

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

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	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 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.