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AGORA CYBER CHARTER SCHOOL

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Payment/Reimbursement of Providers of Instruction and Services

Agora Cyber Charter School's Board of Trustees seeks to eliminate potential conflicts of interest in the provision of direct or indirect educational programming and/or services to students enrolled in Agora Cyber Charter School ("Agora"), and therefore prohibits the payment and/or reimbursement for direct or indirect educational programming or services provided by any individual or entity owned or operated by an individual with a familial relationship, whether by blood or marriage, to the student receiving the programming or services. This policy shall not apply to transportation, whether or not transportation constitutes a related services within Student's IEP.

No Agora trustee, employee, contractor or volunteer who has a currently enrolled student at Agora, or any other parent/guardian with a student enrolled at Agora, may provide or be paid for provision of direct or indirect educational programming or services to their own biological child or child with whom a legal duty exists as guardian or with whom there exists a relationship of relative, whether by blood or marriage, while s/he is enrolled at Agora. This includes all regular education students and those students who are or thought to be eligible for Section 504 or IDEA programming, instruction, related services or other supports. This prohibition exists whether or not such individual is licensed or certified or qualified as required by the Pennsylvania Department of Education requirements and/or Pennsylvania and/or federal laws and/or regulations to directly or indirectly deliver such educational programming or services.

The prohibition of provision of direct or indirect educational programming or services by a parent/guardian or relative of an Agora Student exclusively covers any and all such programming for regular education students and also programming and services as offered by the Agora School Section 504 or IEP Team for implementation and as agreed to, in writing, by parent/guardian as part of the student's Section 504 Plan or IEP.

Therefore, in the event of a mediation, due process hearing, or other state or federal court proceeding involving a claim by a parent/guardian on student's behalf against Agora, no conflict of interest should arise because parent/guardian will be acting solely in the capacity as a parent/guardian and not as both a parent/guardian and an Agora contracted provider of educational programming and services to the student. As the same potential conflict of interest would arise if a relative by blood or marriage of an Agora student were to have to testify under oath, the same prohibition is in effect.

The prohibition against provision and payment of such educational programming and services is separate and distinct from those duties required by a Learning Coach which a parent/guardian agrees to undertake on behalf of the Agora student upon enrollment and which are set forth in the Parent and Student Handbook. There is no payment by Agora for parent/guardian's fulfillment of Learning Coach duties. By way of further distinction, Learning Coaches are not required to have special training to fulfill this function as they are not providing educational programming or services to PA public school students enrolled at Agora, which, according to applicable PA law and regulations, requires specific certification and/or licensure by the Pennsylvania Department of Education and/or other agencies of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

TO THE EXTENT THAT ANYTHING IN THIS POLICY COULD BE CONSTRUED TO CONFLICT WITH THE SCHOOL'S CHARTER OR APPLICABLE STATE AND/OR FEDERAL LAWS, THE APPLICABLE STATE AND/OR FEDERAL LAWS AND/OR CHARTER CONTROL.