

AFFIDAVIT

(Private School Compliance Statement)
Required Annually



OKLAHOMA
STATE DEPARTMENT of EDUCATION

I, Yolanda Merriman, swear and/or affirm under oath that:

1. I am the Head of School (insert title) of Tulsa Hope Academy dba Hope Academy (private school), a Lindsey Nicole Henry Scholarship Act approved private school.
2. Tulsa Hope Academy has been an approved private school for receipt of Lindsey Nicole Henry Scholarship funds since May, 2022.
3. Tulsa Hope Academy (private school) is in compliance with state laws for the 22-23 school year, including but not limited to the following:
 - Meets the accreditation requirement set by the State Board of Education or another accrediting association approved by the State Board of Education;
 - Demonstrates fiscal soundness by having been in operation for (1) school year or providing the Oklahoma State Department of Education (OSDE) with a statement by a certified public accountant confirming that the private school desiring to participate is insured and the owner or owners have sufficient capital or credit to operate the school for the upcoming year by serving the number of students anticipated with expected revenues from tuition and other sources that may be reasonable expected;
 - Complies with the antidiscrimination provisions of 42 U.S.C., Section 2000d;
 - Meets state and local health and safety laws and codes;
 - Will be academically accountable to the parent/legal guardian for meeting the educational needs of the student;
 - Employs or contracts with teachers who hold baccalaureate or higher degrees, or have at least three (3) years of teaching experience in public or private schools, or have special skills, knowledge, or expertise that qualifies them to provide instruction in subjects taught;
 - Complies with all state laws relating to general regulation of private schools; and
 - Adheres to the tenet of its published disciplinary procedures prior to the expulsion of a scholarship student.

FURTHER, AFFIANT SAITH NOT.

DATE: June 8, 2022

Yolanda Merriman
Representative of Tulsa Hope Academy

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 8th day of June, 2022

by Yolanda Merriman

NOTARY PUBLIC

My Commission No.: 19002955

My Commission Expires: Mar 21, 2023

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NOTARY PUBLIC - STATE OF OKLAHOMA
MY COMMISSION EXPIRES MAR. 21, 2023
COMMISSION #19002955