MASTER CONTRACT

GENERAL AGREEMENT FOR NONSECTARIAN,
NONPUBLIC SCHOOL AND AGENCY SERVICES

LEA/DISTRICT Jefferson Elementary School District

Contract Year 2024-2025

✓ Nonpublic School (NPS)

_____ Nonpublic Agency (NPA)

Type of Contract:

✓ Master Contract for fiscal year with Individual Service Agreements (ISA) to be approved throughout the term of this contract.

_____ Individual Master Contract for a specific student incorporating the Individual Service Agreement (ISA) into the terms of this Individual Master Contract specific to a single student.

_____ Interim Contract: an extension of the previous fiscal years approved contracts and rates. The sole purpose of this Interim Contract is to provide for ongoing funding at the prior year's rates for 90 days at the sole discretion of the LEA. Expiration Date: _____

When this section is included as part of any Master Contract, the changes specified above shall amend Section 4 – Term of Master Contract.

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2024-2025 **CONTRACT NUMBER:** 1

LOCAL EDUCATION AGENCY: Jefferson Elementary School District
NONPUBLIC SCHOOL/AGENCY/RELATED SERVICES PROVIDER: Stockton Educational Center (SEC)

NONPUBLIC, NONSECTARIAN SCHOOL/AGENCY SERVICES
MASTER CONTRACT

I. GENERAL PROVISIONS

1. MASTER CONTRACT

This Master Contract (or "Contract") is entered into on July 1, 2024, between the (District, County Office of Education, a Charter School participating as a member of the Special Education Local Plan Area, or Special Education Local Plan Area), county of **San Joaquin** hereinafter referred to as the local educational agency ("LEA") and SEC (nonpublic, nonsectarian school or agency), hereinafter referred to as NPS/A or "CONTRACTOR" for the purpose of providing special education and/or related services to students with exceptional needs under the authorization of California Education Code sections 56157, 56361 and 56365 *et seq.* and Title 5 of the California Code of Regulations section 3000 *et seq.*, AB 490 (Chapter 862, Statutes of 2003) and AB 1858 (Chapter 914, Statutes of 2004). It is understood that this agreement does not commit the LEA to pay for special education and/or related services provided to any student, or CONTRACTOR to provide such special education and/or related services, unless and until an authorized LEA representative approves the provision of special education and/or related services by CONTRACTOR.

Upon acceptance of a student, LEA shall submit to CONTRACTOR an Individual Services Agreement (hereinafter referred to as "ISA") and a Nonpublic Services Student Enrollment form as specified in the LEA procedures. Unless otherwise agreed in writing, these forms shall acknowledge CONTRACTOR's obligation to provide all relevant services specified in the student's Individualized Education Program (hereinafter referred to as "IEP"). The ISA shall be executed within ninety (90) days of a student's enrollment. LEA and CONTRACTOR shall enter into an ISA for each student served by CONTRACTOR. As available and appropriate, the LEA shall make available access to any electronic IEP system and /or electronic data base for the development of the ISA and invoices.

Unless placement and/or services are made pursuant to an Office of Administrative Hearings (hereinafter referred to as "OAH") order, a lawfully executed settlement agreement between LEA and parent or authorized by LEA for a transfer student pursuant to California Education Code section 56325, LEA is not responsible for the costs associated with NPS placement or NPS/A services until the date on which an IEP team meeting is convened, the IEP team determines that an NPS placement is appropriate, and the IEP is signed by the student's parent.

2. CERTIFICATIONS AND LICENSES

CONTRACTOR shall be certified by the California Department of Education (hereinafter referred to as "CDE") as an NPS/A. All NPS/A services shall be provided consistent with the area of certification and licensure specified by CDE Certification and as defined in California Education Code, section 56366 *et seq* and within the professional scope of practice of each provider's license, certification and/or credential. A current copy of CONTRACTOR's NPS/A certification or a waiver of such certification issued by the CDE pursuant to Education Code section 56366.2 must be provided to LEA on or before the date this Agreement is executed by CONTRACTOR. This Master Contract shall be null and void if such certification or waiver is expired, revoked, rescinded, or otherwise nullified during the effective period of this Master

Contract. Total student enrollment

shall be limited to capacity as stated on CDE certification. and to capacity as stated in Section 24 of the Master Contract.

In addition to meeting the certification requirements of the State of California, a CONTRACTOR that operates a program outside of this State shall be certified and all staff persons providing services to pupils shall be certified and/or licensed by that state to provide, respectively, special education and related services and designated instruction and related services to pupils under the federal Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (20 U.S.C. Sec. 1400 et seq.).

If CONTRACTOR is a licensed children's institution (hereinafter referred to as "LCI"), CONTRACTOR shall be licensed by the state, or other public agency having delegated authority by contract with the state to license, to provide nonmedical care room and board to children, including, but not limited to, individuals with exceptional needs. The LCI must also comply with all licensing requirements relevant to the protection of the child, and have a special permit, if necessary, to meet the needs of each child so placed. If the CONTRACTOR operates a program outside of this State, CONTRACTOR must obtain all required licenses from the appropriate licensing agency in both California and in the state where the LCI is located.

With respect to CONTRACTOR's certification, failure to notify the LEA and CDE in writing of any changes in: (1) credentialed/licensed staff; (2) ownership; (3) management and/or control of the agency; (4) major modification or relocation of facilities; or (5) significant modification of the program may result in the suspension or revocation of CDE certification and/or suspension or termination of this Master Contract by the LEA.

3. COMPLIANCE WITH LAWS, STATUTES, REGULATIONS

During the term of this Master Contract, unless otherwise agreed, CONTRACTOR shall comply with all applicable federal, state, and local statutes, laws, ordinances, rules, policies, executive orders and regulations. CONTRACTOR shall also comply with all applicable LEA policies and procedures unless, taking into consideration all of the surrounding facts and circumstances, a policy or policies or a portion of a policy does not reasonably apply to CONTRACTOR. CONTRACTOR hereby acknowledges and agrees that it accepts all risks and responsibilities for its failure to comply with LEA policies and shall indemnify LEA under the provisions of Section 16 of this Agreement for all liability, loss, damage and expense (including reasonable attorneys' fees) resulting from or arising out of CONTRACTOR's failure to comply with applicable LEA policies (e.g., those policies relating to; the provision of special education and/or related services, facilities for individuals with exceptional needs, student enrollment and transfer, student inactive status, corporal punishment, student discipline, and positive behavior interventions).

CONTRACTOR acknowledges and understands that LEA may report to the CDE any violations of the provisions of this Master Contract; and that this may result in the suspension and/or revocation of CDE nonpublic school/agency certification pursuant to California Education Code section 56366.4(a).

4. TERM OF MASTER CONTRACT

The term of this Master Contract shall be from July 1, 2024, to June 30, 2025 (Title 5 California Code of Regulations section 3062(a)) unless otherwise stated. Neither the CONTRACTOR nor the LEA is required to renew this Master Contract in subsequent contract years. The parties acknowledge that any subsequent Master Contract is to be re-negotiated prior to June 30, 2024 (Title 5 California Code of Regulations section 3062(d)). In the event the contract negotiations are not agreed to by June 30th, the most recently executed Master Contract will remain in effect for 90 days (Education Code 56366(c)(1). No Master Contract will be offered unless and until all of the contracting requirements have been satisfied. The offer of a Master Contract to a CONTRACTOR is at the sole discretion of the LEA.

The provisions of this Master Contract apply to CONTRACTOR and any of its employees or independent contractors. Notice of any change in CONTRACTOR's ownership or authorized representative shall be provided in writing to LEA within thirty (30) calendar days of change of ownership or change of authorized representative.

5. INTEGRATION/CONTINUANCE OF CONTRACT FOLLOWING EXPIRATION OR TERMINATION

This Master Contract includes the LEA procedures and each ISA, and they are incorporated herein by this reference. This Master Contract supersedes any prior or contemporaneous written or oral understanding or agreement. This Master Contract may be amended only by written amendment executed by both parties. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the LEA may modify the LEA procedures from time to time without the consent of CONTRACTOR.

CONTRACTOR shall provide the LEA with information as requested in writing to secure a Master Contract or a renewal.

At a minimum, such information shall include copies of current teacher credentials and clearance, insurance documentation and CDE certification. The LEA may require additional information as applicable. If the application packet is not completed and returned to District, no Master Contract will be issued. If CONTRACTOR does not return the Master Contract to LEA duly signed by an authorized representative within ninety (90) calendar days of issuance by LEA, the new contract rates will not take effect until the newly executed Master Contract is received by LEA and will not be retroactive to the first day of the new Master Contract's effective date. If CONTRACTOR fails to execute the new Master Contract within such a ninety-day period, all payments shall cease until such time as the new Master Contract for the current school year is signed and returned to LEA by CONTRACTOR. (California Education Code section 56366(c)(1) and (2)). In the event that this Master Contract expires or terminates, CONTRACTOR shall continue to be bound to all of the terms and conditions of the most recent executed Master Contract between CONTRACTOR and LEA for so long as CONTRACTOR is servicing authorized students at the discretion of the LEA.

6. INDIVIDUAL SERVICE AGREEMENT ("ISA")

This Agreement shall include an ISA developed for each student to whom CONTRACTOR is to provide special education and/or related services. An ISA shall only be issued for students enrolled with the approval of the LEA pursuant to Education Code section 56366 (a)(2)(A). An ISA may be effective for more than one contract year provided that there is a concurrent Master Contract in effect. In the event that this Master Contract expires or terminates, CONTRACTOR, shall continue to be bound to all of the terms and conditions of the most recent executed ISAs between CONTRACTOR and LEA for so long as CONTRACTOR is servicing authorized students.

Any and all changes to a student's educational placement/program provided under this Master Contract and/or an ISA shall be made solely on the basis of a revision to the student's IEP or by written agreement between the parent and LEA. At any time during the term of this Master Contract, a student's parent, CONTRACTOR, or LEA may request a review of a student's IEP subject to all procedural safeguards required by law.

Unless otherwise provided in this Master Contract, the CONTRACTOR shall provide all services specified in the IEP unless the CONTRACTOR and the LEA agree otherwise in the ISA. (California Education Code sections 56366(a) (5) and 3062(e)). In the event the CONTRACTOR is unable to provide a specific service at any time during the life of the ISA, the CONTRACTOR shall notify the LEA in writing within five (5) business days of the last date a service was provided. CONTRACTOR shall provide any and all subsequent compensatory service hours awarded to student as a result of lack of provision of service while student was served by the

NPS/A.

If a parent or LEA contests the termination of an ISA by initiating a due process proceeding with the OAH, CONTRACTOR shall abide by the "stay-put" requirement of state and federal law unless the parent agrees otherwise, or an Interim Alternative Educational Setting is deemed lawful and appropriate by LEA or OAH consistent with Section 1415 (k)(1)(g) of Title 20 of the United States Code. CONTRACTOR shall adhere to all LEA requirements concerning changes in placement.

Disagreements between LEA and CONTRACTOR concerning the formulation of an ISA or the Master Contract may be appealed to the County Superintendent of Schools of the County where the LEA is located, or the State Superintendent of Public Instruction pursuant to the provisions of California Education Code section 56366(c) (2).

7. DEFINITIONS

The following definitions shall apply for purposes of this contract:

a. The term "CONTRACTOR" means a nonpublic, nonsectarian school/agency certified by CDE and its officers, agents, employees.

b. The term "authorized LEA representative" means an LEA administrator designated to be responsible for NPS/A. It is understood, a representative of the Special Education Plan Local Area (SELPA) of which the LEA is a member, is an authorized LEA representative in collaboration with the LEA. The LEA maintains sole responsibility for this Contract, unless otherwise specified in this Contract.

c. The term "credential" means a valid credential, life diploma, permit, or document in special education or pupil personnel services issued by, or under the jurisdiction of, the State Board of Education if issued prior to 1970 or the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing, which entitles the holder thereof to perform services for which certification qualifications are required as defined in Title 5 of the California Code of Regulations section 3001(g).

d. The term "qualified" means that a person holds a certificate, permit or other document equivalent to that which staff in a public school are required to hold to provide special education and related services and has met federal and state certification, licensing, registration, or other comparable requirements which apply to the area in which the individual is providing special education or related services, including those requirements set forth in Title 34 of the Code of Federal Regulations sections 200.56 and 200.58, and those requirements set forth in Title 5 of the California Code of Regulations Sections 3064 and 3065, and adheres to the standards of professional practice established in federal and state law or regulation, including the standards contained in the California Business and Professions Code.

   Nothing in this definition shall be construed as restricting the activities in services of a graduate needing direct hours leading to licensure, or of a student teacher or intern leading to a graduate degree at an accredited or approved college or university, as authorized by state laws or regulations. (Title 5 of the California Code of Regulations Section 3001 (r)).

e. The term "license" means a valid non-expired document issued by a licensing agency within the Department of Consumer Affairs or other state licensing office authorized to grant licenses and authorizing the bearer of the document to provide certain professional services, including but not limited to mental health and board and care services at a residential placement, or refer to themselves using a specified professional title. If a license is not available through an appropriate state licensing agency, a certificate of registration with the appropriate professional organization at the national or state level

which has standards established for the certificate that are equivalent to a license shall be deemed to be a license as defined in Title 5 of the California Code of Regulations section 3001(l).

f. "Parent" means:
   i. a biological or adoptive parent unless the biological or adoptive parent does not have legal authority to make educational decisions for the child,
   ii. a guardian generally authorized to act as the child's parent or authorized to make educational decisions for the child,
   iii. an individual acting in the place of a biological or adoptive parent, including a grandparent, stepparent, or other relative with whom the child lives, or an individual who is legally responsible for the child's welfare,
   iv. a surrogate parent,
   v. a foster parent if the authority of the biological or adoptive parent to make educational decisions on the child's behalf has been specifically limited by court order in accordance with Code of Federal Regulations 300.30(b)(1) or (2).

   Parent does not include the state or any political subdivision of government or the NPS/A under contract with the LEA for the provision of special education or designated instruction and services for a child. (California Education Code section 56028).

   The biological or adoptive parent, when attempting to act as the parent, and where more than one party is qualified under this definition to act as a parent, shall be presumed to be the parent for purposes of this Agreement unless the biological or adoptive parent does not have legal authority to make educational decisions for the child or unless a judicial decree or order identifies someone other than the biological or adoptive parent to act as the parent of the child or to make educational decisions on behalf of the child.

g. The term "days" means calendar days unless otherwise specified.

h. The phrase "billable day" means a school day in which instructional minutes meet or exceed those in comparable LEA programs.

i. The phrase "billable day of attendance" means a school day as defined in California Education Code Section 46307, in which a student is in attendance and in which instructional minutes meet or exceed those in comparable LEA programs unless otherwise stipulated in an IEP or ISA.

j. It is understood that the term "Master Contract" also means "Contract" and is referred to as such in this document.

II. ADMINISTRATION OF CONTRACT

8. NOTICES

All notices provided for by this Contract shall be in writing. Notices shall be emailed, mailed by First Class or delivered by hand and shall be effective as of the date of receipt by addressee.

All notices mailed or emailed to LEA shall be addressed to the person and address as indicated on the signature page of this Master Contract. Notices to CONTRACTOR shall be addressed as indicated on signature page of this Master Contract.

9. MAINTENANCE OF RECORDS

All records shall be maintained by CONTRACTOR as required by state and federal laws and regulations. Notwithstanding the foregoing sentence, CONTRACTOR shall maintain all records for at least five (5) years after the termination of this Master Contract. For purposes of this Master Contract, "records" shall include, but not be limited to student records as defined by California Education Code section 49061(b) including electronically stored information; registers and roll books of teachers and/or daily service providers; daily service logs and notes and other

documents used to record the provision of related services including supervision; daily service logs and notes used to record the provision of services provided through additional instructional assistants, NPA behavior intervention aides, and bus aides; behavior emergency reports (BER); incident reports; notification of injuries; absence verification records (parent/doctor notes, telephone logs, and related documents) if the CONTRACTOR is funded for excused absences, however, such records are not required if positive attendance is required; bus rosters; staff lists specifying credentials held and documents evidencing other staff qualifications, social security numbers, dates of hire, and dates of termination; records of employee training and certification, including verification of behavior training consistent with 56366.1; staff time sheets; non-paid staff and volunteer sign-in sheets; transportation and other related services subcontracts; school calendars; bell/class schedules when applicable; liability and worker's compensation insurance policies; state NPS/A certifications; by-laws, if applicable; lists of current board of directors/trustees, if incorporated; statement of income and expenses; general journals; cash receipts and disbursement books; general ledgers and supporting documents; documents evidencing financial expenditures; federal/state payroll quarterly reports; evidence of electronic payments; and bank statements and canceled checks or facsimile thereof.

CONTRACTOR shall maintain student records in a secure location to ensure confidentiality and prevent unauthorized access. CONTRACTOR shall maintain a current list of the names and positions of CONTRACTOR's employees who have access to confidential records. CONTRACTOR shall maintain an access log for each student's record which lists all persons, agencies, or organizations requesting or receiving information from the record. Such log shall be maintained as required by California Education Code section 49064 and include the name, title, agency/organization affiliation, and date/time of access for each individual requesting or receiving information from the student's record, and a description of the record(s) provided. Such log need record access to the student's records by: (a) the student's parent; (b) an individual to whom written consent has been executed by the student's parent; or (c) employees of LEA or CONTRACTOR having a legitimate educational interest in requesting or receiving information from the record. CONTRACTOR/LEA shall maintain copies of any written parental concerns granting access to student records. For purposes of this paragraph, "employees of LEA or CONTRACTOR" do not include subcontractors. CONTRACTOR shall grant the following access to student records, (a) the student's parents; (b) employees of LEA or CONTRACTOR having a legitimate educational interest in requesting or receiving information from the record, and comply with parents' requests for copies of student records, as required by state and federal laws and regulations. CONTRACTOR agrees, in the event of school or agency closure, to forward student records within ten (10) business days to LEA. These shall include, but not limited to, current transcripts, IEP/IFSPs, Behavioral Emergency Reports ("BER's"), incident reports, notification of injuries and all other relevant reports. LEA and/or SELPA shall have access to and receive copies of any and all records upon request within five (5) business days.

10. SEVERABILITY CLAUSE

If any provision of this agreement is held, in whole or in part, to be unenforceable for any reason, the remainder of that provision and of the entire agreement shall be severable and remain in effect.

11. SUCCESSORS IN INTEREST

This contract binds CONTRACTOR's successors and assignees. CONTRACTOR shall notify the LEA of any change of ownership, authorized representative or corporate control in writing within thirty (30) calendar days of change.

12. VENUE AND GOVERNING LAW

The laws of the State of California shall govern the terms and conditions of this contract with venue in the County where the LEA is located.

13. MODIFICATIONS AND AMENDMENTS REQUIRED TO CONFORM TO LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE GUIDELINES

This Master Contract may be modified or amended by the LEA to conform to administrative and statutory guidelines issued by any state, federal or local governmental agency. The party seeking such modifications shall provide the LEA/CONTRACTOR thirty (30) days' notice of any such changes or modifications made to conform to administrative or statutory guidelines and a copy of the statute or regulation upon which the modification or changes are based.

14. TERMINATION

This Master Contract or ISA may be terminated for cause. The cause shall not be the availability of a public class initiated during the period of the contract unless the parent agrees to the transfer of the student to the public-school program. To terminate the contract, either party shall give no less than twenty (20) days prior written notice (California Education Code section 56366(a)(4)). At the time of termination, CONTRACTOR shall provide to LEA any and all documents CONTRACTOR is required to maintain under this Master Contract. ISAs are void upon termination of this Master Contract, as provided in Section 5 or 6. To terminate the ISA, either party shall give twenty (20) days prior written notice. LEA shall not be required to give twenty (20) days' notice of termination when the health and/or safety of student/staff are endangered.

In appropriate cases, the opportunity to correct the issues supporting termination within the 20-day notice period through a collaborative process will be given. The parties shall act cooperatively and in good faith to remedy the deficiency, if any, that forms the basis of the termination notice. If satisfactorily remedied, the parties may agree to a withdrawal of the termination notice.

15. INSURANCE

Contractor shall, at CONTRACTOR'S sole cost and expense, maintain in full force and effect, during the term of this Contract, the following insurance coverage from a California licensed and/or admitted insurer with an A minus (A-), VII, or better rating from A.M. Best, sufficient to cover any claims, damages, liabilities, costs and expenses (including counsel fees) arising out of or in connection with Contractor's fulfillment of any of its obligations under this Agreement or either party's use of the Work or any component or part thereof:

PART I – INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS FOR NONPUBLIC SCHOOLS AND AGENCIES

A. **Commercial General Liability Insurance**, including both bodily injury and property damage, with limits as follows:

$3,000,000 per occurrence
$ 100,000 fire damage
$ 5,000 medical expenses
$3,000,000 personal & adv. injury
$3,000,000 general aggregate
$3,000,000 products/completed operations aggregate

The policy may not contain an exclusion for coverage of claims arising from claims for sexual molestation or abuse. In the event that CONTRACTOR's policy should have an exclusion for sexual molestation or abuse claims, then CONTRACTOR shall be required to procure a supplemental policy providing such coverage.

B. **Workers' Compensation and Employers Liability Insurance** in accordance with provisions of the California Labor Code adequate to protect the CONTRACTOR from claims that may arise from its operations pursuant to the Workers' Compensation Act (Statutory Coverage). The Workers' Compensation Insurance coverage must also include Employers Liability coverage with limits of

Part A – Statutory Limits
Part B – $1,000,000/$1,000,000/$1,000,000 Employers Liability

C. **Commercial Auto Liability Insurance** for all owned, non-owned or hired automobiles with a $1 million combined single limit.

If no owned automobiles, then only hired and non-owned is required.

If CONTRACTOR uses a vehicle to travel to/from school sites, between schools and/or to/from students' homes or other locations as approved service location by the LEA, CONTRACTOR must comply with State of California auto insurance requirements.

D. **Errors & Omissions (E & O)/Malpractice (Professional Liability) coverage,** including Sexual Molestation and Abuse coverage, unless that coverage is afforded elsewhere in the Commercial General Liability policy by endorsement or separate policy, with the following limits:

$3,000,000 per occurrence
$3,000,000 general aggregate

E. CONTRACTOR, upon execution of this Contract and periodically thereafter upon request, shall furnish the District with certificates of insurance evidencing such coverage. The certificate of insurance shall include a thirty (30) day non-renewal notice provision. The Commercial General Liability and Automobile Liability policy shall name the LEA and the Board of Education additional insured premiums on all insurance policies and shall be paid by CONTRACTOR and shall be deemed included in CONTRACTOR's obligations under this contract at no additional charge.

F. Any deductibles or self-insured retentions above $100,000 must be declared to and approved by the LEA. At its option, LEA may require the CONTRACTOR, at the CONTRACTOR's sole cost, to: (a) cause its insurer to reduce to levels specified by the LEA or eliminate such deductibles or self-insured retentions with respect to the LEA, its officials and employees, or (b) procure a bond guaranteeing payment of losses and related investigation.

G. For any claims related to the services performed in connection with this Master Contract, the CONTRACTOR's insurance coverage shall be the primary insurance with respect to the LEA, its subsidiaries, officials and employees. Any insurance or self-insurance maintained by the LEA, its subsidiaries, officials and employees shall be excess of the CONTRACTOR's insurance and shall not contribute with it.

H. All Certificates of Insurance must reference the contract number, name of the school or agency submitting the certificate, and the location of the school or agency submitting the certificate on the certificate.

PART II – INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS FOR NONPUBLIC SCHOOLS AFFILIATED WITH A RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT FACILITY ("RTC")

When CONTRACTOR is an NPS affiliated with a **residential treatment center (NPS/RTC)**, the

following insurance policies are required:

A. **Commercial General Liability** including both bodily injury and property damage, with limits as follows:

$3,000,000 per occurrence
$6,000,000 general aggregate

The policy shall be endorsed to name the LEA and the Board of Education as *named* additional insured and shall provide specifically that any insurance carried by the LEA which may be applicable to any claims or loss shall be deemed excess and the RTC's insurance primary despite any conflicting provisions in the RTC's policy. Coverage shall be maintained with no Self-Insured Retention above **$100,000** without the prior written approval of the LEA.

B. **Workers' Compensation Insurance** in accordance with provisions of the California Labor Code adequate to protect the RTC from claims that may arise from its operations pursuant the Workers' Compensation ACT (Statutory Coverage). The Workers' Compensation Insurance coverage must also include Employers Liability coverage with limits of $1,000,000/$1,000,000/$1,000,000.

C. **Commercial Auto Liability** coverage with limits of $1,000,000 Combined Single Limit per occurrence if the RTC does not operate a student bus service. If the RTC provides student bus services, the required coverage limit is $5,000,000 combined single limit per occurrence.

D. **Fidelity Bond** or **Crime Coverage** shall be maintained by the RTC to cover all employees who process or otherwise have responsibility for RTC funds, supplies, equipment or other assets. Minimum amount of overage shall be $250,000 per occurrence, with no self-insured retention.

E. **Professional Liability/Errors & Omissions/MALPRACTICE** coverage with minimum limits of $3,000,000 per occurrence and $6,000,000 general aggregate.

F. **Sexual Molestation and Abuse coverage,** unless that coverage is afforded elsewhere in the Commercial General Liability or Professional Liability policy by endorsement, with minimum limits of $3,000,000 per occurrence and $6,000,000 general aggregate.

If LEA or CONTRACTOR determines that changes in insurance coverage obligations under this section is necessary, either party may reopen negotiations to modify the insurance obligations.

16. INDEMNIFICATION AND HOLD HARMLESS

To the fullest extent allowed by law, CONTRACTOR shall indemnify and hold LEA and its Board Members, administrators, employees, agents, attorneys, volunteers, and subcontractors ("LEA Indemnities") harmless against all liability, loss, damage and expense (including reasonable attorneys' fees) resulting from or arising out of this Master Contract or its performance, to the extent that such loss, expense, damage or liability was proximately caused by the negligent or willful act or omission of CONTRACTOR, including, without limitation, its agents, employees, subcontractors or anyone employed directly or indirectly by it (excluding LEA and LEA Indemnities). The duty and obligation to defend shall arise immediately upon tender of a claim or lawsuit to the CONTRACTOR. The LEA and the Member District(s) shall have the right in their sole discretion to select counsel of its choice to provide the defense at the sole cost of the CONTRACTOR or the applicable insurance carrier.

To the fullest extent allowed by law, LEA shall indemnify and hold CONTRACTOR and its

Board Members, administrators, employees, agents, attorneys, and subcontractors ("CONTRACTOR

Indemnities") harmless against all liability, loss, damage and expense (including reasonable attorneys' fees) resulting from or arising out of this Master Contract or its performance thereof, to the extent that such loss, expense, damage or liability was proximately caused by the negligent, intentional act or willful act or omission of LEA, including, without limitation, its agents, employees, subcontractors or anyone employed directly or indirectly by it (excluding CONTRACTOR and/or any CONTRACTOR Indemnities).

LEA represents that it is self-insured in compliance with the laws of the State of California, that the self-insurance covers district employees acting within the course and scope of their respective duties and that its self-insurance covers the LEA's indemnification obligations under this Master Contract.

17. INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR

Nothing herein contained will be construed to imply a joint venture, partnership or principal-agent relationship between the LEA and CONTRACTOR. CONTRACTOR shall provide all services under this Contract as an independent contractor, and neither party shall have the authority to bind or make any commitment on behalf of the other. Nothing contained in this Contract shall be deemed to create any association, partnership, joint venture or relationship of principal and agent, master and servant, or employer and employee between the parties or any affiliates of the parties, or between the LEA and any individual assigned by CONTRACTOR to perform any services for the LEA.

If the LEA is determined to be a partner, joint venture, co-principal, employer or co-employer of CONTRACTOR, CONTRACTOR shall indemnify and hold harmless the LEA from and against any and all claims for loss, liability, or damages arising from that determination, as well as any expenses, costs, taxes, penalties and interest charges incurred by the LEA as a result of that holding.

18. SUBCONTRACTING

CONTRACTOR shall provide written notification to LEA before subcontracting for special education and/or related services pursuant to this Master Contract. In the event LEA determines that it can provide the subcontracted service(s) at a lower rate, LEA may elect to provide such service(s). If LEA elects to provide such service (s), LEA shall provide written notification to CONTRACTOR within five (5) days of receipt of CONTRACTOR's original notice and CONTRACTOR shall not subcontract for said service(s).

CONTRACTOR shall incorporate all of the provisions of this Master Contract in all subcontracts, to the fullest extent reasonably possible. Furthermore, when CONTRACTOR enters into subcontracts for the provision of special education and/or related services (including without limitation transportation) for any student, CONTRACTOR shall cause each subcontractor to procure and maintain insurance during the term of each subcontract. Such subcontractor's insurance shall comply with the provisions of Section 15. Each subcontractor shall furnish the LEA with original endorsements and certificates of insurance effecting coverage required by Section 15. The endorsements are to be signed by a person authorized by that insurer to bind coverage on its behalf. The endorsements are to be on forms as required by the LEA. All endorsements are to be received and approved by the LEA before the subcontractor's work commences. The Commercial General Liability and Automobile Liability policies shall name the LEA/SELPA and the LEA Board of Education as additional insured.

As an alternative to the LEA's forms, a subcontractor's insurer may provide complete, certified copies of all required insurance policies, including endorsements affecting the coverage required by this Master Contract. All Certificates of Insurance must reference the LEA contract number, name of the school or agency submitting the certificate, indication of NPS or NPA, and the location of the school or agency submitting the certificate. In addition, all sub-contractors must

meet the requirements as contained in section 45 Clearance Requirements and Section 46 Staff

Qualifications of this Master Contract. Automobile Liability policies shall name the LEA and the LEA Board of Education as additional insured.

19. CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

CONTRACTOR shall provide to LEA a copy of its current bylaws and a current list of its Board of Directors (or Trustees), if it is incorporated. CONTRACTOR and any member of its Board of Directors (or Trustees) shall disclose any relationship with LEA that constitutes or may constitute a conflict of interest pursuant to California Education Code section 56042 and Government Code Section 1090 including, but not limited to, employment with LEA, provision of private party assessments and/or reports, and attendance at IEP team meetings acting as a student's advocate. Pursuant to California Education code section 56042, an attorney or advocate for a parent of an individual with exceptional needs shall not recommend placement at CONTRACTOR's facility if the attorney or advocate is employed or contracted by the CONTRACTOR, or will receive a benefit from the CONTRACTOR, or otherwise has a conflict of interest.

Unless CONTRACTOR and LEA otherwise agree in writing, LEA shall neither execute an ISA with CONTRACTOR nor amend an existing ISA for a student when a recommendation for special education and/or related services is based in whole or in part on assessment(s) or reports provided by CONTRACTOR to the student without prior written authorization by LEA. This paragraph shall apply to CONTRACTOR regardless of when an assessment is performed, or a report is prepared (i.e., before or after the student is enrolled in CONTRACTOR's school/agency) or whether an assessment of the student is performed, or a report is prepared in the normal course of the services provided to the student by CONTRACTOR. To avoid conflict of interest, and in order to ensure the appropriateness of an Independent Educational Evaluation (hereinafter referred to as "IEE") and its recommendations, the District may, in its discretion, not fund an IEE by an evaluator who provides ongoing service(s) or is sought to provide service(s) to the student for whom the IEE is requested. Likewise, the District may, in its discretion, not fund services through the evaluator whose IEE the District agrees to fund. When no other appropriate assessor is available, LEA may request and if CONTRACTOR agrees, the CONTRACTOR may provide an IEE.

CONTRACTOR shall not admit a student living within the jurisdictional boundaries of the LEA on a private pay or tuition free "scholarship" basis and concurrently or subsequently advise/request parent(s) to pursue funding for the admitted school year from the LEA through due process proceedings. All children admitted through scholarships or otherwise will be reported to the LEA.

20. NON-DISCRIMINATION

CONTRACTOR shall not, in employment or operation of its programs, unlawfully discriminate on the basis of gender, nationality, national origin, ancestry, race, color, ethnicity, ethnic group affiliation, religion, age, marital status, pregnancy or parental status, sex, sexual orientation, gender, gender identity, or expression, physical or mental disability, genetic information or any other classification protected by federal or state law or the perception of one or more of such characteristics.

III. EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM

21. FREE AND APPROPRIATE PUBLIC EDUCATION (FAPE)

The LEA shall provide CONTRACTOR with a copy of, and electronic access to, the IEP including the Individualized Transition Plan (hereinafter referred to as "ITP") of each student served by CONTRACTOR. CONTRACTOR shall provide to each student special education and/or related services (including transition services) to each student within the NPS/A consistent with the student's IEP and as specified in the ISA. If CONTRACTOR is an NPS,

CONTRACTOR shall not accept a student if it cannot provide or ensure the provision of the services outlined in the student's

IEP. If student services are provided by a third party (i.e., Related Services Provider), CONTRACTOR shall notify LEA if provision of services cease. Pursuant to California Education Code section 56366(b), transportation shall not be provided through the use of services or equipment owned, leased, or contracted by the LEA for students served by CONTRACTOR unless those services and equipment are provided directly or subcontracted by the CONTRACTOR.

Unless otherwise agreed to between CONTRACTOR and LEA, CONTRACTOR shall be responsible for the provision of all appropriate supplies, equipment, and/or facilities for students, as specified in the LEA student's IEP and ISA. CONTRACTOR shall make no charge of any kind to parents for special education and/or related services as specified in the student's IEP and ISA (including, but not limited to, screenings, assessments, or interviews that occur prior to or as a condition of the student's enrollment under the terms of this Master Contract). LEA shall provide low incidence equipment for eligible students with low incidence disabilities when specified in the student's IEP and ISA. Such equipment remains the property of the SELPA/LEA and shall be returned to the SELPA/LEA when the IEP team determines the equipment is no longer needed or when the student is no longer enrolled in the NPS. CONTRACTOR may charge a student's parent(s) for services and/or activities not necessary for the student to receive a free appropriate public education after: (a) written notification to the student's parent(s) of the cost and voluntary nature of the services and/or activities; and (b) receipt by the LEA of the written notification and a written acknowledgment signed by the student's parent(s) of the cost and voluntary nature of the services and/or activities. CONTRACTOR shall adhere to all LEA requirements concerning parent acknowledgment of financial responsibility.

Voluntary services and/or activities not necessary for the student to receive a free appropriate public education shall not interfere with the student's receipt of special education and/or related services as specified in the student's IEP and ISA unless the LEA and CONTRACTOR agree otherwise in writing.

22. GENERAL PROGRAM OF INSTRUCTION

All NPS/A services shall be provided consistent with the area of certification specified by CDE Certification and as defined in California Education Code section 56366 *et seq*.

When CONTRACTOR is an NPS, CONTRACTOR's general program of instruction shall: (a) utilize evidence-based practices and be consistent with LEA's standards regarding the particular course of study and curriculum; (b) include curriculum that addresses mathematics, literacy and the use of educational, assistive technology and transition services; (c) be consistent with CDE's standards regarding the particular course of study and curriculum; (d) provide the services as specified in the student's IEP and ISA. Students shall have access to: (a) State Board of Education (SBE) - adopted Common Core State Standards ("CCSS") for curriculum and the same instructional materials for kindergarten and grades 1 to 8, inclusive; and provide standards – aligned core curriculum and instructional materials for grades 9 to 12, inclusive, used by an LEA, that contracts with the NPS: (b) college preparation courses; (c) extracurricular activities, such as art, sports, music and academic clubs; (d) career preparation and vocational training, consistent with transition plans pursuant to state and federal law and; (e) supplemental assistance, including individual academic tutoring, psychological counseling, and career and college counseling.

When CONTRACTOR serves students in grades 9 through 12 inclusive, LEA shall provide to CONTRACTOR a specific list of the course requirements to be satisfied by the CONTRACTOR leading toward graduation or completion of LEA's diploma requirements.

When CONTRACTOR is an NPA and/or related services provider, CONTRACTOR's general program of instruction and/or services shall utilize evidence-based practices and be consistent with LEA and CDE guidelines and certification, and provided as specified in the student's IEP and ISA. The NPA providing Behavior Intervention services shall develop a written treatment

plan that specifies the nature of their NPA service for each student within thirty (30) days of enrollment and

shall be provided in writing to the LEA. School-based services may not be unilaterally converted by CONTRACTOR to a substitute program or provided at a location not specifically authorized by the IEP team. Except for services provided by a CONTRACTOR that is a Licensed Children's Institution (LCI), all services not provided in the school setting require the presence of a parent, guardian or adult caregiver during the delivery of services, provided such guardian or caregiver have a signed authorization by the parent or legal guardian to authorize emergency services as requested. LCI contractors shall ensure that appropriate and qualified residential or clinical staff is present during the provision of services under this Master Contract. CONTRACTOR shall immediately notify LEA in writing if no parent, guardian or adult care giver is present. CONTRACTOR shall provide to LEA a written description of the services and location provided prior to the effective date of this Master Contract. Contractors providing Behavior Intervention services must have a trained Behavior Intervention Case Manager (BICM) or trained equivalent on staff. It is understood that Behavior Intervention services are limited per CDE Certification and do not constitute as an instructional program.

Except for services provided by a contractor that is an LCI, when CONTRACTOR is an NPA, CONTRACTOR shall not provide transportation nor subcontract for transportation services for students unless the LEA and CONTRACTOR agree otherwise in writing.

23. INSTRUCTIONAL MINUTES

When CONTRACTOR is an NPS, the total number of instructional minutes per school day provided by CONTRACTOR shall be at least equivalent to the number of instructional minutes per school day provided to students at like grade level attending LEA schools and shall be specified in the student's ISA developed in accordance with the student's IEP.

For students in grades Kindergarten through 12 inclusive, unless otherwise specified in the student's IEP and ISA, the number of instructional minutes, excluding breakfast, recess, lunch and passing time shall be at the same level that Ed. Code. prescribes for the LEA.

The total number of annual instructional minutes shall be at least equivalent to the total number of annual instructional minutes provided to students attending LEA schools in like grade level unless otherwise specified in the student's IEP.

Minimum day is equal to 240 instructional minutes.

Breakfast, lunch, recess and passing time may only be considered instructional time if the student requires goals and objectives for that time and are written in the IEP and ISA.

When CONTRACTOR is an NPA and/or related services provider, the total number of minutes per school day provided by CONTRACTOR shall be specified in the student's ISA developed in accordance with the student's IEP.

24. CLASS SIZE

When CONTRACTOR is an NPA, CONTRACTOR shall ensure that class size shall not exceed a ratio of one teacher per fourteen (14) students. It is understood that the target class size is a ratio of one teacher per twelve (12) students. However, class size may go up to fourteen (14) with notification and approval to the LEA as long as the unique needs of the student are met, and the student continues to have educational benefit.

In the event an NPS is unable to fill a vacant teaching position responsible for direct instruction to students, and the vacancy has direct impact on the CDE Certification of that school, the NPS shall develop a plan to ensure appropriate coverage of students by first utilizing existing certificated staff. The NPS and the LEA may agree to one 30 school day period per contract year where class size may be increased to ensure coverage by an appropriately credentialed teacher. Such an

agreement shall be in writing and signed by both parties. This provision does not apply to an NPA.

CONTRACTOR providing special education instruction for individuals with exceptional needs between the ages of three and five years, inclusive, shall also comply with the appropriate instructional adult to child ratios pursuant to California Education Code sections 56440 et seq.

25. CALENDARS

When CONTRACTOR is an NPS, CONTRACTOR shall submit to the LEA/SELPA a school calendar with the total number of billable days not to exceed 180 days, plus extended school year billable days equivalent to the number of days determined by the LEA's extended school year calendar. Billable days shall include only those days that are included on the submitted and approved school calendar, and/or required by the IEP (developed by the LEA) for each student. CONTRACTOR shall not be allowed to change its school calendar and/or amend the number of billable days without the prior written approval of the LEA. Nothing in this Master Contract shall be interpreted to require the LEA to accept any requests for calendar changes.

Unless otherwise specified by the student's IEP, educational services shall occur at the school site. A student shall only be eligible for extended school year services as determined by the IEP team and the provision of such is specifically included in the ISA. Extended school year shall consist of twenty (20) instructional days, unless otherwise agreed upon by the IEP team convened by the LEA. Any days of extended school year in excess of twenty (20) billable days must be mutually agreed to, in writing, prior to the start of the extended school year.

Student must have actually been in attendance during the regular school year and/or during extended school year and actually received services on a billable day of attendance in order for CONTRACTOR to be eligible for payment. It is specifically understood that services may not be provided on weekends/holidays and other times when school is not in session, unless agreed to by the LEA, in writing, in advance of the delivery of any NPS service. Any instructional days provided without this written agreement shall be at the sole financial responsibility of the CONTRACTOR.

CONTRACTOR shall observe the same legal holidays as LEA. Those holidays are Labor Day, Veteran's Day, Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day, New Year's Day, Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, President's Day, Memorial Day, Juneteenth Day, and Independence Day. With the approval of LEA, CONTRACTOR may revise the date upon which CONTRACTOR closes in observance of any of the holidays observed by LEA.

When CONTRACTOR is an NPA, CONTRACTOR shall be provided with an LEA-developed/approved calendar prior to the initiation of services. CONTRACTOR herein agrees to observe holidays as specified in the LEA-developed/approved calendar. CONTRACTOR shall provide services pursuant to the LEA-developed/approved calendar; or as specified in the LEA student's IEP and ISA. Unless otherwise specified in the LEA student's ISA, CONTRACTOR shall provide related services to LEA students on only those days that the LEA student's school of attendance is in session and the LEA student attends school. CONTRACTOR shall bill only for services provided on billable days of attendance as indicated on the LEA calendar unless CONTRACTOR and the LEA agree otherwise, in writing. Student must have actually been in attendance and/or received services on a billable day of attendance in order for CONTRACTOR to be eligible for payment. It is specifically understood that services may not be provided on weekends/holidays and other times when school is not in session, unless agreed to by the LEA, in writing, in advance of the delivery of any NPA service provided by CONTRACTOR. Any instructional days provided without this written agreement shall be at the sole financial responsibility of the CONTRACTOR.

26. DATA REPORTING

CONTRACTOR shall agree to provide all data related to student information and billing information with LEA. CONTRACTOR shall agree to provide data related to all sections of this contract, including student discipline as noted below, and requested by and in the format required by the LEA. It is understood that all NPS/A shall utilize the Special Education Information System (SEIS) or comparable system approved by the LEA and SELPA for all IEP development, service tracking documentation, and progress reporting. Additional progress reporting may be required by the LEA. The LEA shall provide the CONTRACTOR with appropriate software, user training and proper internet permissions to allow adequate access.

Using forms developed by the CDE or as otherwise mutually agreed upon by CONTRACTOR and LEA, CONTRACTOR shall provide LEA, on a monthly basis, a written report of all incidents in which a statutory offense is committed by any LEA student, regardless if it results in a disciplinary action of suspension or expulsion. This includes all statutory offenses as described in Education Codes sections 48900 and 48915. CONTRACTOR shall also include incidents resulting in the use of a behavioral restraint and/or seclusion even if they were not a result of a violation of Education Code sections 48900 and 48915.

This report shall include all data required in the following CALPADS File Specifications and associated CALPADS Code Sets (https://www.cde.ca.gov/ds/sp/cl/systemdocs.asp)

- Student Incident (SINC) File
- Student Offense (SOFF) File
- Student Incident Result (SIRS) File

The LEA shall provide the CONTRACTORS with approved forms and/or format for such data including but not limited to invoicing, attendance reports and progress reports. The LEA may approve use of CONTRACTORS provided forms at their discretion.

For students in grades 9–12, CONTRACTOR will be required to submit work-based learning data that will provide additional opportunities for students to demonstrate their preparedness for college/career through the College/Career Indicator (CCI) on the California School Dashboard. CONTRACTORS will need to track the work-based learning programs/activities and report this information to the LEA/SELPA.

27. LEAST RESTRICTIVE ENVIRONMENT/DUAL ENROLLMENT

CONTRACTOR and LEA shall follow all LEA policies and procedures that support Least Restrictive Environment ("LRE") options and/or Dual Enrollment options for students to have access to the general curriculum and to be educated with their nondisabled peers to the maximum extent appropriate.

CONTRACTOR shall ensure that LRE placement options are addressed at all IEP team meetings regarding students for whom ISAs have been or may be executed. This shall include IEP team consideration of supplementary aids and services, goals and objectives necessary for placement in the LRE and necessary to enable students to transition to less restrictive settings.

When an IEP team has determined that a student should be transitioned into the public school setting, CONTRACTOR shall assist the LEA in implementing the IEP team's recommendations activities to support the transition.

28. STATEWIDE ACHIEVEMENT TESTING

When CONTRACTOR is an NPS, per implementation of Senate Bill 484, CONTRACTOR shall administer all statewide assessments within the California Assessment of Student Performance

and Progress ("CAASP"), Desired Results Developmental Profile ("DRDP"), California Alternative Assessment ("CAA"), achievement and abilities tests (using LEA-authorized assessment instruments), the Fitness Gram with the exception of the English Language Proficiency Assessments for California ("ELPAC") and the Alternative English Language Proficiency Assessments for California ("Alternative ELPAC") to be completed by the LEA, and as appropriate to the student, and mandated by LEA pursuant to LEA and state and federal guidelines.

CONTRACTOR is subject to the alternative accountability system developed pursuant to Education Code section 52052, in the same manner as public schools. Each LEA student placed with CONTRACTOR by the LEA shall be tested by qualified staff of CONTRACTOR in accordance with that accountability program. LEA shall provide test administration training to CONTRACTOR'S qualified staff. CONTRACTOR shall attend LEA test training and comply with completion of all coding requirements as required by LEA.

29. MANDATED ATTENDANCE AT LEA MEETINGS

CONTRACTOR shall attend District mandated meetings when legal mandates, and/or LEA policy and procedures are reviewed, including but not limited to the areas of: curriculum, high school graduation, standards-based instruction, behavior intervention, cultural and linguistic needs of students with disabilities, dual enrollment responsibilities, LRE responsibilities, transition services, data collection, and standardized testing and IEPs. LEA shall provide CONTRACTOR with reasonable notice of mandated meetings. Attendance at such meetings does not constitute a billable service hour(s).

30. POSITIVE BEHAVIOR INTERVENTIONS AND SUPPORTS

A. Positive Intervention Supports

CONTRACTOR shall emphasize the use of Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports (PBIS) in their program by directly and explicitly teaching social skills, practice with self- regulation, giving specific and contingent reinforcement when they are used and provide constructive re-teaching or correction when behavior errors occur. In addition, PBIS should include increased access to academic supports as means to prevent behavior issues. If problem behaviors are high-risk and/or resistant to secondary intervention practices, the team should develop more focused, intensive and individualized interventions, e.g., a Behavior Intervention Plan (BIP) by completing a comprehensive function-based behavioral assessment.

B. Behavior Intervention Plans and Behavior Emergency Reporting

CONTRACTOR shall comply with the requirements of Education Code section 49005, *et seq.* 56521.1 and 56521.2 regarding positive behavior interventions. LEA students who exhibit serious behavioral challenges must receive timely and appropriate assessments and positive supports and interventions in accordance with the federal law and its implementing regulations. If the Individualized Education Program ("IEP") team determines that a student's behavior impedes his or her learning or the learning of others, the IEP team is required to consider the use of positive behavioral interventions and supports, and other strategies, to address that behavior, consistent with Section 1414(d)(3)(B)(i) and (d)(4) of Title 20 of the United States Code and associated federal regulations. This could mean that instead of developing a BIP, the IEP team may conclude it is sufficient to address the student's behavioral problems through the development of behavioral goals and behavioral interventions to support those goals.

CONTRACTOR shall maintain a written policy pursuant to California Education Code section 56521.1 regarding emergency interventions and behavioral emergency reports. CONTRACTOR

shall ensure that all of its staff members are trained in crisis intervention, emergency procedures, and evidenced-based practices and interventions specific to the unique behavioral needs of the CONTRACTOR's pupil population. The training shall be provided within 30 days of employment to new staff who have any contact or interaction with pupils during the school day, and annually to all staff who have any contact or interaction with pupils during the school day. The CONTRACTOR shall select and conduct the training in accordance with California Education Code section 56366.1. CONTRACTOR shall maintain written records of the training and provide written verification of the training annually including but not limited to vitae of the trainer, sign-in sheets, and a copy of training materials. This documentation must be submitted to the CDE as part of the Behavior Training Verification certification.Pursuant to Education Code section 56521.1 emergency interventions shall not be used as a substitute for a BIP, and instead may only be used to control behavior that is unpredictable and spontaneous. For an emergency intervention to be used, the behavior must pose a clear and present danger of serious physical harm to the individual with exceptional needs, or others. Before emergency interventions may be applied, the behavior must be of the kind that cannot be immediately prevented by a response less restrictive than the temporary application of a technique used to contain the behavior. Emergency intervention shall not be employed longer than necessary to contain the behavior. If a situation requires prolonged use of emergency intervention, staff must seek assistance from the school site administrator or a law enforcement agency.

CONTRACTOR shall complete a behavior emergency report (BER) when an emergency intervention(s) (non-violent physical intervention that is/are used to address behavior(s) that present clear and present danger) are used to protect the safety of student, self, or others. It requires a non-violent physical intervention to protect the safety of student, self, or others and a physical intervention has been used; or a physical intervention has not been used, but an injury or serious property damage has occurred. Personal Safety Techniques may or may not have been used. Emergencies ***require*** a BER form be completed and submitted to the LEA within twenty-four (24) hours for administrative action. CONTRACTOR shall notify parent within twenty-four (24) hours. If the student does not have a BIP or Positive Behavior Intervention Plan ("PBIP"), an IEP team shall *schedule* an IEP meeting with the LEA/SELPA case manager and parent/guardian within two (2) days to review the BER, determine if there is a necessity for a functional behavioral assessment, and to determine an interim plan. If the student already has a BIP, the IEP team shall review and modify the BIP if a new serious behavior has been exhibited or existing behavioral interventions have proven to be ineffective.

Pursuant to Education Code section 56521.2, CONTRACTOR shall not authorize, order, consent to, or pay for the following interventions, or any other interventions similar to or like the following:

1. any intervention that is designed to, or likely to, cause physical pain, including, but not limited to, electric-shock;
2. an intervention that involves the release of noxious, toxic, or otherwise unpleasant sprays, mists, or substances in proximity to the face of the individual;
3. an intervention that denies adequate sleep, food, water, shelter, bedding, physical comfort, or access to bathroom facilities;
4. an intervention that is designed to subject, used to subject, or likely to subject, the individual to verbal abuse, ridicule, or humiliation, or that can be expected to cause excessive emotional trauma;
5. restrictive interventions that employ a device, material, or objects that simultaneously immobilize all four extremities, including the procedure known as prone containment, except that prone containment or similar techniques may be used by trained personnel as a limited emergency intervention;
6. locked seclusion, unless it is in a facility otherwise licensed or permitted by state law to use a locked room;
7. an intervention that precludes adequate supervision of the individual;
8. an intervention that deprives the individual of one or more of his or her senses.

CONTRACTOR shall comply with Education Code section 49005.8. Specifically, CONTRACTOR

shall not do any of the following:

1. Use seclusion or a behavioral restraint for the purpose of coercion, discipline, convenience, or retaliation.
2. Use locked seclusion, unless it is in a facility otherwise licensed or permitted by state law to use a locked room.
3. Use a physical restraint technique that obstructs a pupil's respiratory airway or impairs the pupil's breathing or respiratory capacity, including techniques in which a staff member places pressure on a pupil's back or places his or her body weight against the pupil's torso or back.
4. Use a behavioral restraint technique that restricts breathing, including, but not limited to, using a pillow, blanket, carpet, mat, or other item to cover a pupil's face.
5. Place a pupil in a facedown position with the pupil's hands held or restrained behind the pupil's back.
6. Use a behavioral restraint for longer than is necessary to contain the behavior that poses a clear and present danger of serious physical harm to the pupil or others.

CONTRACTOR shall keep constant, direct observation of a pupil who is in seclusion, which may be through observation of the pupil through a window, or another barrier, through which the educational provider is able to make direct eye contact with the pupil. This observation shall not be through indirect means, including through a security camera or a closed-circuit television.

CONTRACTOR shall afford pupils who are restrained the least restrictive alternative and the maximum freedom of movement, and shall use the least number of restraint points, while ensuring the physical safety of the pupil and others.

If prone restraint techniques are used by CONTRACTOR, a staff member shall observe the pupil for any signs of physical distress throughout the use of prone restraint. Whenever possible, the staff member monitoring the pupil shall not be involved in restraining the pupil.

In the case of a child whose behavior impedes the child's learning or that of others, the IEP team shall consider the use of positive behavioral interventions and supports, and other strategies, to address that behavior, consistent with Section 1414(d)(3)(B)(i) and (d)(4) of Title 20 of the United States Code and associated federal regulations.

All restraint practices must be reviewed and revised when they have an adverse effect on a student and are used repeatedly for an individual child, either on multiple occasions within the same classroom or multiple uses by the same individual. CONTRACTOR shall notify the student's parent/guardian when any type of physical or mechanical restraint or seclusion has been used. Upon the use of any type of physical or mechanical restraint or seclusions of an LEA student, CONTRACTOR shall complete a BER per the reporting and notification requirements listed above.

NPAs will provide certification that all behavior aides who do not possess a license, credential or recognized certification have completed required training protocols within ten (10) days of the start of providing behavior intervention services to a student. CONTRACTOR shall provide the LEA/SELPA with copies of all the behavior intervention training protocols (e.g., PowerPoint or handouts) used to train staff who do not possess a license, credential or recognized certification as part of their Master Contract application.

31. STUDENT DISCIPLINE

CONTRACTOR shall maintain and abide by a written policy for student discipline that is consistent with state and federal law and regulations. Using forms developed by CDE or as otherwise mutually agreed upon by CONTRACTOR and LEA, CONTRACTOR shall provide LEA, on a monthly basis, a written report of all incidents in which a statutory offense is committed by any LEA student, regardless if it results in a disciplinary action of suspension or expulsion. This includes all statutory offenses as described in Education Codes 48900, 48900.2,

48900.3, 48900.4, 48900.7 and 48915. CONTRACTOR shall also include incidents resulting in the use of a behavioral restraint and/or seclusion even if they were not a result of a violation of Education Code Sections 48900 and 48915.

When CONTRACTOR seeks to remove a student from his/her current educational placement for disciplinary reasons, CONTRACTOR shall immediately submit a written discipline report to the LEA. Written discipline reports shall include, but not be limited to: the student's name; the time, date, and description of the misconduct; the disciplinary action taken by CONTRACTOR; and the rationale for such disciplinary action. A copy of the student's behavior plan, if any, shall be submitted with the written discipline report. CONTRACTOR and LEA agree to participate in a manifestation determination at an IEP meeting no later than the tenth (10th) day of suspension.

32. IEP TEAM MEETINGS

An IEP team meeting shall be convened at least annually to evaluate: (1) the educational progress of each student placed with CONTRACTOR, including all state assessment results pursuant to the requirements of Education Code section 52052; (2) whether or not the needs of the student continue to be best met at the NPS; and (3) whether changes to the student's IEP are necessary, including whether the student may be transitioned to a public school setting. (California Education Code Sections 56366 (a) (2) (B) (i) and (ii)) and pursuant to California Education Code section 56345 (b) (4).)

If the LEA student is to be transferred from an NPS setting into a regular class setting in a public school for any part of the school day, the IEP team shall document, if appropriate, a description of activities provided to integrate the student into the regular education program, including the nature of each activity as well as the time spent on the activity each day or week and a description of the activities provided to support the transition of the student from the special education program into the regular education program. Each student shall be allowed to provide confidential input to any representative of his or her IEP team. Except as otherwise provided in the Master Contract, CONTRACTOR and LEA shall participate in all IEP team meetings regarding students for whom ISAs have been or may be executed. At any time during the term of this Master Contract, the parent, the CONTRACTOR or the LEA may request a review of the student's IEP, subject to all procedural safeguards required by law, including reasonable notice given to, and participation of, the CONTRACTOR in the meeting. Every effort shall be made to schedule IEP team meetings at a time and place that is mutually convenient to parent, CONTRACTOR and LEA. CONTRACTOR shall provide to LEA assessments and written assessment reports by service providers upon request and/or pursuant to LEA policy and procedures. It is understood that attendance at an IEP meeting is part of CONTRACTOR'S professional responsibility and is not a billable service under this Master Contract.

It is understood that the CONTRACTOR shall utilize the approved electronic IEP system of the LEA, such as the Special Education Information System (SEIS), for all IEP planning and progress reporting at the LEA's discretion. The LEA or SELPA may provide training for any CONTRACTOR to ensure access to SEIS. The CONTRACTOR shall maintain confidentiality of all IEP data on SEIS and shall protect the password requirements of the system. When a student disenrolls from the NPS/NPA, the NPS/NPA and LEA shall discontinue use of SEIS for that student.

Changes in any student's educational program, including instruction, services, or instructional setting, provided under this Master Contract may only be made on the basis of revisions to the student's IEP. In the event that the CONTRACTOR believes the student requires a change of placement, the CONTRACTOR may request a review of the student's IEP for the purposes of consideration of a change in the student's placement. Student is entitled to remain in the last agreed upon and implemented placement unless parent agrees otherwise, or an interim alternative educational placement is deemed lawful and appropriate by LEA or OAH consistent with Section 1415 (k)(1)(g) of Title 20 of the United States Code.

33. SURROGATE PARENTS AND FOSTER YOUTH

CONTRACTOR shall recognize an LEA surrogate parent assignments for students without parental representation, including unaccompanied homeless youths, in special education procedures pursuant to California Government Code Section 7579.5. Surrogate parents shall serve as the child's parent and have all the rights relative to the student's education that a parent has under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act pursuant to 20 USC 1414-1482 and 34 CFR 300.1-300.756. A pupil in foster care shall be defined pursuant to California Education Code section 42238.01(b). The LEA shall annually notify the CONTRACTOR who the LEA has designated as the educational liaison for foster children. When a pupil in foster care is enrolled in an NPS by the LEA any time after the completion of the pupil's second year of high school, the CONTRACTOR shall schedule the pupil in courses leading towards graduation based on the diploma requirements of the LEA unless provided notice otherwise in writing pursuant to Section 51225.1.

In accordance with the Foster Youth Education Rights Act (A.B. 723), the CONTRACTOR agrees to both serve as the *school of origin* (for the duration of the jurisdiction of the court) of the foster youth and allow the foster youth to continue their education in the school, as applicable under Education Code section 48853.5.

34. DUE PROCESS PROCEEDINGS

CONTRACTOR shall fully participate in special education due process proceedings including mediations and hearings, as requested by LEA. Participation further includes the willingness to make CONTRACTOR's staff available for witness preparation and testimony as is necessary to facilitate a due process hearing. CONTRACTOR shall also fully participate in the investigation and provision of documentation related to any complaint filed with the State of California, the Office of Civil Rights, or any other state and/or federal governmental body or agency. Full participation shall include, but in no way be limited to, cooperating with LEA representatives to provide complete answers raised by any investigator and/or the immediate provision of any and all documentation that pertains to the operation of CONTRACTOR's program and/or the implementation of a particular student's IEP/Individual and Family Service Plan ("IFSP").

35. COMPLAINT PROCEDURES

CONTRACTOR shall maintain and adhere to its own written procedures for responding to parent complaints. These procedures shall include annually notifying and providing parents of students with appropriate information (including complaint forms) for the following: (1) Uniform Complaint Procedures pursuant to Title 5 of the California Code of Regulations section 4600 *et seq.*; (2) Nondiscrimination policy pursuant to Title 5 of the California Code of Regulations section 4960 (a); (3) Sexual Harassment Policy, California Education Code 231.5 (a) (b) (c); (4) Title IX Student Grievance Procedure, Title IX 106.8 (a) (d) and 106.9 (a); and (5) Notice of Privacy Practices in compliance with Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act ("HIPPA"). CONTRACTOR shall include verification of these procedures to the LEA. CONTRACTOR shall immediately notify LEA of any complaints filed against it related to LEA students and provide LEA with all documentation related to the complaints and/or its investigation of complaints, including any and all reports generated as a result of an investigation.

36. STUDENT PROGRESS REPORTS/REPORT CARDS AND ASSESSMENTS

Unless LEA requests in writing that progress reports be provided on a monthly basis, CONTRACTOR shall provide to parents at least four (4) written progress reports/report cards. At a minimum, progress reports shall include progress over time towards IEP goals and objectives. A copy of the progress reports/report cards shall be maintained at the CONTRACTOR's place of

business and shall be submitted to the LEA and LEA student's parent(s) quarterly or at least a rate matching the District of Special Education Accountability.

The CONTRACTOR shall also provide an LEA representative access to supporting documentation used to determine progress on any goal or objective, including but not limited to log sheets, observation notes, data sheets, pre/posttests, rubrics and other similar data collection used to determine progress or lack of progress on approved goals, objectives, transition plans or behavior intervention plans. The LEA may request such data at any time within five (5) years of the date of service. The CONTRACTOR shall provide this data supporting progress within five (5) business days of request. Additional time may be granted as needed by the LEA.

CONTRACTOR shall complete academic or other assessment of the student ten (10) calendar days prior to the student's annual or triennial review IEP team meeting for the purpose of reporting the student's present levels of performance at the IEP team meeting as required by state and federal laws and regulations and pursuant to LEA policies, procedures, and/or practices. CONTRACTOR shall provide sufficient copies of its reports, documents, and projected goals to share with membersof the IEP team five (5) business days prior to the IEP meeting. CONTRACTOR shall maintain supporting documentation such as test protocols and data collection, which shall be made available to LEA within five (5) business days of request.

The CONTRACTOR is responsible for all evaluation costs regarding the updating of goals and objectives, progress reporting and development of present levels of performance. All assessments resulting from an assessment plan shall be provided by the LEA unless the LEA specifies in writing a request for CONTRACTOR performs additional assessment. Any assessment and/or evaluation costs may be added to the ISA and/or approved separately by the LEA at their sole discretion.

It is understood that all billable hours must be in direct services to pupils as specified in the ISA. For NPA services, supervision provided by a qualified individual as specified in Title 5 Regulation, subsection 3065, shall be determined as appropriate and included in the ISA. Supervision means the direct observation of services, data review, case conferencing and program design consistent with professional standards for each professional's license, certification, or credential.

CONTRACTOR shall not charge the student's parent(s) or LEA for the provision of progress reports, report cards, and/or any assessments, interviews, or meetings. It is understood that all billable hours have limits to those specified on the ISA consistent with the IEP. It is understood that copies of data collection notes, forms, charts and other such data are part of the pupil's record and shall be made available to the LEA upon written request.

37. GRADES, HIGHSCHOOL COURSE CREDITS, &TRANSCRIPTS

When CONTRACTOR is a NPS, CONTRACTOR is responsible for assigning grades for any course of instruction taught at the NPS. The grades determined by the pupil's teacher, in the absence of clerical or mechanical mistake, fraud, bad faith, or incompetency, shall be final and consistent with the provisions specified in EC Section 49066. The grades each pupil receives in all courses of instruction taught by the NPS shall be reported to the parents and the LEA on a quarterly basis. Consistent with the LEA, should it become evident to the NPS the pupil is in danger of failing a course, the CONTRACTOR must initiate a parent conference, and the LEA representative must be in attendance.

When CONTRACTOR serves students in grades nine (9) through twelve (12) inclusive, LEA shall provide to CONTRACTOR a specific list of the course requirements to be satisfied by the CONTRACTOR leading toward graduation or completion of LEA's diploma requirements. CONTRACTOR shall not recommend awarding a high school diploma to students who have not successfully completed all of the LEA's graduation requirements.

Pupils enrolled in high school during the 2020-2021 academic year may request a Pass or No Pass grade as permitted in EC Section 49066.5, which may be reflected on the student's transcript and shall not negatively affect the pupil's grade point average.

CONTRACTOR is an NPS, CONTRACTOR shall prepare transcripts at the close of each semester, or upon student transfer, for students in grades nine (9) through twelve (12) inclusive and submit them on LEA approved forms to the student's school of residence for evaluation of progress toward completion of diploma requirements as specified in LEA procedures. CONTRACTOR shall submit to the LEA names of students and their schools of residence for whom transcripts have been submitted as specified by the LEA.

38. STUDENT CHANGE OF RESIDENCE

Within five (5) school days from the date CONTRACTOR becomes aware of a student's change of residence, CONTRACTOR shall notify LEA, in writing, of the student's change of residence as specified in LEA procedures. Upon enrollment, CONTRACTOR shall notify parents in writing of their obligation to notify CONTRACTOR of the student's change of residence. CONTRACTOR shall maintain, and provide upon request by LEA, documentation of such notice to parents.

If CONTRACTOR had knowledge or should reasonably have had knowledge of the LEA student's change of residence boundaries and CONTRACTOR fails to follow the procedures specified in this provision, LEA shall not be responsible for the costs of services delivered following the student's change of residence.

39. WITHDRAWAL OF STUDENT FROM PROGRAM

CONTRACTOR shall report electronically or in writing to the LEA within five "5" business days when an LEA student is withdrawn without prior notice from school and/or services, including student's change of residence to a residence outside of LEA service boundaries, and student's discharge against professional advice from an NPS/RTC.

40. PARENT ACCESS

CONTRACTOR shall provide for reasonable parental access to LEA students and all facilities including, but not limited to, the instructional setting, recreational activity areas, meeting rooms and student living quarters. CONTRACTOR shall comply with any known court orders regarding parental visits and access to students.

CONTRACTORs operating programs with residential components shall cooperate with a parent's reasonable request for student visits in their home during, but not limited to, holidays and weekends. CONTRACTOR shall ensure that parents obtain prior written authorization for therapeutic visits from the CONTRACTOR and the LEA at least thirty (30) days in advance. LEA and CONTRACTOR shall collaborate on all parent travel and accommodations and for providing travel information to the parent as appropriate. Payment by LEA for approved travel-related expenses shall be made directly through the LEA consistent with LEA procedures.

CONTRACTORS providing services in the student's home as specified in the IEP shall ensure that at least one parent of the child or an adult caregiver with written and signed authorization to make decisions in an emergency is present. The names of any adult caregiver other than the parent shall be provided to the LEA prior to the start of any home-based services, including written and signed authorization in emergency situations. The parent shall inform the LEA of any changes of caregivers and provide written authorization for emergency situations. The adult caregiver cannot also be an employee or volunteer associated with the NPS/NPA service provider.

All problems and/or concerns, both verbal and written, reported to pupil's parents, shall also be provided, in writing, to the LEA.

41. LICENSED CHILDREN'S INSTITUTION ("LCI") CONTRACTORS AND RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT CENTER ("RTC") CONTRACTORS

If CONTRACTOR is an LCI, CONTRACTOR shall adhere to all legal requirements regarding educational placements for LCI students as stated in Education Code 56366 (a) (2) (C), 56366.9 (c) (1), Health and Safety Code section 1501.1(b), AB 1858 (2004), AB490 (Chapter 862, Statutes of 2003), AB 1261 (2005), AB 1166 Chapter 171 (2015), AB 167 Chapter 224 (2010), AB 2016
Chapter 324 (2013), AB 379 Chapter 772 (2015), AB 1012 Chapter 703 (2015), and the procedures set forth in the LEA procedures. An LCI shall not require that a pupil be placed in its NPS as a condition of being placed in its residential facility.

If CONTRACTOR is an NPS/RTC, CONTRACTOR shall adhere to all legal requirements under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), 20 U.S.C. section 1412(a)(1)(A) and Education Code section 56000, et seq.; amended and reorganized by the Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act of 2004 (IDEIA), 20 U.S.C. section 1401(29); Education Code section 56031; Cal. Code Regs., Title. 5, section 3001 et seq., regarding the provision of counseling services, including residential care for students to receive a FAPE as set forth in the LEA student's IEPs. CONTRACTOR shall meet all monitoring requirements as noted in Section 43 below.

If CONTRACTOR is an NPS that is owned, operated by, or associated with an LCI, CONTRACTOR shall provide to LEA, on a quarterly basis, a list of all students, including those identified as eligible for special education. For those identified special education students, the list shall include: 1) special education eligibility at the time of enrollment and 2) the educational placement and services specified in each student's IEP at the time of enrollment. A copy of the current IEP shall be provided to the LEA.

Unless placement is made pursuant to an Office of Administrative Hearings' order or a lawfully executed agreement between LEA and parent, LEA is not responsible for the costs associated with NPS placement until the time that an IEP team meeting is convened, the IEP team determines that an NPS placement is appropriate, an IEP offer of an NPS placement is made by the LEA, the IEP is signed by the LEA and student's parent or another adult with educational decision- making rights, and the student begins attending the nonpublic school placement.

In addition to meeting the certification requirements of the State of California, a CONTRACTOR that operates a program outside of this State shall be certified or licensed by that state to provide, respectively, special education and related services and designated instruction and related services to pupils under the federal IDEA(20 U.S.C. Sec. 1400 et seq.) and shall be certified or licensed by the state to provide nonmedical care, clinical services, or short-term residential therapeutic programs, as applicable to the facility type.

42. STATE MEAL MANDATE

When CONTRACTOR is an NPS, CONTRACTOR and LEA shall satisfy the State Meal Mandate under California Education Code sections 49530, 49530.5 and 49550.

43 MONITORING

The State Superintendent of Public Instruction ("Superintendent"), through the delegated monitoring activities to the California Department of Education (CDE), shall monitor CONTRACTOR'S facilities, the educational environment, and the quality of the educational program, including the teaching staff, the credentials authorizing service, the standards-based

core curriculum being employed, and the standard focused instructional materials used on a three-year cycle, as follows: (1) CONTRACTOR shall complete a self-review in year one; (2) the Superintendent shall conduct an onsite review in year two; and (3) the Superintendent shall conduct a follow-up visit in year three.

CONTRACTOR shall participate in any LEA or CDE compliance review, if applicable, to be conducted as aligned with the CDE Onsite Review and monitoring cycle in accordance with California Education Code section 56366.1(j). This review will address programmatic aspects of the NPS, compliance with relevant state and federal regulations, and Master Contract compliance. CONTRACTOR shall conduct any follow-up or corrective action procedures related to review findings.

If CONTRACTOR is also an LCI and/or NPS/RTC, the CDE shall annually evaluate whether CONTRACTOR is in compliance with Education Code section 56366.9 and Health and Safety Code section 1501.1(b).

The LEA or SELPA shall conduct an onsite visit to the NPS before placement of a pupil if the LEA does not have any pupils enrolled at the school at the time of placement.

The LEA (or SELPA) shall conduct at least one onsite monitoring visit during each school year to the CONTRACTOR site certified as an NPS where the LEA has placed a pupil and entered into a master contract. The monitoring visit shall include, but is not limited to, a review of services specified on the ISA and provided to the pupil, a review of progress the pupil is making toward the goals set forth in the pupil's IEP, a review of progress the pupil is making toward the goals set forth in the pupil's behavioral intervention plan, if applicable, an observation of the pupil during instruction, and a walkthrough of the facility. The LEA (or SELPA) shall report the findings resulting from the monitoring visit to the CDE within sixty (60) calendar days of the onsite visit.

CONTRACTOR shall allow LEA representatives access to its facilities for additional periodic monitoring of each student's instructional program. LEA shall have access to observe each student at work, observe the instructional setting, interview CONTRACTOR employees, and review each student's records and progress. Such access shall include unannounced monitoring visits. When making site visits, LEA shall initially report to CONTRACTOR's site administrative office. CONTRACTOR shall be invited to participate in the review of each student's progress.

CONTRACTOR understands that LEA reserves the right to institute a program audit with or without cause. The program audit may include, but is not limited to, a review of core compliance areas of health and safety; curriculum/instruction; related services; and contractual, legal, and procedural compliance.

When CONTRACTOR is an NPS, CONTRACTOR shall collect all applicable data and prepare the applicable portion of a School Accountability Report Card as appropriate in accordance with California Education Code Section 33126.

IV. PERSONNEL

44. CLEARANCE REQUIREMENTS

CONTRACTOR shall comply with the requirements of California Education Code section 44237, 35021.1, 35021.2, and 56366.1 including, but not limited to: obtaining clearance from both the California Department of Justice (hereinafter referred to as "CDOJ") and clearance from the Federal Bureau of Investigation (hereinafter referred to as "FBI") for CONTRACTOR's employees and volunteers, unless CONTRACTOR determines that the volunteers will have no

direct contact with students. CONTRACTOR hereby agrees that CONTRACTOR's employees and volunteers, unless CONTRACTOR determines that the volunteers will have no direct contact with students shall not come in contact with students, in-person or virtually, until CDOJ and FBI clearance are ascertained. CONTRACTOR shall certify in writing to LEA that none of its employees, and volunteers, unless CONTRACTOR determines that the volunteers will have no direct contact with students, or contractors who may come into contact with students have been convicted of a violent or serious felony as those terms are defined in California Education Code section 44237(h), unless despite the employee's conviction of a violent or serious felony, he or she has met the criteria to be eligible for employment pursuant to California Education Code section 44237 (i) or (j). Contractor shall certify to LEA that they have successful background checks and enrolled in subsequent arrest notification service for all employees who may come into contact with students.

Notwithstanding the restrictions on sharing and destroying criminal background check information, CONTRACTOR, upon demand, shall make available to the LEA evidence of a successful criminal background check clearance and enrollment in subsequent arrest notice service, as provided, for each owner, operator, and employee of the NPS/A. CONTRACTOR is required to retain the evidence on-site, as specified, for all staff, including those licensed or credentialed by another state agency. Background clearances and proof of subsequent arrest notification service as required by California Penal Code section 11105.2 for all staff shall be provided upon request.

45. STAFF QUALIFICATIONS

CONTRACTOR shall ensure that all individuals employed, contracted, and/or otherwise hired by CONTRACTOR to provide classroom and/or individualized instruction or related services hold a license, certificate, permit, or other document equivalent to that which staff in a public school are required to hold in the service rendered consistent with Education Code section 56366.1(n)(1) and are qualified pursuant to Title 34 of the Code of Federal Regulations sections 200.56 and 200.58, and Title 5 of the California Code of Regulations sections 3001(r), 3064 and 3065. Such qualified staff may only provide related services within the scope of their professional license, certification or credential and ethical standards set by each profession and not assume responsibility or authority for another related services provider or special education teacher's scope of practice.

CONTRACTOR shall ensure that all staff are appropriately credentialed to provide instruction and services to students with the disabling conditions placed in their program/school through documentation provided to the CDE (5 CCR 3064 (a)).

In accordance with California Education Code section 56366.1(a)(5), when CONTRACTOR is an NPS, an appropriately qualified person shall serve as curricular and instructional leader, and be able to provide leadership, oversight and professional development. The administrator of the NPS holds or is in the process of obtaining one of the following: (A) An administrative credential granted by an accredited postsecondary educational institution and two years of experience with pupils with disabilities. (B) A pupil personnel services credential that authorizes school counseling or psychology. (C) A license as a clinical social worker issued by the Board of Behavioral Sciences.
(D) A license in psychology regulated by the Board of Psychology. (E) A master's degree issued by an accredited postsecondary institution in education, special education, psychology, counseling, behavioral analysis, social work, behavioral science, or rehabilitation. (F) A credential authorizing special education instruction and at least two years of experience teaching in special education before becoming an administrator. (G) A license as a marriage and family therapist certified by the Board of Behavioral Sciences. (H) A license as an educational psychologist issued by the Board of Behavioral Sciences. (I) A license as a professional clinical counselor issued by the Board of Behavioral Sciences. (California Education Code Section 56366.1 (a)(5)).

CONTRACTOR shall comply with personnel standards and qualifications regarding instructional aides and teacher assistants respectively pursuant to Federal requirements and California Education Code sections 45340 *et seq.* and 45350 *et seq.* Specifically, all paraprofessionals, including, but not limited to, instructional aides and teacher assistants, employed, contracted, and/or otherwise hired or subcontracted by CONTRACTOR to provide classroom and/or individualized instruction or related services, shall possess a high school diploma (or its recognized equivalent) and at least one of the following qualifications: (a) completed at least 2 years of study at an institution of higher education; or (b) obtained an associate's (or higher) degree; or (3) met a rigorous standard of quality and can demonstrate, through a formal state or local assessment (i) knowledge of, and the ability to assist in instructing, reading, writing, and mathematics; or (ii) knowledge of, and the ability to assist in instructing, reading readiness, writing readiness, and mathematics readiness, as appropriate. CONTRACTOR shall comply with all laws and regulations governing the licensed professions, including but not limited to, the provisions with respect to supervision.

In addition to meeting the certification requirements of the State of California, a CONTRACTOR that operates a program outside of this State and serving a student by this LEA shall be certified or licensed by that state to provide special education and related services and designated instruction and related services to pupils under the federal Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (20
U.S.C. Sec. 1400 et seq.).

46. VERIFICATION OF LICENSES, CREDENTIALS AND OTHER DOCUMENTS

CONTRACTOR shall submit to LEA a staff list, and copies of all current licenses, certifications, credentials, permits and/or other documents which entitle the holder to provide special education and/or related services by CONTRACTOR and all individuals employed, contracted, and/or otherwise hired or sub-contracted by CONTRACTOR. CONTRACTOR shall ensure that all licenses, certifications, credentials, permits or other documents are on file at the office of the County Superintendent of Schools. CONTRACTOR shall notify LEA in writing within thirty (30) days when personnel changes occur which may affect the provision of special education and/or related services to students as specified in the LEA procedures. CONTRACTOR shall provide the LEA with the verified dates of fingerprint clearance, Department of Justice clearance and Tuberculosis Test clearance for all employees, approved subcontractors and/or volunteers prior to such individuals starting to work with any student.

CONTRACTOR shall monitor the status of licenses, credentials, certifications, permits and/or other documents for all individuals employed, contracted, and/or otherwise hired by CONTRACTOR. CONTRACTOR shall notify LEA and CDE in writing within thirty (30) days when personnel changes occur which may affect the provision of special education and/or related services to LEA students. CONTRACTOR shall notify LEA within thirty (30) days if any such licenses, certifications or waivers are expired, suspended, revoked, rescinded, challenged pursuant to an administrative or legal complaint or lawsuit, or otherwise nullified during the effective period of this Master Contract. The LEA shall not be obligated to pay for any services provided by a person whose such licenses, certifications or waivers are expired, suspended, revoked, rescinded, or otherwise nullified during the period during which such person is providing services under this Master Contract. Failure to notify the LEA and CDE of any changes in credentialing/licensed staff may result in suspension or revocation of CDE certification and/or suspension or termination of this Master Contract by the LEA.

47. STAFF ABSENCE

When CONTRACTOR is an NPS and CONTRACTOR's classroom teacher is absent, CONTRACTOR shall provide an appropriately credentialed substitute teacher in the absent teacher's classroom in accordance with California Education Code section 56061. CONTRACTOR shall provide to LEA documentation of substitute coverage on substitute teacher

log. Substitute teachers shall remain with their assigned class during all instructional time.

The LEA shall not be responsible for any payment for instruction and/or services when an appropriately credentialed substitute teacher is not provided in accordance with California Education Code section 56061.

When CONTRACTOR is a nonpublic agency and/or related services provider, and CONTRACTOR's service provider is absent, CONTRACTOR shall provide a qualified (as defined in section seven (7) of this agreement and as determined by LEA) substitute, unless LEA provides appropriate coverage in lieu of CONTRACTOR's service providers. It is understood that the parent of a student shall not be deemed to be qualified substitute for their student. LEA will not pay for services unless a qualified substitute is provided and/or CONTRACTOR provides documentation evidencing the provision of "make-up" services by a qualified service provider within thirty (30) calendar days from the date on which the services should have been provided. CONTRACTOR shall not "bank" or "carry over" make up service hours under any circumstances, unless otherwise agreed to in writing by CONTRACTOR and authorized LEA representative.

48. STAFF PROFESSIONAL BEHAVIOR WHEN PROVIDING SERVICES AT SCHOOL, SCHOOL RELATED EVENTS, AT SCHOOL FACILITY, AND/OR IN THE HOME

It is understood that all employees, subcontractors, and volunteers of any certified NPS/A shall adhere to the customary professional and ethical standards when providing services. All practices shall only be within the scope of professional responsibility as defined in the professional code of conduct for each profession as well as any LEA professional standards as specified in Board policies and/or regulations when made available to the CONTRACTOR. Reports regarding student progress shall be consistent with the provision of this contract.

For services provided on a public-school campus, sign in/out procedures shall be followed by NPS/A providers working in a public-school classroom along with all other procedures for being on campus consistent with school and district policy. Such policies and procedures shall be made available to the CONTRACTOR upon request. It is understood that the public-school credentialed classroom teacher is responsible for the instructional program.

CONTRACTOR providing services outside of the student's school as specified in the IEP shall ensure that at least the parent of the child or an adult caregiver with written and signed authority to make decisions in an emergency is present during provision of services. The names of any adult caregiver other than the parent shall be provided to the LEA prior to the start of any home-based services, including written and signed authorization in emergency situations. The adult caregiver cannot be an employee or volunteer associated with the NPS/NPA service provider. All problems and/or concerns reported by the CONTRACTOR to parents or guardians, in either verbal or written form, shall be reported to the LEA.

V. HEALTH AND SAFETY MANDATES

49. HEALTH AND SAFETY

CONTRACTOR shall comply with all applicable federal, state, local, and LEA laws, regulations, ordinances, policies, and procedures regarding student and employee health and safety. CONTRACTOR shall comply with the requirements of California Education Code sections 35021 *et. seq.* and 49406, regarding the examination of CONTRACTOR's employees and volunteers for tuberculosis. CONTRACTOR shall provide to LEA documentation for each individual volunteering, employed, contracted, and/or otherwise hired by CONTRACTOR of such compliance before an individual comes in contact with a student.

CONTRACTOR shall comply with OSHA Blood Borne Pathogens Standards, 29 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) section 1910.1030, when providing medical treatment or assistance to a student. CONTRACTOR further agrees to provide annual training regarding universal health care precautions and to post required notices in areas designated in the California Health and Safety Code.

50. FACILITIES AND FACILITIES MODIFICATIONS

CONTRACTOR shall provide special education and/or related services to students in facilities that comply with all applicable federal, state, and local laws, regulations, and ordinances related, but not limited to: disability access; fire, health, sanitation, and building standards and safety; fire warning systems; zoning permits; and occupancy capacity. When CONTRACTOR is a nonpublic school, CONTRACTOR shall conduct fire drills as required by Title 5 California Code of Regulations section 550. CONTRACTOR shall be responsible for any structural changes and/or modifications to CONTRACTOR's facilities as required complying with applicable federal, state, and local laws, regulations, and ordinances. Failure to notify the LEA and CDE of any changes in, major modification or relocation of facilities may result in the suspension or revocation of CDE certification and/or suspension or termination of this Master Contract by the LEA.

51. ADMINISTRATION OF MEDICATION

CONTRACTOR shall comply with the requirements of California Education Code section 49423 when CONTRACTOR serves a student that is required to take prescription and/or over-the-counter medication during the school day. CONTRACTOR may designate personnel to assist the student with the administration of such medication after the student's parent(s) provides to CONTRACTOR: (a) a written statement from a physician detailing the type, administration method, amount, and time schedules by which such medication shall be taken; and (b) a written statement from the student's parent(s) granting CONTRACTOR permission to administer medication(s) as specified in the physician's statement. CONTRACTOR shall maintain, and provide to LEA upon request, copies of such written statements. CONTRACTOR shall maintain a written log for each student to whom medication is administered. Such written log shall specify the student's name; the type of medication; the date, time, and amount of each administration; and the name of the CONTRACTOR's employee who administered the medication. CONTRACTOR maintains full responsibility for ensuring appropriate staff training in the administration of such medication consistent with physician's written orders. Any change in medication type, administration method, amount or schedule must be authorized by both a licensed physician and parent.

52. INCIDENT/ACCIDENT REPORTING

Any significant incident/accident (e.g., injury to student, property destruction, unusual behavior, elopement off campus) that does not warrant a Behavior Emergency Report (see Section 30) shall be documented in either a Special Incident Report or accident report. CONTRACTOR shall electronically submit the report no later than the next business day **and** by U.S. Mail, mail within seven (7) calendar days, to the LEA/SELPA case manager. CONTRACTOR shall properly submit required accident or incident reports pursuant to the procedures specified in LEA procedures.

53. CHILD ABUSE REPORTING

CONTRACTOR hereby agrees to annually train all staff members, including volunteers, so that they are familiar with and agree to adhere to its own child and dependent adult abuse reporting obligations and procedures as specified in California Penal Code section 11165.7, AB 1432, and Education Code 44691. To protect the privacy rights of all parties involved (i.e., reporter, child and alleged abuser), reports will remain confidential as required by law and professional ethical mandates. A written statement acknowledging the legal requirements of such reporting and

verification of staff adherence to such reporting shall be submitted to the LEA.

54. SEXUAL HARASSMENT

CONTRACTOR shall have a Sexual and Gender Identity harassment policy that clearly describes the kinds of conduct that constitutes sexual harassment and that is prohibited by the CONTRACTOR's policy, as well as federal and state law. The policy should include procedures to make complaints without fear of retaliation, and for prompt and objective investigations of all sexual harassment complaints. CONTRACTOR further agrees to provide annual training to all employees regarding the laws concerning sexual harassment and related procedures pursuant to Government Code 12950.1.

55. REPORTING OF MISSING CHILDREN

CONTRACTOR assures LEA that all staff members, including volunteers, are familiar with and agree to adhere to requirements for reporting missing children as specified in California Education Code section 49370. A written statement acknowledging the legal requirements of such reporting and verification of staff adherence to such reporting shall be properly submitted to the LEA. The written statement shall be submitted as specified by the LEA.

VI. FINANCIAL

56. ENROLLMENT, CONTRACTING, SERVICE TRACKING, ATTENDANCE REPORTING, AND BILLING PROCEDURES

CONTRACTOR shall assure that the nonpublic school or nonpublic agency has the necessary financial resources to provide an appropriate education for the children enrolled and will distribute those resources in such a manner to implement the IEP for each and every child.

CONTRACTOR shall comply with all LEA procedures concerning enrollment, contracting, attendance reporting, service tracking and billing (parent verification forms including clinical supervision hours with monthly billing – specifically non-public agency intensive behavior intervention) including requirements of electronic billing (SJCOE will not pay off an electronic invoice; hard copy invoices only will be accepted by SJCOE and should be mailed to: SJCOE Accounts Payable, P.O. Box 213030, Stockton, CA 95213-9030) as specified by the LEA procedures, as well as provide all such records requested by LEA concerning the same. CONTRACTOR shall be paid for the provision of special education and/or related services specified in the student's IEP and ISA. All payments by LEA shall be made in accordance with the terms and conditions of this Master Contract and in compliance with the LEA procedures and will be governed by all applicable federal and state laws.

CONTRACTOR shall maintain separate registers for the basic education program, each related service, and services provided by instructional assistants, behavior intervention aides and bus aides. Original attendance forms (i.e., roll books for the basic education program service tracking documents and notes for instructional assistants, behavioral intervention aides, bus aides, and each related service) shall be completed by the actual service provider whose signature shall appear on such forms and shall be available for review, inspection, or audit by LEA during the effective period of this contract and for a period of five (5) years thereafter. CONTRACTOR shall verify the accuracy of minutes of reported attendance that is the basis of services being billed for payment.

CONTRACTOR shall submit invoices and related documents to LEA for payment, for each calendar month when education or related services were provided. Invoices and related documents shall be properly submitted electronically (hard copy invoices only will be accepted by SJCOE) and in addition, on an LEA form with signatures in the manner prescribed by LEA.

At a minimum, each invoice must contain the following information: month of service; specific days and times of services coordinated by the LEA approved calendar unless otherwise specified in the IEP or agreed to by the LEA; name of staff who provided the service; approved cost of each invoice; total for each service and total for the monthly invoice; date invoice was mailed; signature of NPS/NPA administrator authorizing that the information is accurate and consistent with the ISA, CDE certificates and staff notification; verification that attendance report is attached as appropriate; indication of any made-up session consistent with this contract; verification that progress reports have been provided consistent with the ISA (monthly or quarterly unless specified otherwise on the ISA); and name or initial of each student for when the service was provided.

In the event services were not provided, rationale for why the services were not provided shall be included.

Such an invoice is subject to all conditions of this contract. At the discretion of the LEA, an electronic invoice may be required provided such notice has been made in writing and training provided to the CONTRACTOR at no additional charge for such training.

Invoices shall be submitted no later than thirty (30) days after the end of the attendance accounting period in which the services were rendered. LEA shall make payment to CONTRACTOR based on the number of billable days of attendance and hours of service at rates specified in this contract within forty-five (45) days of LEA's receipt of properly submitted hard copy of invoices prepared and submitted as specified in California Education Code Section 56366.5 and the LEA. CONTRACTOR shall correct deficiencies and submit rebilling invoices no later than thirty (30) calendar days after the invoice is returned by LEA. LEA shall pay properly submitted re-billing invoices no later than forty-five (45) days after the date a completely corrected re-billing invoice is received by LEA.

In no case shall initial payment claim submission for any Master Contract fiscal year (July through June) extend beyond December 31st after the close of the fiscal year. In no case shall any rebilling for the Master Contract fiscal year (July through June) extend beyond six months after the close of the fiscal year unless approved by the LEA to resolve billing issues including rebilling issues directly related to a delay in obtaining information from the Commission on Teacher Credentialing regarding teacher qualification, but no later than 12 months from the close of the fiscal year. If the billing or rebilling error is the responsibility of the LEA, then no limit is set provided that the LEA and CONTRACTOR have communicated such concerns in writing during the 12-month period following the close of the fiscal year. SELPA will not pay mileage for NPA employee.

57. RIGHT TO WITHHOLD PAYMENT

LEA may withhold payment to CONTRACTOR when: (a) CONTRACTOR has failed to perform, in whole or in part, under the terms of this contract; (b) contractor has billed for services not approved through an IEP or written agreement with LEA; (c) CONTRACTOR has billed for services rendered on days other than billable days of attendance or for days when student was not in attendance and/or did not receive services; (d) CONTRACTOR was overpaid by LEA as determined by inspection, review, and/or audit of its program, work, and/or records; (e) CONTRACTOR has failed to provide supporting documentation with an invoice, as required by EC 56366(c)(2); (f) education and/or related services are provided to students by personnel who are not appropriately credentialed, licensed, or otherwise qualified; (g) LEA has not received prior to school closure or contract termination, all documents concerning one or more students enrolled in CONTRACTOR's educational program; (h) CONTRACTOR fails to confirm a student's change of residence to another district or confirms the change of residence to another district, but fails to notify LEA with five (5) days of such confirmation; or (i) CONTRACTOR receives payment from Medi-Cal or from any other agency or funding source for a service provided to a student. It is understood that no payments shall be made for any invoices that is not

received by six (6) months following the close of the prior fiscal year, for services provided in that year.

Final payment to CONTRACTOR in connection with the cessation of operations and/or termination of a Master Contract will be subject to the same documentation standards described for all payment claims for regular ongoing operations. In addition, final payment may be withheld by the LEA until completion of a review or audit, if deemed necessary by the LEA. Such review or audit will be completed within ninety (90) days. The final payment may be adjusted to offset any previous payments to the CONTRACTOR determined to have been paid in error or in anticipation of correction of documentation deficiencies by the CONTRACTOR that remain uncorrected.

The amount which may be withheld by LEA with respect to each of the subparagraphs of the preceding paragraph are as follows: (a) the value of the service CONTRACTOR failed to perform;
(b) the amount of overpayment; (c) the portion of the invoice for which satisfactory documentation has not been provided by CONTRACTOR; (d) the amount invoiced for services provided by the individual not appropriately credentialed, licensed, or otherwise qualified; (e) the proportionate amount of the invoice related to the applicable pupil for the time period from the date of the violation occurred and until the violation is cured; or (f) the amount paid to CONTRACTOR by Medi-Cal or another agency or funding source for the service provided to the student.

If LEA determines that cause exists to withhold payment to CONTRACTOR, LEA shall, within ten (10) business days of this determination, provide to CONTRACTOR written notice that LEA is withholding payment. Such notice shall specify the basis or bases for LEA's withholding payment and the amount to be withheld. Within thirty (30) days from the date of receipt of such notice, CONTRACTOR shall take all necessary and appropriate action to correct the deficiencies that form the basis for LEA's withholding payment or submit a written request for extension of time to correct the deficiencies or submit to LEA written document demonstrating that the basis or bases cited by the LEA for withholding payment is unfounded. Upon receipt of CONTRACTOR's written request showing good cause, LEA shall extend CONTRACTOR's time to correct deficiencies (usually an additional thirty (30) days), otherwise payment will be denied.

If after subsequent request for payment has been denied and CONTRACTOR believes that payment should not be withheld, CONTRACTOR shall send written notice to LEA specifying the reason it believes payment should not be withheld. LEA shall respond to CONTRACTOR's notice within thirty (30) business days by indicating that a warrant for the amount of payment will be made or stating the reason LEA believes payment should not be made. If LEA fails to respond within thirty
(30) business days or a dispute regarding the withholding of payment continues after the LEA's response to CONTRACTOR's notice, CONTRACTOR may invoke the following escalation policy.

<u>After forty-five (45) business days</u>: The CONTRACTOR may notify the Authorized LEA's Representative of the dispute in writing. The LEA Authorized Representative shall respond to the CONTRACTOR in writing within fifteen (15) business days.

<u>After sixty (60) business days</u>: The LEA or CONTRACTOR may appeal to the County Superintendent of Schools so long as the County Superintendent of Schools is not participating in the Local Plan involved in the NPS/A contract, or a mutually agreed upon mediator. Both parties agree to pay for their own costs and expenses arising out of such mediation. Each party agrees to act in good faith in participating in any mediation process agreed to by the parties.

58. PAYMENT FROM OUTSIDE AGENCIES

CONTRACTOR shall notify LEA when Medi-Cal or any other agency is billed for the costs associated with the provision of special education and/or related services to students. Upon request, CONTRACTOR shall provide to LEA any and all documentation regarding reports, billing, and/or payment by Medi-Cal or any other agency for the costs associated with the provision of special education and/or related services to students. CONTRACTOR shall provide prior written notice of the rights and protections required by Title 34 of the Code of Federal Regulations section 300.154(d) whenever it seeks to use the LEA student's public benefits to pay for special education and related services. Such notice shall be provided before seeking payment from Medi-Cal for the first time annually.

59. PAYMENT FOR ABSENCES

NONPUBLIC SCHOOL STAFF ABSENCE

Whenever a classroom teacher employed by CONTRACTOR is absent, CONTRACTOR shall provide an appropriately credentialed substitute teacher in the absent teacher's classroom in accordance with California Education Code section 56061. CONTRACTOR shall provide to LEA documentation of substitute coverage pursuant to the LEA procedures. Substitute teachers shall remain with their assigned class during all instructional time. LEA will not pay for instruction and/or services unless said instruction or service is provided by an appropriately credentialed substitute teacher.

Whenever a related service provider is absent, CONTRACTOR shall provide a qualified (as defined in section seven (7) of this agreement and as determined by LEA) substitute. LEA will not pay for services unless a qualified substitute is provided and/or CONTRACTOR provides documentation evidencing the provision of "make-up" services by a qualified service provider within thirty (30) calendar days from the date on which the services should have been provided unless otherwise agreed in student's IEP.

NONPUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENT ABSENCE

If CONTRACTOR is an NPS, no later than the sixth (6th) cumulative day of a student's unexcused absence, CONTRACTOR shall notify the LEA of such absence as specified in the LEA procedures.

Criteria for a billable day for payment purposes is one day of attendance as defined in California Education Code, sections 46010, 46010.3 and 46307. LEA shall not pay for services provided on days that a student's attendance does not qualify for Average Daily Attendance (ADA) reimbursement under state law. *Per Diem* rates for students whose IEPs authorize less than a full instructional day may be adjusted on a pro rata basis in accordance with the actual proportion of the school day the student was served. LEA shall not be responsible for payment of DIS or related services for days on which a student's attendance does not qualify for Average Daily Attendance (ADA) reimbursement under state law, nor shall student be eligible for make-up services.

NONPUBLIC AGENCY STAFF ABSENCE

When CONTRACTOR is an NPA and CONTRACTOR's service provider is absent, CONTRACTOR shall provide a qualified (as defined in Section 7 of this agreement and as determined by LEA) substitute, unless LEA provides appropriate coverage in lieu of CONTRACTOR's service providers. LEA shall not pay for services unless a qualified substitute is provided and/or CONTRACTOR provides documentation evidencing the provision of "make-up" services by a qualified service provider within thirty (30) calendar days from the date on which the services should have been provided. CONTRACTOR shall not "bank" or "carry over" make up service hours under any circumstances, unless otherwise agreed to in writing by CONTRACTOR and LEA. In the event services were not provided, reasons for why the services were not provided shall be included.

NONPUBLIC AGENCY STUDENT ABSENCE

If CONTRACTOR is an NPA, it shall notify LEA of the absence of a student no later than the fifth consecutive service day of the student's absence. LEA shall not be responsible for the payment of services when a student is absent.

60. LEA and/or NONPUBLIC SCHOOL CLOSURE DUE TO EMERGENCY

The following shall apply in the event of an LEA or NPS school closure due to an emergency consistent with guidelines followed by LEAs in accordance with Education Code sections 41422 and 46392:

a. If CONTRACTOR remains open, if allowed, during an emergency and serves students appropriately as delineated in the ISA, CONTRACTOR shall receive payment, regardless of whether a sending LEA is open or closed.

b. NPS School Closure- In the event an NPS school closure for reasons set forth in Education Code section 41422, if the LEA is able to obtain alternative placement for the student, CONTRACTOR shall not receive payment for days the student is not in attendance due to CONTRACTOR'S closure. If the LEA is unable to obtain an alternative placement, CONTRACTOR shall receive payment consistent with the student's approved ISA, as though the student were continuing his/her regular attendance, until an alternative placement can be found and implement LEA student IEP in accordance with Education Code section 56345(a)(9) pertaining to emergency conditions.

c. LEA and NPS School Closure- In the event of the LEA and NPS School Closures, on days the LEA is funded, CONTRACTOR shall receive payment consistent with the student's approved ISA, until an alternative placement can be found and implement LEA student IEP in accordance with Education Code section 56345(a)(9) pertaining to emergency conditions. If the LEA is able to obtain alternative placement for the student, CONTRACTOR shall not receive payment for days the student is not in attendance with CONTRACTOR due to CONTRACTOR'S school closure.

When the emergency school closure is lifted, CONTRACTOR shall notify the LEAs it serves of any lost instructional minutes. CONTRACTOR and LEAs shall work collaboratively to determine the need for make-up days or service changes and shall work together to amend IEP and ISA paperwork as appropriate.

61. INSPECTION AND AUDIT

The CONTRACTOR shall maintain, and the LEA shall have the right to examine and audit all of the books, records, documents, accounting procedures and practices and other evidence that reflect all costs claimed to have been incurred or fees claimed to have been earned under this Agreement.

CONTRACTOR shall provide access to LEA to all records including, but not limited to: student records as defined by California Education Code section 49061(b); registers and roll books of teachers; daily service logs and notes or other documents used to record the provision of related services; Medi-Cal/daily service logs and notes used to record provision of services provided by instructional assistants, behavior intervention aides, bus aides, and supervisors; absence verification records (parent/doctor notes, telephone logs, and related documents); bus rosters; staff lists specifying credentials held, business licenses held, documents evidencing other qualifications, social security numbers, dates of hire, and dates of termination; staff time sheets; non-paid staff and volunteer sign-in sheets; transportation and other related service subcontracts; school calendars; bell/class schedules when applicable; liability and worker's compensation insurance policies; state NPS/A certifications; by-laws; lists of current board of directors/trustees, if incorporated; other documents evidencing financial expenditures; federal/state payroll quarterly reports Form 941/DE3DP; and bank statements and canceled checks or facsimile thereof. Such

access shall include unannounced inspections by LEA. CONTRACTOR shall make available to LEA all budgetary information including operating budgets submitted by CONTRACTOR to LEA for the relevant contract period being audited.

CONTRACTOR shall make all records available at the office of LEA or CONTRACTOR's offices (to be specified by LEA) at all reasonable times and without charge. All records shall be provided to LEA within five (5) working days of a written request from LEA. CONTRACTOR shall, at no cost to LEA, provide assistance for such examination or audit. LEA's rights under this section shall also include access to CONTRACTOR's offices for purposes of interviewing CONTRACTOR's employees. If any document or evidence is stored in an electronic form, a hard copy shall be made available to the LEA, unless the LEA agrees to the use of the electronic format.

CONTRACTOR shall obtain from its subcontractors and suppliers written agreements to the requirements of this section and shall provide a copy of such agreements to LEA upon request by LEA.

If an inspection, review, or audit by LEA, a state agency, a federal agency, and/or an independent agency/firm determines that CONTRACTOR owes LEA monies as a result of CONTRACTOR's over billing or failure to perform, in whole or in part, any of its obligations under this Master Contract, LEA shall provide to CONTRACTOR written notice demanding payment from CONTRACTOR and specifying the basis or bases for such demand. Unless CONTRACTOR and LEA otherwise agree in writing, CONTRACTOR shall pay to LEA the full amount owed as result of CONTRACTOR's over billing and/or failure to perform, in whole or in part, any of its obligations under this Master Contract, as determined by an inspection, review, or audit by LEA, a state agency, a federal agency, and/or an independent agency/firm. CONTRACTOR shall make such payment to LEA within thirty (30) days of receipt of LEA's written notice demanding payment.

62. RATE SCHEDULE

The attached rate schedule (Exhibit A) limits the number of students that may be enrolled and maximum dollar amount of the contract. It may also limit the maximum number of students that can be provided specific services. Per Diem rates for students whose IEPs authorize less than a full instructional day may be adjusted proportionally. In such cases only, the adjustments in basic education rate shall be based on the required minimum number of minutes per grade level as noted in California Education Code Section 46200-46208.

Special education and/or related services offered by CONTRACTOR, shall be provided by qualified personnel as per State and Federal law, and the codes and charges for such educational and/or related services during the term of this contract, shall be as stated in Exhibit A.

63. DEBARMENT CERTIFICATION

By signing this agreement, the Contractor certifies that:

(a) The Contractor and any of its shareholders, partners, or executive officers are not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, or declared ineligible for the award of contracts by any Federal agency, and

(b) Have not, within a three-year period preceding this contract, been convicted of or had a civil judgment rendered against them for: commission of fraud or a criminal offense in connection with obtaining, attempting to obtain, or performing a Federal, state or local government contract or subcontract; violation of Federal or state antitrust statutes relating to the submission of offers; or commission of embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification or destruction of records, making false statements, tax evasion, or receiving stolen property; and are not presently indicted for, or otherwise criminally or civilly charged by a Government entity with, commission of any of these offenses.

1. Is the proposed CONTRACTOR/CONSULTANT an employee of the SJCOE?

☐*Yes* ☐*No*

2. Have you or any of your employees previously been employed by SJCOE?

☐*Yes* ☐*No*

3. Are you or any of your employees a California Public Employees Retirement System (CalPERS) or a California State Teachers Retirement System (CalSTRS) member?

☐*Yes* ☐*No*

If yes, which system? ☐*CalPERS* ☐*CalSTRS*

4. Are you, any of your employees or sub-contractors a California Public Employees Retirement System (CalPERS) or a California State Teachers Retirement System (CalSTRS) retiree?

☐*Yes* ☐*No*

If yes, which system? ☐*CalPERS* ☐*CalSTRS*

If yes, are they paid through a payroll system that reports to both CalSTRS and/or CalPERS?

☐*Yes* ☐*No*

Note: If you answered "Yes" to questions 3 or 4 listed above, additional information may be required to ensure accurate retirement reporting such as: employee name, SSN#.

The parties hereto have executed this Contract by and through their duly authorized agents or representatives. This contract is effective on the 1 day of July, 2024 and terminates at 5:00 P.M. on June 30, 2024, unless sooner terminated as provide herein.

Contractor

Stockton Educational Center

Nonpublic School / Agency

Harry Brown Jr. CEO 11/06/2024

Contracting Officer's Signature Date

Harry Brown Jr./CEO 11/06/2024

Name and Title (type) Date

26-3912717

Tax I.D. #

LEA

Jefferson Elementary School District

Name of District or Local Educational Agency

Superintendent's Signature

Signature
(Authorized Representative / Contracts Supervisor)

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Legal Advisor

Chet Quaide
5/30/2024

Legal Advisor Signature Date

Notices to LEA shall be addressed to:

Jefferson Elementary School District
Name LEA Attn Esabel Corrie

1219 Whispering Wind Dr
Address

Tracy CA 95377
City State Zip

(209) 836-3388
Phone Fax

ecorrie@jsdtracy.com
Email

Additional notices to LEA shall be addressed to:

NeiLaine Kilgore
Name

Jefferson School District
LEA

1219 Whispering Wind Dr.
Address

Tracy CA 95377
City State Zip

(209) 855-9704
Phone Fax

nKilgore@jsdtracy.com
Email

Notice to CONTRACTOR shall be addressed to:

Name Harry Brown Jr.

Nonpublic School / Agency Stockton Educational Center

3031 W. March Lane Suite 330
Address

Stockton CA/95219
City State Zip

209-464-1927
Phone Fax

hbrown@stkned.org
Email

EXHIBIT A: 2024-2025 RATES

4.1 RATE SCHEDULE FOR CONTRACT YEAR

The CONTRACTOR: S.E.C. Private Schools Inc. DBA Stockton Educational Center
The CONTRACTOR CDS NUMBER: 39-68676-0119388

Education service(s) offered by the CONTRACTOR and the charges for such service(s) during the term of this contract shall be as follows:

1) Daily Basic Education Program	RATE	PERIOD
Specialized Academic Instruction (330)	$ 264.00	Per Day
Specialized Academic Instruction – ESY (330)	$ 264.00	Per Day

(Partial Day Rate shall be adjusted on a pro rata basis in accordance with the actual proportion of the school day -- minutes for students (# of minutes /total number of minutes X daily rate = partial day rate). This formula will be used to calculate the rate for the ISA for less than a full day, e.g., extended school year, mainstreaming, reduced attendance.)

RELATED SERVICE	RATE	PERIOD
1. **Intensive Individual Services** (340)	$60.00	Hour
2. **Language and Speech** (415)	$175.00	Hour
a. Individual		
b. Small Group		
3. **Adapted Physical Education** (425)	$50.00	Hour
4. **Health and Nursing: Specialized Physical Health Care** (435)	$50.00	Hour
5. **Health and Nursing: Other Services** (436)		
6. **Assistive Technology Services** (445)	$25.00	Hour
7. **Occupational Therapy** (450)	$100.00	Hour
8. **Physical Therapy** (460)		
9. **Individual Counseling** (510)	$110.00	Hour
10. **Counseling and Guidance** (515)	$110.00	Hour
11. **Parent Counseling** (520)		
a. Individual	$110.00	Hour
b. Small Group		
12. **Social Work Services** (525)		
13. **Psychological Services** (530)		
14. **Behavior Intervention Services** (535)	$125.00	Hour
15. **Specialized Services for Low Incidence Disabilities** (610) (Identify service)		
16. **Specialized Deaf and Hard of Hearing** (710)		
17. **Interpreter Services** (715)	$25.00	Hour
18. **Audiological Services** (720)		
19. **Specialized Vision Services** (725)		
20. **Orientation and Mobility** (730)		
21. **Specialized Orthopedic Services** (740)		
22. **Reader Services** (745)		
23. **Note Taking Services** (750)		

24. Transcription Services (755)	____	____
25. College Awareness Preparation (820)	____	____
26. Vocational Assessment, Counseling, Guidance and Career Assessment (830)	$25.00	Daily
27. Career Awareness (840)	$25.00	Daily
28. Work Experience Education (850)	$25.00	Daily
29. Job Coaching (855)	$25.00	Daily
30. Mentoring (860)	$25.00	Daily
31. Agency Linkage (865)	____	____
32. Travel Training (870)	____	____
33. Other Transition Services (890)	$25.00	Daily

34. Transportation (Shall not include transportation through use of Services or equipment owned, leased or contracted through LEA unless provided directly or subcontracted by the NPS/A. In the event of a declared state emergency, e.g., pandemic, transportation costs will be pro-rated since the services will be reduced. The reduced payment will serve to offset the operating costs of maintaining a transportation "fleet" but will not be paid at a rate that is equal to or higher than typical operating costs)

	a. Transportation – Round Trip	$110.00	Daily
Non SEC Students	a) Transportation – One Way (Community)	$250.00	Daily
Non SEC Students	b) Transportation – Round Trip (Community)	$250.00	Daily
	c) Transportation – 1 on 1 Rider (per IEP)	$120.00	Daily
	d) Transportation – Safety Rider	$60.00	Daily

(LEA will be billed for the bus safety riders based on the proportion of students on the bus.)

e) Transportation – Dual Enrollment	$110.00	Daily
f) Public Transportation	____	____
g) Parent*	____	____
h) Paid to NPS/A	____	____
35. Other (900) (Identify Licensed/Credentialed service _____)	____	____

*Parent transportation reimbursement rates are to be determined by the LEA.

SERVICE	Provider				# of Times per wk/mo/yr., Duration; or per IEP; or as needed	Cost per session		Maximum Number of Sessions	Estimated Maximum Total Cost for Contracted Period
	LEA	NPS Daily Rate	NPA	OTHER Specify		RSY	ESY		
7. Occupational Therapy (450)									
8. Physical Therapy (460)									
9. Individual Counseling (510)									
10. Counseling and Guidance (515)									
11. Parent Counseling (520) a. Individual b. Group									
12. Social Work Services (525)									
13. Psychological Services (530)									
14. Behavior Intervention Services (535)									
15. Specialized Services for Low Incidence Disabilities (610) (Identify service: _____)									
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	LEA	NPS Daily Rate	NPA	OTHER Specify		RSY	ESY		
34 Transportation a. Round Trip b. One Way (Community) c. Round Trip (Community) d 1 on 1 Rider (per IEP) e Safety Rider (LEA will be billed for the bus safety riders based on the proportion of students on the bus) f Dual Enrollment g Public Transportation (bus pass) h Parent (reimbursement rates are to be determined by the LEA) i. Paid to NPS/A		$250			3 total days. 7/1/2024		✓	7/3/2024	
Other (900) (Identify Licensed/Credentialed Services) ____									
								Total Cost	$750.00

Estimated Maximum Related Services Cost _____

TOTAL ESTIMATED MAXIMUM BASIC EDUCATION AND RELATED SERVICES COSTS $ 750 00

SPECIALIZED EQUIPMENT/SUPPLIES _____ $ _____

Other Provisions / Attachments

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Progress Reporting Requirements: Quarterly ✓ Monthly _____ Other (specify) _____

The parties hereto executed this Individual Services Agreement by and through their duly authorized agents or representatives as set forth below:

-CONTRACTOR-

Stockton Educational Center
(Name of Nonpublic School/Agency)

Harry Brown Jr. CEO 11/06/2024
(Signature) STUDENTS FIRST. STUDENT FOCUSED (Date)

Harry Brown Jr. CEO
(Name and Title)

-LEA/SELPA-

Jefferson Elementary School Distric
(Name of LEA/SELPA)

11/8/24
(Signature) (Date)

James W. Sykes
(Name of Superintendent or Authorized Designee)

SERVICE	Provider				# of Times per wk/mo/yr., Duration; or per IEP; or as needed	Cost per session		Maximum Number of Sessions	Estimated Maximum Total Cost for Contracted Period
	LEA	NPS Daily Rate	NPA	OTHER Specify		RSY	ESY		
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Other (900) (Identify Licensed/Credentialed Services) _____									
								Total Cost	49,000

*Estimated Maximum Related Services Cost*_____

TOTAL ESTIMATED MAXIMUM BASIC EDUCATION AND RELATED SERVICES COSTS $ 49,000.00

SPECIALIZED EQUIPMENT/SUPPLIES_____ $_____

Other Provisions / Attachments

Progress Reporting Requirements: Quarterly ✓ Monthly_____ Other (specify) _____

The parties hereto executed this Individual Services Agreement by and through their duly authorized agents or representatives as set forth below:

-CONTRACTOR-

Stockton Educational Center
(Name of Nonpublic School/Agency)

Harry Brown Jr. CEO
STUDENTS FIRST. STUDENT FOCUSED.
(Signature) 11/06/2024 (Date)

Harry Brown Jr. CEO
(Name and Title)

-LEA/SELPA-

Jefferson Elementary School Distric
(Name of LEA/SELPA)

(Signature) 11/7/24 (Date)

James W. Birk
(Name of Superintendent or Authorized Designee)

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2024-2025 Academic Calendar

Date	Event
August 5	Teacher Specialists (TS), Supervising Counselors (SC), Supervisor of Residential Programs (SRP) Report
August 12	Teachers, Teaching Assistants (TA), Counselors, Night Attendants (NA) Report
August 12-16	Staff Development for Teachers, TS, TA, SC, SRP, Counselors, NA
August 19	Classes Begin
September 2	Labor Day
September 13	Early Release 12:30pm / Faculty and TA Meeting, 1:00pm-4:00pm
October 14	Staff Development Day - School Not in Session
October 18	Early Release 12:30pm / Faculty and TA Meeting, 1:00pm-4:00pm
November 15	Early Release 12:30pm / Faculty and TA Meeting, 1:00pm-4:00pm
November 25-29	Fall Break - School Not In Session
December 20	Early Release 12:30pm / NO Faculty and TA Meeting
December 23-January 3	Winter Break - School Not In Session
January 20	MLK Jr. Day - State Holiday- School Not In Session
February 7	Early Release 12:30pm / Faculty and TA Meeting, 1:00pm-4:00pm
February 13	Early Release @ 1:45pm
February 14	School Holiday - No School
February 17	Presidents' Day- State Holiday- School Not In Session; NA, PM Counselors work
March 7	Early Release 12:30pm / Faculty and TA Meeting, 1:00pm-4:00pm
March 31	Cesar Chavez Day - No School
April 10	Early Release 12:30pm / Faculty and TA Meeting, 1:00pm-4:00pm
April 11	Faculty/TA/Res Staff Development Day - School Not In Session
April 21-25	Spring Break - School Not in Session
May 2	Early Release 12:30pm / Faculty and TA Meeting, 1:00pm-4:00pm
May 26	Memorial Day - State Holiday - School Not In Session; NA, PM Counselors Work

May 29	Last Day of Classes - Early Release 12:30pm
May 30	Faculty/TA/Res Staff Development Day/Last Day for Teachers, TA, NA, Counselors
June 6	Last Day for Teacher Specialists, SC, SRP
July 4	Independence Day - State Holiday

176 School days
184 Teacher, TA, Counselor, NA Days
194 Teacher Specialist, SC, SRP Days

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