

**PRIVATE SERVICE PROVIDER INTERACTIONS
WITH STUDENTS DURING SCHOOL DAY
AND/OR ON SCHOOL PREMISES**

The Deerfield School District recognizes that private (non-district) service providers can contribute to the healthy development and well being of District students. For this reason, the District encourages professional collaboration with private service providers, parents and medical professionals, when such collaboration is deemed by appropriate District personnel to be beneficial to individual students and does not interfere with the District's provision of instructional services to students.

The District recognizes that collaboration may sometimes involve private service provider interactions with a student(s) during the school day and/or on school premises. To avoid disruption of classroom instruction and other school activities, contacts made by private service providers should be of limited duration and frequency. All private service provider activities with students during the school day and/or on school premises shall be approved by the building administrator in accordance with established District procedures. The District reserves the right to deny or restrict any private service provider activities under this policy or its implementing procedures.

Classroom instruction, the implementation of students' individualized educational programs (IEPs) and the provision of other school-related services are the responsibilities of District personnel and may not be subordinate to the actions or intent of private service providers. Private Service providers may not assume or accept responsibility for the provision of instructional services, student supervision or student discipline. They are only responsible for the contracted services outlined in the Service Provider Application

Private Service providers are not employees of the District. Accordingly, they are not covered by the District's professional liability insurance and the District takes no legal responsibility for their activities in the Deerfield School District or any costs associated with the activities of a private service provider. By allowing private service providers access to the schools, the District is not endorsing any particular service or methodology.

For purposes of this policy and its implementing procedures, a "private service provider" is defined as an individual or agency representative employed by or acting on behalf of the parent/guardian of a Deerfield School District student to provide specified instructional or related services. Examples of activities of private service providers might include but are not limited to academic tutoring, observation or other evaluation of a student, individual counseling or consultation with school staff. Deerfield School District is not responsible for payment of said services. District-approved volunteers are not considered to be private service providers and are not subject to the provisions of this policy.