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

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 5 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.