



## **SEC. 1. NON-DISCRIMINATION IN MISSIONS**

It is the policy of ThrivePoint Academy of Nevada to comply with all state and federal regulations regarding admission and not to discriminate during the admission and the lottery process on the basis of sex; national origin; ethnicity; religion; disability; academic, artistic, or athletic ability; or the district the child would otherwise attend.

## **SEC. 2. GENERAL ELIGIBILITY FOR ADMISSION**

ThrivePoint Academy of Nevada shall generally admit all persons who reside within ThrivePoint Academy of Nevada's geographic boundaries and for whom Thrive Academy of Nevada operates a grade level sought and who, as of September 1 of any school year, are at least five years of age and under 21 years of age, or are at least 21 years of age and admitted by ThrivePoint Academy of Nevada the requirements for a high school diploma, if the person meets any of the following conditions:

1. The applicant and either parent reside in Nevada.
2. The applicant and his or her guardian or other person having lawful control under a court order reside within Nevada.
3. The applicant is under the age of 18 and has established a separate residence in Nevada that is separate and apart from his or her parent, guardian, or other person having lawful control under an order of a court and has established that the applicant's presence in ThrivePoint Academy of Nevada is not for the primary purpose of participation in extracurricular activities. However, ThrivePoint Academy of Nevada is not required to admit an applicant under this provision if the applicant:
  - a. Has engaged in conduct or misbehavior within the preceding year that has resulted in removal to a disciplinary alternative education program or expulsion;
  - b. Has engaged in delinquent conduct or conduct in need of supervision and is on probation or other conditional release for that conduct; or
  - c. Has been convicted of a criminal offense and is on probation or other conditional release.
4. The applicant is homeless, regardless of the residence of the applicant, of either parent of the applicant, or of the applicant's guardian or other person having lawful control of the applicant.

5. The applicant is a foreign exchange student placed with a host family that resides in Nevada by a nationally recognized foreign exchange program.
6. The applicant resides in Nevada and is 18 or older or the applicant's disabilities of minority have been removed.

ThrivePoint Academy of Nevada may also admit a child of a ThrivePoint Academy of Nevada employee. Such a child must satisfy all other eligibility requirements imposed by law and/or ThrivePoint Academy of Nevada in order to be granted admission and enrollment in ThrivePoint Academy of Nevada.

### **SEC. 3. APPLICATION REQUIREMENT**

ThrivePoint Academy of Nevada requires applicants to submit a complete Admission Application form in order to be considered for admission. The School Principal or designee shall set a beginning and closing date for the application window for each school year. Tentatively, applications shall be accepted from November 1 to February 28. If needed, the lottery will be held on March 15.

In order to be eligible for admission, the applicant or qualifying occupant must reside in Nevada, and satisfy any other admissions criteria specified in this policy. *See* Sec. 10 below.

### **SEC. 4. LOTTERY PROVISIONS**

A "lottery" for purposes of this policy is a non-weighted, random selection process that determines the order of enrollment of student applicants. A lottery is to be conducted if the number of applicants exceeds the maximum enrollment. The lottery shall take place within 15 days after the closing date of the application period. The lottery will be conducted via lottery selection software. The principal or designee will conduct the computerized lottery and the results of the lottery shall be made public within 48 hours.

### **SEC. 5. PRIORITIZATION OF SIBLINGS AND THRIVEPOINT ACADEMY FAMILIES**

Students that are siblings of current students and students that are children of governing board members or any other ThrivePoint Academy employee will have enrollment priority over other students that do not already meet alternative education qualifications..

### **SEC. 6. PRIORITIZATION OF ALTERNATIVE EDUCATION QUALIFICATIONS**

Students that are credit deficient, have an IEP, are on current suspension/expulsion of another school, are adjudicated youth under court supervision, or have been deemed a habitual disciplinary problem will have enrollment priority over all students in order for ThrivePoint Academy to ensure that it is meeting the requirements to operate under the Nevada Alternative Performance Framework.

**SEC. 7. DEVELOPMENT OF WAITING LIST**

The lottery will be paused momentarily after all available seats are filled. The drawing will then continue, and the randomly-selected numbers will be used to create a waiting list. As space becomes available, applicants will be called from the waiting list beginning with applicants with the lowest number assignment. Applicants selected by lottery will be “deemed admitted” and may proceed from provisional admission to enrollment.

**SEC. 8. ADMISSION PROCESS OF RETURNING STUDENTS**

Returning students (students who currently attend ThrivePoint Academy of Nevada and intend to return the next school year) are exempted from the lottery if they notify ThrivePoint Academy of Nevada of their intent to return for the next school year by the deadline designated by the School Principal or designee for the then-current school year.

**SEC. 9. SIBLINGS POLICY AND CHILDREN OF THE SCHOOL’S FOUNDERS, GOVERNING BOARD, AND EMPLOYEES**

Siblings of returning students currently enrolled at ThrivePoint Academy of Nevada and who timely notify ThrivePoint Academy of Nevada of their intent to return for the next school year are exempt from the lottery and, space permitting, are automatically enrolled. For this policy “sibling” shall mean a biological or legally adopted brother or sister residing in the same household as the applicant. Cousins, nieces, nephews and unrelated children sharing an address with the applicant are not siblings. Sibling enrollment is dependent on available space and does not guarantee enrollment of each listed sibling.

Children of ThrivePoint Academy of Nevada’s founders, governing school board, teachers, and staff (so long as the total number of students allowed constitutes only a small percentage of the total enrollment) are exempt from lottery requirements.

**SEC. 10. APPLICATIONS SUBMITTED OUTSIDE THE DESIGNATED APPLICATION PERIOD**

If a student applies to ThrivePoint Academy of Nevada outside of the designated application period, the student will be placed on a waiting list in the order of the date in which the application is received.

**SEC. 11. STUDENTS WITH DOCUMENTED HISTORIES OF A CRIMINAL OFFENSE AND/OR MISCONDUCT**

ThrivePoint Academy of Nevada shall exclude from enrollment those students who have a documented history of a criminal offense, a juvenile court adjudication, or other discipline problems. These discipline histories will be examined on a case-by-case basis and only be excluded should their enrollment put the safety of other students at jeopardy.

**SEC. 12. DOCUMENTS AND INFORMATION APPLICANTS ARE REQUIRED TO PROVIDE**

Applicants must complete and submit the common admission application form developed and made available by ThrivePoint Academy of Nevada.

Applicants are not required to provide transcripts or other academic records until after they are offered admission.

**SEC. 13. VERIFICATION OF RESIDENCY AND IMMUNIZATION RECORDS FOR ENROLLMENT**

Verification of residency and current immunization records are required for all students enrolling. Every student enrolling for the first time must present a signed statement from a physician or documentation of immunizations as required by the Nevada Department of Health, no later than 30 days after enrolling. Students who submit an affidavit from a physician stating immunizations should not be administered for medical reasons, and students who submit an affidavit signed by the student's parent or guardian declining immunizations for reasons of conscience, will be exempt from this requirement. The parent or guardian must furnish records that verify the identity of the student.

A person's "residence," for the purpose of this policy is the true, fixed and permanent place where the qualifying occupant ordinarily lives and sleeps, not less than four nights during the school week and to which, when temporarily absent from the residence, the occupant intends to return. The qualifying occupant must reside in Nevada. A person who is homeless, as defined by 42 U.S.C. 11302, need not provide proof of residency. In order to verify residency for enrollment, acceptable evidence of residency includes:

- Current property tax bill with parent/guardian's name and property address;
- Current rental or lease agreement with parent/guardian's name, student name, and address, as well as manager or owner's name and telephone number;
- Documents related to the purchase of the residence with the parent/guardian's name and property address;
- Mail dated within 60 days before the application date from the following sources:
  - Social Security Administration;
  - A Nevada State government agency;
  - Utility companies;
  - Credit card bill;
  - Financial institutions; including checking or savings;
  - Insurance companies;
  - State and Federal Revenue documents;
  - Paycheck information; and
  - Other sources or documents demonstrating residency.

If, at any time, a student's or qualifying occupant's residence is in question, ThrivePoint Academy of Nevada may ask for additional documents for verification. If the parent or legal guardian

cannot provide evidence of residency because the parent or legal guardian is living with a relative or friend, a notarized statement by the relative or friend may be accepted by ThrivePoint Academy of Nevada with the following stipulation:

- Notarized statement must state that the parent or legal guardian and child are living with the relative/friend;
- Notarized statement must state the name of the relative or friend who is on the relative or friend's proof of residence;
- Notarized statement must state the same address of the relative or friend who is on the relative or friend's proof of residence;
- A copy of the relative or friend's proof of residence must be attached to the notarized statement (meeting the documentation criteria described above); and • The notarized statement must be signed by the same name of a relative or friend who is on the relative or friend's proof of residence.

A person whose parent or guardian is an active-duty member of the armed forces of the United States, including the state military forces or a reserve component of the armed forces, may establish residency by providing to ThrivePoint Academy of Nevada a copy of a military order requiring the parent's or guardian's transfer to a military installation in or adjacent to ThrivePoint Academy of Nevada's attendance zone. Such proof of residence shall be provided to ThrivePoint Academy of Nevada not later than the 10th day after the arrival date specified in the military order requiring the parent's or guardian's transfer.

Subsequently, within 60 days, at least two current documents, ThrivePoint Academy of Nevada must be provided confirmation of residency from one or more of the following sources:

- Credit card companies;
- U. S. Treasury;
- Social Security Administration, including benefits letter;
- Nevada State government agencies (including city and county agencies); • Utility companies;
- Financial institutions including checking, savings, or investment account statements;
- Insurance companies; or
- State and Federal Revenue departments.

ThrivePoint Academy of Nevada may conduct home-visits, at any time, to confirm residency of applicants and enrolled students. Falsification of residence on an enrollment form is a criminal offense.

## **SEC. 14. ADMISSION OF HOMELESS STUDENTS**

### ***a) Definitions***

“Enroll” and “enrollment” include attending classes and participating fully in school activities. “Homeless child” or “homeless children” means children or youths who lack a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence and includes:

1. Children who are sharing the housing of other persons due to loss of housing, economic hardship, or a similar reason; are living in motels, hotels, trailer parks, or camping grounds due to the lack of alternative adequate accommodations; are living in emergency or transitional shelters; or are abandoned in hospitals;
2. Children who have a primary nighttime residence that is a public or private place not designed for or ordinarily used as a regular sleeping accommodation for human beings;
3. Children who are living in cars, parks, public spaces, abandoned buildings, substandard housing, bus or train stations, or similar settings; and
4. Migratory children living in circumstances described above. “Migratory child” means a child who made a qualifying move in the preceding 36 months (a) as a migratory agricultural worker or a migratory fisher; or (b) with, or to join, a parent or spouse who is a migratory agricultural worker or a migratory fisher.

“School of origin” means the school that the child attended when permanently housed or the school in which the child was last enrolled, including a preschool. When a child completes the final grade level served by the school of origin, the term “school of origin” shall include the designated receiving school at the next grade level for all feeder schools, as applicable.

“Unaccompanied youth” includes a homeless child or youth not in the physical custody of a parent or guardian.

#### ***b) General Requirements***

As a condition of receiving federal funds under the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act, ThrivePoint Academy of Nevada shall, according to a homeless child’s best interest:

1. Continue the child’s education in the school of origin for the duration of homelessness;
  - a. If the child’s family becomes homeless between academic years or during an academic year; and
  - b. For the remainder of the academic year, if the child becomes permanently housed during an academic year; or
2. Enroll the child in any ThrivePoint Academy of Nevada school that non-homeless students who live in ThrivePoint Academy of Nevada’s geographic boundaries are eligible to attend.

*42 U.S.C. 11432(g)(3)(A).*

In determining the best interest of a homeless child, ThrivePoint Academy of Nevada shall: 1.

Presume that keeping the child in the school of origin is in the child's best interest, except

when doing so is contrary to the request of the child's parent or guardian, or in the case of an unaccompanied youth the youth;

2. Consider student-centered factors related to the child's best interest, including factors related to the impact of mobility on achievement, education, health, and safety of homeless children, giving priority to the request of the child's parent or guardian or the unaccompanied youth;
3. If, after conducting the best interest determination based on consideration of the presumption in item 1 above and the student-centered factors in item 2 above, ThrivePoint Academy of Nevada determines that it is not in the child's best interest to attend the school of origin or the school requested by the parent or guardian or the unaccompanied youth, provide the parent, guardian, or unaccompanied youth with a written explanation of the reasons for its determination, in a manner and form understandable to such parent, guardian, or unaccompanied youth, including information regarding the right to appeal; and
4. In the case of an unaccompanied youth, ensure that the homeless liaison assists in placement and enrollment decisions under these provisions, gives priority to the views of such unaccompanied youth, and provides the notice to such youth of the right to appeal as set forth in Sec. 12-f below.

*42 U.S.C. 11432(g)(3)(B).*

ThrivePoint Academy of Nevada shall not stigmatize or segregate a student who is homeless.

***c) Information from Parents***

ThrivePoint Academy of Nevada may require the parent or guardian of a homeless child to submit contact information. *42 U.S.C. 11432(g)(3)(H).*

***d) Enrollment***

ThrivePoint Academy of Nevada shall immediately enroll a homeless child, depending on available seats, even if the child:

1. Is unable to produce records normally required for enrollment, such as previous academic record, records of immunization and other required health records, proof of residency, or other document; or
2. Has missed application or enrollment deadlines during any period of homelessness.

42 U.S.C. 11432(g)(3)(C).

***e) Enrollment in School of Origin***

In determining the best interest of the student for the purpose of continuing the student's education in the school of origin, ThrivePoint Academy of Nevada shall presume that keeping the student in his or her school of origin is in the student's best interest, except when doing so is contrary to the request of the parent, guardian, or unaccompanied youth. ThrivePoint Academy of Nevada shall also consider the best interests of the student with regard to the impact of moving schools on the student's achievement, education, health, and safety, including such relevant factors as:

1. Continuity of instruction;
2. Age and grade placement of the student;
3. Distance of the commute and its impact on the student's education or special needs;
4. Personal safety of the student;
5. The student's eligibility and need for any specialized services and supports, such as Section 504, special education and related services, or bilingual or English as a second language services;
6. Length of anticipated stay in a temporary shelter or other temporary location, if applicable;
7. Likely area of the family's or youth's future housing;
8. Time remaining in the school year; and
9. School placement of siblings.

Services, including transportation, that ThrivePoint Academy of Nevada is required to provide shall not be considered in determining the student's school of attendance.

***f) Disputes Concerning Enrollment***

If a dispute arises over eligibility, or school selection or enrollment in a school:

1. The child shall be immediately enrolled in the school in which enrollment is sought, pending final resolution of the dispute, including all available appeals;
2. The parent or guardian of the child or an unaccompanied youth shall be provided with a written explanation of any decisions related to school selection or enrollment made by ThrivePoint Academy of Nevada, including the rights of the parent, guardian, or unaccompanied youth to appeal such decisions.
3. The parent, guardian, or unaccompanied youth shall be referred to the homeless liaison, who shall carry out the dispute resolution process as expeditiously as possible after receiving notice of the dispute; and
4. In the case of an unaccompanied youth, the liaison shall ensure that the youth is immediately enrolled in the school in which the youth seeks enrollment pending resolution of such dispute.



42 U.S.C. 11432(g)(3)(E).

***g) Comparable Services***

ThrivePoint Academy of Nevada shall provide a homeless child with services comparable to those offered to other students in the school in which the child is enrolled. 42 U.S.C. 11432(g)(4).

**SEC. 15. ADMISSION OF MILITARY DEPENDENTS**

***a) Applicability***

The provisions of Sec. 13 of this policy shall apply to the children of:

1. Active duty members of the uniformed services, including members of the National Guard and Reserve on active duty orders pursuant to 10 U.S.C. Sections 1209 and 1211;
2. Members or veterans of the uniformed services who are severely injured and medically discharged or retired for a period of one year after medical discharge or retirement; and
3. Members of the uniformed services who die on active duty or as a result of injuries sustained on active duty for a period of one year after death.

Sec. 13 of this policy shall not apply to the children of:

1. Inactive members of the national guard and military reserves;
2. Members of the uniformed services now retired, except as provided above;
3. Veterans of the uniformed services, except as provided in this policy; and
4. Other U.S. Department of Defense personnel and other federal agency civilian and contract employees not defined as active duty members of the uniformed services.

***b) Definitions***

“Active duty” means full-time duty status in the active uniformed service of the United States, including members of the National Guard and Reserve on active duty orders pursuant to 10 U.S.C. Sections 1209 and 1211.

“Children of military families” means a school-aged child, enrolled in kindergarten through twelfth grade, in the household of an active duty member.

“Deployment” means the period one month prior to the service members’ departure from their home station on military orders through six months after return to their home station.

“Transition” means:

1. The formal and physical process of transferring from school to school; or 2. The period of time in which a student moves from one school in the sending state to another school in the receiving state.

“Uniformed services” means the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, as well as the Commissioned Corps of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, and Public Health Services.

“Veteran” means a person who served in the uniformed services and who was discharged or released therefrom under conditions other than dishonorable.

### ***c) Eligibility for Enrollment***

Special power of attorney, relative to the guardianship of a child of a military family and executed under applicable law, shall be sufficient for the purposes of enrollment and all other actions requiring parental participation and consent.

#### ***i. Continued Acceptance***

A transitioning military child, placed in the care of a non-custodial parent or other person standing *in loco parentis* who lives in a jurisdiction other than that of the custodial parent, may continue to attend the school in which the child was enrolled while residing with the custodial parent.

### ***d) Education Records***

#### ***i. Unofficial Records***

In the event that official education records cannot be released to the parents for the purpose of transfer, the custodian of the records in the sending state shall prepare and furnish to the parents a complete set of unofficial education records containing uniform information as determined by the Interstate Commission. Upon receipt of the unofficial education records, ThrivePoint Academy of Nevada shall enroll and appropriately place the student based on the information provided in the unofficial records pending validation by the official records, as quickly as possible.

#### ***ii. Official Records***

Simultaneous with the enrollment and conditional placement of the student, ThrivePoint Academy of Nevada shall request the student’s official education record from the sending district.

### ***e) Tuition***

Thrive Point Nevada is prohibited from charging tuition to:

1. A transitioning military child placed in the care of a non-custodial parent or other person standing *in loco parentis* who lives in a jurisdiction other than that of the custodial parent; or
2. A student who is domiciled in another state and resides in military housing that is located within ThrivePoint Academy of Nevada's boundaries.

***f) Grade-Level Placement***

Students shall be allowed to continue their enrollment at grade level in ThrivePoint Academy of Nevada commensurate with their grade level, from the sending district at the time of transition, regardless of age. A student that has satisfactorily completed the prerequisite grade level shall be eligible for enrollment in the next highest grade level in ThrivePoint Academy of Nevada, regardless of age. A student transferring after the start of the school year shall enter ThrivePoint Academy of Nevada on his or her validated level from an accredited school in the sending state.

***g) Course Placement***

When the student transfers before or during the school year, ThrivePoint Academy of Nevada shall initially honor placement of the student in educational courses based on the student's enrollment in the sending district and/or educational assessments conducted at the sending district if the courses are offered. Course placement includes but is not limited to honors, international baccalaureate, advanced placement, vocational, technical, and career pathways courses. Continuing the student's academic program from the previous school and promoting placement in academically and career challenging courses should be paramount when considering placement. This does not preclude ThrivePoint Academy of Nevada from performing subsequent evaluations to ensure appropriate placement and continued enrollment of the student in the course(s).

***h) Educational Program Placement***

ThrivePoint Academy of Nevada shall initially honor placement of the student in educational programs based on current educational assessments conducted at the sending district or participation/placement in like programs in the sending state. Such programs include, but are not limited to:

1. Gifted and talented programs; and
2. English as a second language (ESL).

This does not preclude ThrivePoint Academy of Nevada from performing subsequent evaluations to ensure appropriate placement of the student. *Education Code 162.002 art. V, § B.*

***i) Waivers***

ThrivePoint Academy of Nevada administrative officials shall have flexibility in waiving

course/program prerequisites, or other preconditions for placement in courses/programs offered by ThrivePoint Academy of Nevada.

**SEC. 16. DISCREPANCIES IN STUDENT NAME**

The Superintendent or designee shall notify the Missing Children and Missing Persons Information Clearinghouse if a child is enrolled under a name other than the name that appears on the identifying documents. If a student's records have not been received within 30 days of a request, the Superintendent or designee shall notify local law enforcement for a determination of whether the child has been reported as missing.

**SEC. 17. FOOD ALLERGY INFORMATION**

The parent of each student enrolled with ThrivePoint Academy of Nevada must complete a form provided by ThrivePoint Academy of Nevada that discloses (1) whether the child has a food allergy or a severe food allergy that should be disclosed to ThrivePoint Academy of Nevada to enable ThrivePoint Academy of Nevada to take any necessary precautions regarding the child's safety and (2) specifies the food(s) to which the child is allergic and the nature of the allergic reaction.

For purposes of this requirement, the term "severe food allergy" means a dangerous or life-threatening reaction of the human body to a food-borne allergen introduced by inhalation, ingestion, or skin contact that requires immediate medical attention.

ThrivePoint Academy of Nevada may also require information from a child's physician if the child has food allergies.

Food allergy information forms will be maintained in the child's student records, and shall remain confidential. Information provided on food allergy information forms may be disclosed to teachers, school counselors, school nurses, and other appropriate school personnel only to the extent consistent with Board policy and as permissible under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 ("FERPA").