

SPECIAL PROVISIONS FOR THE SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND AND VISUALLY IMPAIRED AND SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF

1. **Services to Employees.** The governing boards may expend money for the provision of first aid or other minor medical attention for employees injured in the course and scope of their employment and for the repair and/or replacement of employees' items of personal property which are damaged or destroyed in the course and scope of their employment, so long as such items are medically prescribed equipment (e.g., eyeglasses, hearing aids, etc.).
2. **Supplemental Pay.** The Superintendent is authorized to determine supplemental pay for certain positions provided that the provision of such compensation (e.g., stipends, shift differential pay) is necessary to effectively carry out the job responsibilities of the position.
3. **Appropriation of Funds.** With respect to the following funds held outside the State Treasury, any balances remaining at the end of the fiscal years ending August 31, ~~2015~~2017 and ~~2016~~2018, plus all receipts deposited to each fund's credit and income received on the fund during the biennium, are appropriated for the continued purpose for which the fund was established subject to the approval of the respective governing board: the Expendable Trust Fund; the Student Trust Fund; the Student Activity Fund; and the Student Aid Fund.

With respect to the following funds held within the State Treasury, any balances remaining at the end of the fiscal years ending August 31, ~~2015~~2017 and ~~2016~~2018, plus all receipts deposited to each fund's credit and income received on the fund during the biennium, are appropriated for the continued purpose for which the fund was established: Vocational Programs Fund; Technology Lending Fund; Curriculum Publications Fund; Independent School District Fund; State and County Available Fund and other funds brought into the State Treasury under Texas Government Code, Chapter 404.

Funds received from sale of food and recyclables and from the use of facilities of the Texas School for the Blind and Visually Impaired and the Texas School for the Deaf by organizations and other entities, including Learning Ally, Inc., and any daycare center provider using the facilities, are appropriated for the use of the respective school subject to the approval of the governing board.

4. **Certification and Appropriation of Medicaid Reimbursement.** The Texas School for the Blind and Visually Impaired and the Texas School for the Deaf shall certify and/or transfer appropriated state funds to the Health and Human Services Commission or its designee for the state share of any Medicaid reimbursement for services provided to eligible students. The federal share of such reimbursement is appropriated to each respective school.
5. **Payments by School Districts.** All revenues collected from local school districts in excess of the funds appropriated above are hereby appropriated to the Texas School for the Blind and Visually Impaired and the Texas School for the Deaf, respectively.
6. **Consideration for Grants from the Texas Education Agency.** For all grants of state or federal funds by the Texas Education Agency, the Texas School for the Blind and Visually Impaired and the Texas School for the Deaf shall be considered independent school districts for purposes of eligibility determination, unless the Commissioner of Education and the school Superintendents mutually agree to an alternate consideration.
7. **Substitute Teachers not Included in FTE Limit.** Notwithstanding the limitations of Article IX, Sec. 6.10. Limitations on State Employment Levels, for Texas School for the Blind and Visually Impaired and Texas School for the Deaf, it is the intent of the Legislature that the calculation of the number of full-time equivalent employees (FTEs) employed shall not include substitute teachers.