. d. Meals consumed by pupils of the private school. e. High school classes that are not required for graduation and for which no credits toward graduation are given. f. Transportation. g. Before-school and after-school child care. <p>2. A private school may not prohibit an eligible pupil from attending the private school, expel or otherwise discipline the pupil, or withhold or reduce the pupil's grades because the pupil or the pupil's parent or guardian cannot pay or has not paid fees charged under subd. 1.</p>