ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA FOR SELECTION AS A NASET EXCEPTIONAL CHARTER SCHOOL IN SPECIAL EDUCATION

The following are the 11 eligibility criteria a Charter School must meet to be distinguished as a NASET Exceptional Charter School in Special Education:

I. State Approved Charter School: All NASET Exceptional Charter Schools in Special Education must be approved and/or licensed by the State Department of Education.

II. Licensure of Professionals: All NASET Exceptional Charter Schools in Special Education employ special education professionals who are certified or licensed in their respective professions.

III. Student Population: All NASET Exceptional Charter Schools in Special Education educate students with disabilities and or disorders. This includes, but is not limited to, individuals diagnosed with:

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

IV. Enrollment Size: All NASET Exceptional Charter Schools in Special Education are schools dedicated to meeting the individual and unique needs of their students.

V. Age of Students: All NASET Exceptional Charter Schools in Special Education serve a student age population, with all students being between 3 to 21 years of age
VI. Least Restrictive Environment: All NASET Exceptional Charter Schools in Special Education provide appropriate educational placements for their students receiving special education services.

VII. Related Services: All NASET Exceptional Charter Schools in Special Education ensure that their students receive the required related services as set forth in their respective IEPs including, but not limited to:
- Audiology
- Counseling
- Evening Tutorial Program
- Occupational Therapy
- Psychological Services
- Transportation
- Cochlear Implant Services
- Deaf Community Interaction
- Local Mainstreaming opportunities
- Physical Therapy
- Speech, Sign Language Services
- Vocational Evaluation

VIII. Curriculum: All NASET Exceptional Charter Schools in Special Education 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 Exceptional Charter Schools in Special Education have been in existence for at least 3 or more years

X. Number of Months Open: All NASET Exceptional Charter Schools in Special Education are open a minimum of 10 months out of the calendar year.

XI. Multiculturalism: All NASET Exceptional Charter Schools in Special Education seek to provide a multicultural environment.

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.