

Resolution Agreement

Golden Oak Montessori Charter School
Docket Number 09-15-1175

To resolve the issues identified by the U.S. Department of Education, Office for Civil Rights (OCR), in the above referenced complaint, filed pursuant to Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, the Golden Oak Montessori Charter School (Charter School), without admitting to any violation of the law, agrees to implement this Resolution Agreement.

I. Guidance and Staff Training

A. The Charter School will provide a guidance memorandum to school site staff about the School's responsibility to ensure that students suspected of having a disability are identified and evaluated for special education services under IDEA and/or Section 504.

B. The Charter School will provide training for all school site staff about identifying and evaluating students for special education services under IDEA and/or Section 504.

C. The Charter School will provide a notice to parents and guardians about the School's process for assessing students who are suspected of having a disability in the Parent Handbook and on their website.

II. Actions and Reporting

A. By July 10, 2015, the Charter School will develop and provide OCR with a draft guidance memorandum regarding the identification and evaluation of students with disabilities for OCR review and approval.

B. Upon OCR approval, the Charter School will provide OCR with a copy of the guidance memorandum that was distributed to all school site staff regarding the identification and evaluation of students with disabilities.

C. By August 14, 2015, the Charter School will provide an all staff training at Golden Oak Montessori Charter School regarding the identification and evaluation of students with disabilities.

D. Within two weeks of the completion of the training, the Charter School will provide OCR with a list of staff members present at the training, a description of what was covered, and any training materials used during the training.

E. By September 30, 2015, the Charter School will provide a notice to parents and guardians about the School's process for assessing students who are suspected of having a disability in the Parent Handbook and on their website.

III. Monitoring

The Charter School understands that OCR will not close the monitoring of this agreement until OCR determines that the Charter School has fulfilled the terms of this agreement in compliance with Title VI.

The Charter School understands that by signing this agreement, it agrees to provide data and other information in a timely manner in accordance with the reporting requirements of this agreement. Further, the Charter School understands that during the monitoring of this agreement, if necessary, OCR may visit the Charter School, interview staff and students, and request such additional reports or data as are necessary for OCR to determine whether the Charter School has fulfilled the terms of this agreement and is in compliance with Section 504.

The Charter School understands and acknowledges that OCR may initiate administrative enforcement or judicial proceedings to enforce the specific terms and obligations of this Agreement. Before initiating administrative enforcement (34 C.F.R. §§ 100.9, 100.10), or judicial proceedings to enforce this Agreement, OCR shall give the Charter School written notice of the alleged breach and a minimum of sixty (60) calendar days to cure the alleged breach.

_____/s/_____
Deirdre Fennessy
Head of School

_____07/09/2015_____
Date