

3301-103-07**Payment under the autism scholarship program.**

- (A) Each scholarship provided under the autism scholarship program is to be used for payment to a school district other than the school district in which the child is entitled to attend school or to another eligible public entity, or to a registered private provider who is providing special education and related services as identified on the child's current individualized education program (IEP). Each scholarship is payable to the parent unless the parent authorizes the checks to be issued directly to the provider.
- (B) Each scholarship shall be used only as payment for the child, on whose behalf the scholarship is awarded, to receive special education and related services that implement the child's current IEP and that is operated by a school district other than the school district in which the child is entitled to attend school or by another eligible public entity or by a registered private provider.
- (C) Each scholarship shall be in an amount not to exceed the lesser of the fee charged for the child by the special education program or the maximum scholarship amount provided by law.
- (D) A child attending a special education program with a scholarship under the autism scholarship program shall continue to be entitled to transportation to and from that program in the manner prescribed by law.
- (E) The department of education will distribute payments under this program in accordance with amounts authorized by the General Assembly.
- (F) Once an award is made, payments will be made to the parent of a qualified special education child participating in the autism scholarship program in accordance with rules of the state board of education.
- (1) Invoices for payment for each scholarship shall indicate whether it is for tuition for the child on whose behalf the scholarship is awarded to attend a comprehensive special education program that implements the child's individualized education program or to pay for itemized services.
- (2) The invoice for tuition for a comprehensive special education program offered by a school must identify the primary credentialed employee(s) providing the education component and services of covered by the scholarship to the child.
- (3) The invoice for education only or other services must identify each credentialed employee providing the services.
- (G) The Ohio department of education, on behalf of the parent of a child receiving a scholarship, who is enrolled in a school district other than the school district in

which the child is entitled to attend school, shall make the applicable payments, as required by the autism scholarship program, to the school district where the child is in attendance and receiving special education and/or related services.

(H) The scholarship amount shall be proportionately reduced in the case of any such child who is not attending, participating and receiving special education and related services for which a scholarship was awarded under this section for the entire school year.

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