

# 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.

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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.