

Meeting Date	July 20, 2023
Attendees	DESE: Darrell Smith, Missy Walley, Shasta Wagner, Kayci Hardnett Workgroup members: Stephanie Nichols, Cindy Fong, Skipper Ward, Chelsie Sturdivant, Misty Newcomb, Gary Arnold, Theresa Hall, Debbie Jones Parthenon: Michael Besse, Ollie Corbett, Nita Bhat

Draft Rule/Policy Component	Work Group Feedback
Service Providers	<p>The group discussed that a clear definition of what a service provider is would be helpful in guidance. They also discussed what level of certification should be required for service providers if any. It was agreed that any service provider providing direct services to students should have background checks, and a system for evaluating the effectiveness of the service provider should be in place to ensure quality services paid for by EFA funds.</p> <p>The group suggested there could be a system for onboarding service providers in which they provide a short summary of qualifications and perhaps even references to ensure quality services.</p>
Homeschool Expansion	Because homeschool curriculum and services will be offered through EFA funds in the 2024-2025 school year, the group agreed there should be some sort of index of approved norm-referenced tests approved for EFA fund usage.
Tuition Increases	The group discussed the process of tuition increase monitoring. There will likely be a monitoring process that allows tuition increases up to a certain percentage, and then the ADE would request a justification. There will also be a fair appeals process and further communication between the private institution and ADE.
Accreditation	There are several approved accrediting organizations that private institutions can use to be accredited. These organizations are recognized by ANSAA and require quality programs for accreditation.

<b>Next Steps</b>	Review rules and submit comments for further discussion.
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