

SCHOOL OF EXCELLENCE

— ROCK BROOK HONORED BY NATIONAL ASSOCIATION —

FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

June 6, 2021

I am thrilled to announce that Rock Brook School has been recognized as a "School of Excellence" by the National Association of Special Education Teachers (NASET).

Rock Brook was invited to apply for this recognition last fall and we submitted our application and supporting documentation prior to the end of 2020. Information regarding the NASET awards program follows:

*Since 2008, the **National Association of Special Education Teachers (NASET)** has annually bestowed upon qualified licensed private special education schools throughout the United States the distinction of being selected as a **NASET School of Excellence**. Selection as a **NASET School of Excellence** is the highest honor a private special education school can achieve through our professional association.*

The recognition is bestowed on private special education schools that meet rigorous professional criteria and have demonstrated truly exceptional dedication, commitment and achievement in the field of special education.

NASET annually completes a screening process of various private special education schools in the United States. Upon preliminary review, certain select schools will be notified that they appear to meet the criteria as NASET Schools of Excellence. Upon notification, the schools will need to complete an application form for verification of the information obtained by NASET.

Eligibility Criteria for NASET Schools of Excellence

The following are the 13 eligibility criteria a private special education school must meet to be a NASET School of Excellence:

I. Licensure: All NASET Schools of Excellence must be licensed by their respective State Department of Education.

II. Licensure of Professionals: All NASET Schools of Excellence employ special education professionals who are certified or licensed in their respective professions.

III. Student Population: All NASET Schools of Excellence educate students with disabilities and or disorders.

IV. Enrollment Size: All NASET Schools of Excellence are schools dedicated to meeting the individual and unique needs of their students.

V. Staff/Student Ratio: All NASET Schools of Excellence have a very small Staff/Student Ratio.

VI. Age of Students: All NASET Schools of Excellence serve a student age population, with all students being between 3 to 21 years of age.

VII. Related Services: All NASET Schools of Excellence provide various types of related services for their students including.

VIII. Curriculum: All NASET Schools of Excellence ensure that students receive a well rounded curriculum to meet the specific needs of each individual student with a disability.

IX. Length of Operations: All NASET Schools of Excellence have been in existence for at least 5 or more years.

X. Number of Months Open: All NASET Schools of Excellence are open a minimum of 10 months out of the calendar year.

XI. Multiculturalism: All NASET Schools of Excellence seek to provide a multicultural environment.

XII. Affiliations and Memberships: All NASET Schools of Excellence are affiliated and/or have memberships in other professional associations and organizations.

XIII. Admissions Procedures: All NASET Schools of Excellence have a specific admissions procedure that they follow and adhere to in accepting the students in their programs.

On behalf of the RBS Board of Trustees, I offer thanks and appreciation to the amazing Rock Brook School faculty and staff. I also want to thank our truly heroic and supportive parents who demonstrate their faith and trust each day by allowing us to work with the incredible children of Rock Brook School.

Congratulations to the entire RBS community for helping us earn this well-deserved distinction!

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