

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA FOR SELECTION AS A NASET SCHOOL OF EXCELLENCE

The following are the 13 eligibility criteria a private special education school must meet to be distinguished as a **NASET School of Excellence**:

I. Licensure of School: All **NASET Schools of Excellence** must be approved and/or licensed by the State Department of Education.

II. Licensure of Professionals: All **NASET Schools of Excellence** employ special education professionals who are certified or licensed in their respective professions.

III. Student Population: All **NASET Schools of Excellence** educate students with disabilities and or disorders. This includes, but is not limited to, individuals diagnosed with:

Autism	Deaf-Blindness
Developmental Delays	Emotional Disturbance
Health Impairments	Hearing Impairments (Including Deafness)
Learning Disabilities	Mental Retardation
Multiple Disabilities	Orthopedic Impairments
Speech and Language Impairments	Traumatic Brain Injury
Visual Impairments	

IV. Enrollment Size: All **NASET Schools of Excellence** are schools dedicated to meeting the individual and unique needs of their students.

V. Staff/Student Ratio: All **NASET Schools of Excellence** have a very small Staff/Student Ratio

VI. Age of Students: All **NASET Schools of Excellence** serve a student age population, with all students being between 3 to 21 years of age

VII. Related Services: All **NASET Schools of Excellence** provide various types of related services for their students including, but not limited to:

Audiology	Cochlear Implant Services
Counseling	Deaf Community Interaction
Evening Tutorial Program	Local Mainstreaming opportunities
Occupational Therapy	Physical Therapy
Psychological Services	Speech, Sign Language Services
Transportation	Vocational Evaluation

VIII. Curriculum: All **NASET Schools of Excellence** ensure that students receive a well rounded curriculum to meet the specific needs of each individual student with a disability.

IX. Length of Operations: All **NASET Schools of Excellence** have been in existence for at least 10 or more years

X. Number of Months Open: All **NASET Schools of Excellence** are open a minimum of 10 months out of the calendar year.

XI. Multiculturalism: All **NASET Schools of Excellence** seek to provide a multicultural environment.

XII. Affiliations and Memberships: All **NASET Schools of Excellence** are affiliated and/or have memberships in other professional associations and organizations.

XIII. Admissions Procedures: All **NASET Schools of Excellence** have a specific admissions procedure that they follow and adhere to in accepting students in their programs.

The National Association of Special Education Teachers (**NASET**) is a national membership organization dedicated to supporting and assisting teachers and future teachers of special education. It was founded to promote the profession of special education teachers and to provide a national forum for their ideas. **NASET** seeks to meet a critical need for special education teachers. It develops and promotes professional excellence through the support of teachers who provide services to children with special needs.