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LEA: Mount Diablo Unified School District

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NONPUBLIC SCHOOL/AGENCY/RELATED SERVICES PROVIDER: A Better Chance School

NONPUBLIC, NONSECTARIAN SCHOOL/AGENCY SERVICES  
MASTER CONTRACT

**AUTHORIZATION FOR MASTER CONTRACT AND GENERAL PROVISIONS**

**1. MASTER CONTRACT**

This Master Contract is entered into on July 1, 2012, between **Mt. Diablo Unified School District**, county of **Contra Costa** hereinafter referred to as the local educational agency ("LEA") and **A Better Chance School**, 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.*, AB490 (Chapter 862, Statutes of 2003) and AB1858 (Chapter 914, Statutes of 2004). It is understood that this agreement does not commit 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 services specified in the student's Individualized Education Plan (hereinafter referred to as "IEP"). The ISA shall be executed within ninety (90) days of an 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 ISA developing including invoicing.

Unless placement is made pursuant to an Office of Administrative Hearings (hereinafter referred to as "OAH") order, a lawfully executed 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 nonpublic school placement until the date on which an IEP team meeting is convened, the IEP team determines that a nonpublic school placement is appropriate, and the IEP is signed by the student's parent.

**2. CERTIFICATION**

CONTRACTOR shall be certified by the California Department of Education (hereinafter referred to as "CDE") as a nonpublic, nonsectarian school/agency. All nonpublic school and nonpublic agency 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* and within the professional scope of practice of each provider's license, certification and/or credential. A current copy of CONTRACTOR's nonpublic school/agency 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 contract 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. Total student enrollment shall be limited to capacity as stated in Section 24 of the Master Contract.

**3. COMPLIANCE WITH LAWS, STATUTES, REGULATIONS**

During the term of this contract unless otherwise agreed, CONTRACTOR shall comply with all applicable federal, state, and local statutes, laws, ordinances, rules, policies 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, 2012 to June 30, 2013 (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. However, the parties acknowledge that any subsequent Master Contract is to be re-negotiated prior to June 30, 2013. In the event the contract is not renegotiated by June 30<sup>th</sup>, an interim contract may be made available as mutually agreed upon for up to 90 days from July 1 of the new fiscal year. (Title 5 California Code of Regulations section 3062(d)) 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.

**5. INTEGRATION/CONTINUANCE OF CONTRACT FOLLOWING EXPIRATION OR TERMINATION**

This Master Contract includes the LEA Procedures and each Individual Services Agreement 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 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 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 SERVICES AGREEMENT**

This contract 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. 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.

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 placement is deemed lawful and appropriate by LEA or OAH. 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 the California Department of Education and its officers, agents and employees.
- b. The term "authorized LEA representative" means a LEA administrator designated to be responsible for nonpublic school/agencies. 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 the contract, unless otherwise specified in the 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(j).
- 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 designated instruction and services and has met federal and state certification, licensing, registration, or other comparable requirements which apply to the area in which he or she 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 (y)).

- e. The term "license" means a valid nonexpired 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 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(r).
- f. Parent means a biological or adoptive parent, unless the biological or adoptive parent does not have legal authority to make educational decisions for the child, a guardian generally authorized to act as the child's parent or authorized to make educational decisions for the child, 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, a surrogate parent, 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 nonpublic school or agency under contract with the LEA for the provision of special education or designated instruction and services for a child. (California Education Code section 56028).
- 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 "Agreement" and is referred to as such in this document.

## **ADMINISTRATION OF CONTRACT**

### **8. NOTICES**

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

All notices mailed to LEA shall be addressed to the person and address as indicated on the signature page of the 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; cost data records as set forth in Title 5 of the California Code of Regulations section 3061; 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; 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, 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 nonpublic school and/or agency certifications by-laws; 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; and bank statements and canceled checks or facsimile thereof. Positive attendance is required.

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. Such log needs to 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 parents access to student records, 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, and reports. LEA and/or SELPA shall have access to and receive copies of any and all records upon request within five 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.

**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 LEA shall provide the

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 Individual Service Agreement 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 at an IEP team meeting. To terminate the contract either party shall give 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. CONTRACTOR or LEA may terminate an ISA for cause. To terminate the ISA, either party shall give twenty (20) days prior written notice.

**15. INSURANCE**

Contractor shall, at his, her, or its sole cost and expense, maintain in full force and effect, during the term of this Agreement, 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:

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

- \$1,000,000 per occurrence
- \$ 100,000 fire damage
- \$ 5,000 medical expenses
- \$1,000,000 personal & adv. Injury
- \$2,000,000 general aggregate
- \$2,000,000 products/completed operations aggregate

- B. **Business Auto Liability Insurance** for all owned scheduled, 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.

- C. **Workers' Compensation and Employers Liability Insurance** in a form and amount covering Contractor's full liability under the California Workers' Compensation Insurance and Safety Act and in accordance with applicable state and federal laws.

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

- 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:**

- \$1,000,000 per occurrence/\$2,000,000 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 ten (10) day non-renewal notice provision. The Commercial General Liability and Automobile Liability policy shall name the District and the Board of Education as additional insured's 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, the CONTRACTOR's insurance coverage shall be primary insurance as respects 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 shall 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.

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**

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).

#### **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 Agreement 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 Agreement 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 held to be a partner, joint venturer, co-principle, 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 holding, 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. 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 provided 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 shall reference the LEA contract number, name of the school or agency submitting the certificate, indication if 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 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.

When CONTRACTOR is a Nonpublic Agency, CONTRACTOR acknowledges that its authorized representative has read and understands Education Code section 56366.3 which provides, in relevant part, that no special education and/or related services provided by CONTRACTOR shall be paid for by LEA if provided by an individual who was an employee of LEA within the three hundred and sixty five (365) days prior to executing this contract. This provision does not apply to any person who is able to provide designated instruction and services during the extended school year because he or she is otherwise employed for up to ten months of the school year by LEA.

#### **20. NON-DISCRIMINATION**



CONTRACTOR shall not unlawfully discriminate on the basis of actual or perceived sex, sexual orientation, gender, ethnic group identification, race, ancestry, national origin, religion, color, or mental or physical disability or age, or on the basis of a person's association with a person or group with one or more of these actual or perceived characteristics, in employment or operation of its program.

## **EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM**

### **21. FREE AND APPROPRIATE PUBLIC EDUCATION**

LEA shall provide CONTRACTOR with a copy of 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) within the nonpublic school or nonpublic agency consistent with the student's IEP and as specified in the ISA. If CONTRACTOR is a 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 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). 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 as specified in the LEA Procedures.

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 nonpublic school and nonpublic agency 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 a nonpublic school, CONTRACTOR's general program of instruction shall: (a) 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 standards-based, core 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 a local education agency (LEA), that contracts with the nonpublic school: (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.

CONTRACTOR's general program of instruction shall be described in writing and a copy provided to LEA prior to the effective date of this Master Contract.

When CONTRACTOR serves students in grades nine through twelve 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 award a high school diploma to students who have not successfully completed all of the LEA's graduation requirements, including, but not limited to, passing the California High School Exit Exam (CAHSEE) if applicable or meeting CAHSEE exception/waiver requirements per state guidelines.

When CONTRACTOR is a nonpublic agency and/or related services provider, CONTRACTOR's general program of instruction and/or services shall be consistent with LEA and CDE guidelines and certification, and provided as specified in the student's IEP and ISA. The nonpublic agency providing Behavior Intervention services shall develop a written treatment plan that specifies the nature of their nonpublic agency 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. 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. 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.

When CONTRACTOR is a nonpublic agency, 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 a nonpublic school, 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 pre-kindergarten through 12, unless otherwise specified in the student's IEP and ISA, the number of instructional minutes, excluding breakfast, recess, lunch and pass time, shall be at least 314 instructional minutes for students in grades kindergarten through twelve inclusive.

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.

When CONTRACTOR is a nonpublic agency 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 a nonpublic school, CONTRACTOR shall ensure that class size shall not exceed a ratio of one teacher per fourteen (14) students. Upon written approval by an authorized LEA representative, class size may be temporarily increased by a ratio of 1 teacher to sixteen (16) students when necessary to provide services to students with disabilities. For any billing period where the class size has exceeded sixteen (16) pupils for five (5) consecutive school days, the CONTRACTOR shall have a

10% decrease in its approved daily rate for those LEA pupils that exceeded sixteen (16), for those days (over five).

In the event a nonpublic school is unable to fill a vacant teaching position responsible for direct instruction to students, and the vacancy has direct impact on the California Department of Education Certification of that school, the nonpublic school shall develop a plan to assure appropriate coverage of students by first utilizing existing certificated staff. The nonpublic school and the LEA may agree to one 30 school day period per contract year where class size may be increased to assure coverage by an appropriately credentialed teacher. Such an agreement shall be in writing and signed by both parties. This provision does not apply to a nonpublic agency.

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

The CONTRACTOR shall submit to LEA a school calendar with the total number of billable days not to exceed 180 regular school year (RSY) days, plus up to twenty (20) extended school year (ESY) days as determined by LEA's calendar. Billable days shall include only those days that are included in the submitted and approved school calendar, and shall not exceed number of days in LEA's approved calendar and/or required by the IEP for each student. In the event the LEA adjusts the number of school days for the regular school year and/or extended school year, the approved number of days shall become the total billable days for the nonpublic school or agency. In which case, an amended calendar shall be provided by CONTRACTOR for LEA approval.

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, may include Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, Cesar Chavez Day, President's Day, Memorial 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 a nonpublic agency, CONTRACTOR shall be provided with a LEA-developed/approved calendar. 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 student's IEP and ISA. Unless otherwise specified in the student's IEP and ISA, CONTRACTOR shall provide related services to students on only those days that the student's school of attendance is in session and the student attends school. CONTRACTOR shall bill only for services provided on billable days of attendance as indicated on the LEA calendar unless otherwise specified in the student's IEP and ISA. It is understood that services may not be provided on weekends, holidays and other times when school is not in session.

## 26. DATA REPORTING

CONTRACTOR shall agree to provide all data related to student information and billing information with LEA. CONTRACTOR shall agree to provide all data related to any and all sections of this contract and requested by and in the format required by the LEA. It is understood that all nonpublic school and agencies shall utilize the Special Education Information System (SEIS) or comparable system approved by the LEA and SELPA for all IEP development 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.

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.

**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 AND HIGH SCHOOL EXIT EXAMINATION**

Where CONTRACTOR is a NPS, CONTRACTOR is subject to the alternative accountability system developed pursuant to Education Code section 52052, in the same manner as public schools and each 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. Contractor shall report the test results to the CDE as required by Education Code section 56366(a)(8)(A).

Where CONTRACTOR is a NPS, CONTRACTOR shall administer all statewide achievement tests and the California High School Exit Examination as mandated by LEA pursuant to LEA, state and federal guidelines.

**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, 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**

CONTRACTOR shall comply with the requirements of Title 5 of the California Code of Regulations sections 3001(c)-(f) and 3052(l)(1-8) regarding positive behavior interventions including, but not limited to: the completion of functional analysis assessments; the development, implementation, monitoring, supervision, modification, and evaluation of behavior intervention plans; behavior support plans and emergency interventions. It is understood that the LEA may require additional requirements for staff qualifications beyond what is required in Title 5 Regulation, 3064 and 3065. Such requirements will be provided in writing to the behavior intervention agency prior to contracting. Failure to maintain adherence to staff qualification requirements may result in contract termination. 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 days of the start of providing behavior intervention services to a student. Behavior intervention agencies shall provide the LEA with all training protocols behavior for intervention staff employed by the NPA who do not possess a license, credential or recognized certification as part of their Master Contract application.

CONTRACTOR shall designate an individual employed, contracted, and/or otherwise hired by CONTRACTOR as a "behavior intervention case manager" as that term is defined in Title 5 of the

California Code of Regulations section 3001(e). CONTRACTOR shall maintain a written policy in compliance with Title 5 of the California Code of Regulations section 3052(i) and (k) regarding emergency interventions and Behavioral Emergency Reports. Evidence of such training shall be submitted to the LEA at the beginning of the school year and within 6 days of any new hire. CONTRACTOR shall ensure that all of its staff members are trained annually in crisis intervention and emergency procedures as related to appropriate behavior management strategies. Training includes certification with an approved SELPA crisis intervention program.

CONTRACTOR shall not authorize, order, consent to, or pay for any of the following prohibited interventions, or any other intervention similar to or like the following: (a) any intervention that is designed to, or likely to, cause physical pain; (b) releasing noxious, toxic, or otherwise unpleasant sprays, mists, or substances in proximity to the student's face; (c) any intervention which denies adequate sleep, food, water, shelter, bedding, physical comfort, or access to bathroom facilities; (d) any intervention which is designed to subject, used to subject, or likely to subject the student to verbal abuse, ridicule, or humiliation, or which can be expected to cause excessive emotional trauma; (e) restrictive interventions which 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 as a short term emergency intervention by CONTRACTOR's trained and qualified personnel as allowable by applicable law and regulations; (f) locked seclusion except as allowable by applicable law and regulations; (g) any intervention that precludes adequate supervision of individual; and (h) any intervention which deprives the student of one or more of his or her senses, pursuant to California Code of Regulations 3052(1-9).

### **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.

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 and a manifestation IEP team meeting shall be scheduled. 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 (10<sup>th</sup>) day of suspension. CONTRACTOR shall notify and invite LEA representatives to the IEP team meeting where the manifestation determination will be made.

### **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 nonpublic school; 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 an student is to be transferred from a 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 SELPA shall provide training for any NPS and NPA to assure access to THE APPROVED SYSTEM. The NPS and/or NPS shall maintain confidentiality of all IEP data on THE APPROVED SYSTEM and shall protect the password requirements of the system. When a student disenrolls from the NPS, the NPS/NPA shall discontinue use of THE APPROVED SYSTEM 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.

**33. SURROGATE PARENTS**

CONTRACTOR shall comply with LEA surrogate parent assignments.

**34. DUE PROCESS PROCEEDINGS**

CONTRACTOR shall fully participate in special education due process proceedings including mediations and hearings, as requested by LEA. 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.

**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.

**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 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 within 10 days of request. The CONTRACTOR shall provide 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/post tests, rubrics and other similar data collection used to determine progress or lack of progress on approved goals, objectives, transition plans or behavior support plans. The LEA may request such data at any time within five 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 one month 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. Supporting documentation such as test protocols and data collection shall be made available to LEA upon request.

The CONTRACTOR is responsible for all assessment costs regarding the updating of goals and objectives, progress reporting and development of present levels of performance. All other assessments shall be provided by the LEA unless the LEA specifies in writing a request for CONTRACTOR assessments including the approved timelines, conditions and costs. Such assessment 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 Nonpublic Agency 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. TRANSCRIPTS**

When CONTRACTOR is a nonpublic school, CONTRACTOR shall prepare transcripts at the close of each semester, or upon student transfer, for students in grades nine through twelve 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 after CONTRACTOR becomes aware of a student's change of residence, CONTRACTOR shall notify LEA 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 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 after the student's change of residence.

**39. WITHDRAWAL OF STUDENT FROM PROGRAM**

CONTRACTOR shall immediately report, by telephone, to the Nonpublic Services Department when a student is withdrawn from school and/or services. CONTRACTOR shall confirm such telephone call on LEA approved forms and submit within five (5) business days as specified in the Nonpublic Services Department Procedural Handbook. CONTRACTOR shall assist LEA to verify and clear potential dropouts three times per year, as required by the 2001 Elementary and Secondary Education Act (No Child Left Behind; NCLB), as documentation of graduation rate is one of the indicators of Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP).

**40. PARENT ACCESS**

CONTRACTOR shall provide for reasonable parental access to 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.

CONTRACTORS providing services in the student's home as specified in the IEP shall assure 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 situation. The adult caregiver cannot also be an employee or volunteer associated with the NPS/NPA service provider.

For services provided in a pupil's home as specified in the IEP, CONTRACTORS must assure that the parent or LEA approved responsible adult is present during the provision of services. All problems and/or concerns reported to parents, both verbal and written, shall also be provided to the LEA.

#### **41. SERVICES AND SUPERVISION AND PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT**

If CONTRACTOR provides services on LEA public school campuses, CONTRACTOR shall comply with Penal Code Section 627.1 *et. seq.*, and LEA procedures regarding visitors to school campuses specified by LEA policy and in the LEA Procedures, and the procedures of the campus being visited. CONTRACTOR shall be responsible for purchase and provision of the supplies and assessment tools necessary to implement the provision of services on LEA public school campuses.

For services provided on a public school campus, sign in/out procedures shall be followed along with all procedures for being on campus consistent with school and district policy. It is understood that the public school credentialed classroom teacher is responsible for the educational program.

It is understood, that all employees, subcontractors and volunteers of any certified nonpublic school or agency shall adhere to customary professional standards when providing services. All practices shall be within the scope of professional responsibility as defined in the professional code of conduct for each profession. Reports regarding student progress shall be consistent with the provision of the contract.

For services provided in a pupil's home as specified in the IEP, CONTRACTOR must assure that the parent or LEA approved responsible adult is present during the provision of services. All problems and/or concerns reported to parents, both verbal and written, shall also be provided to the LEA.

#### **42. LICENSED CHILDREN'S INSTITUTION CONTRACTORS**

If CONTRACTOR is a licensed children's institution (hereinafter referred to as "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, Health and Safety Code section 1501.1(b), AB 1858, AB490 (Chapter 862, Statutes of 2003) and the procedures set forth in the LEA Procedures. A LCI shall not require that a pupil be placed in its nonpublic school as a condition of being placed in its residential facility.

If CONTRACTOR is a nonpublic, nonsectarian school that is owned, operated by, or associated with a 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.



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

**43. STATE MEAL MANDATE**

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

**44. MONITORING**

CONTRACTOR shall allow access by LEA to its facilities for periodic monitoring of each student's instructional program and shall be invited to participate in the formal review of each student's progress. LEA shall have access to observe each student at work, observe the instructional setting, interview CONTRACTOR, 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.

If CONTRACTOR is also a LCI, LEA shall annually evaluate whether CONTRACTOR is in compliance with Education Code section 56366.9 and Health and Safety Code section 1501.1(b).

The State Superintendent of Public Instruction ("Superintendent") 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 the CDE On-site and Self Review and if applicable, District Validation Review. This review will address programmatic aspects of the Nonpublic School/Agency, compliance with relevant state and federal regulations and Master Contract compliance. CONTRACTOR shall complete and submit a Nonpublic School/Agency Self-Assessment Checklist submitted as specified by the LEA.

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 a nonpublic school, 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.

## **PERSONNEL**

**45. CLEARANCE REQUIREMENTS**

CONTRACTOR shall comply with the requirements of California Education Code section 44237, 35021.1 and 35021.2 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 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 subcontractors 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). Clearance certification shall be submitted to the LEA. In addition, CONTRACTOR shall make a request for subsequent arrest service from the CDOJ as required by California Penal Code section 11105.2.

#### **46. 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(y), 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 each special education teacher meets the Highly Qualified Teacher requirements and holds a full CTC credential authorizing instruction to students with the disabling conditions placed in the teacher's classroom through documentation provided to the CDE (5 CCR 3064 (a)).

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.

#### **47. VERIFICATION OF LICENSES, CREDENTIALS AND OTHER DOCUMENTS**

CONTRACTOR shall submit to LEA a staff list, and copies of all current licenses, credentials, permits and/or other documents which entitle the holder to provide special education and/or related services by individuals employed, contracted, and/or otherwise hired or sub-contracted by CONTRACTOR. CONTRACTOR shall ensure that all licenses, 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, permits and/or other documents for all individuals employed, contracted, and/or otherwise hired by CONTRACTOR. CONTRACTOR shall provide to LEA updated information regarding the status of licenses, credentials, permits and/or other documents *within 30 days of known changes.*

**48. STAFF ABSENCE**

When CONTRACTOR is a nonpublic school 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 LEA substitute teacher log. Substitute teachers shall remain with their assigned class during all instructional time. LEA shall not be responsible for payment for instruction and/or services when an appropriately credentialed substitute teacher is not provided.

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 a 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.

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

It is understood, that all employees, subcontractors, and volunteers of any certified nonpublic school or agency 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 nonpublic agency providers working in a public school classroom along with all other procedures for being on campus consistent with school and district policy. It is understood that the public school credentialed classroom teacher is responsible for the instructional program.

For services provided in a pupil's home as specified in the IEP, CONTRACTOR must assure that the parent or LEA approved responsible adult is present during the provision of services. All problems and/or concerns reported to parents, both verbal and written shall also be provided to the LEA.

## **HEALTH AND SAFETY MANDATES**

**50. 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.*, 49406, and Health and Safety Code Section 3454(a) 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.

**51. 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.

**52. 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 CONTRACTOR's employee who administered the medication. CONTRACTOR maintains full responsibility for assuring 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.

**53. INCIDENT/ACCIDENT REPORTING**

CONTRACTOR shall submit within 24 hours, electronically and by U.S. Mail, any accident or incident report to the LEA. CONTRACTOR shall properly submit required accident or incident reports pursuant to the procedures specified in LEA Procedures.

**54. 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 11164 *et seq.*, 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.

**55. 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.

**56. 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.

## **FINANCIAL**

### **57. ENROLLMENT, CONTRACTING, SERVICE TRACKING, ATTENDANCE REPORTING, AND BILLING PROCEDURES**

CONTRACTOR shall assure that the school or 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 including requirements of electronic billing as specified by the LEA Procedures. 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 and in addition, on a LEA form with signatures in the manner prescribed by LEA in the LEA Procedures. 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 31<sup>st</sup> 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.

#### **58. 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 was overpaid by LEA as determined by inspection, review, and/or audit of its program, work, and/or records; (c) CONTRACTOR has failed to provide supporting documentation with an invoice, as required by EC 56366(c)(2); (d) education and/or related services are provided to students by personnel who are not appropriately credentialed, licensed, or otherwise qualified; (e) LEA has not received prior to school closure or contract termination, all documents concerning one or more students enrolled in CONTRACTOR's educational program; (f) CONTRACTOR fails to confirm a student's change of residence to another district or confirms the change or residence to another district, but fails to notify LEA with five (5) days of such confirmation; or (g) 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 ARE not received by six 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 entire amount 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. 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.

After forty-five (45) business days: 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.

After sixty (60) business days: Disagreements between the LEA and CONTRACTOR concerning the Master Contract may be appealed to the County Superintendent of Schools or the State Superintendent of Public Instruction pursuant to the provisions of California Education Code Section 56366(c) (2).

#### 59. 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.

#### 60. 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 a nonpublic school, no later than the tenth (10<sup>th</sup>) 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 a nonpublic agency 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. 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 a nonpublic agency, it shall notify LEA of the absence of a student no later than the fifth (5<sup>th</sup>) consecutive service day of the student's absence, as specified in the LEA Procedures. LEA shall not be responsible for the payment of services when a student is absent.

#### 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 nonpublic school and/or agency 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 percentage of a 314-minute instructional day.

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.

The parties hereto have executed this Contract by and through their duly authorized agents or representatives. This contract is effective on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of July, 2012 and terminates at 5:00 P.M. on June 30, 2013, unless sooner terminated as provided herein.

CONTRACTOR

LEA

A Better Chance

Mt. Diablo Unified School District

Nonpublic School/Agency

By: Leslie Werosh 7/24/12  
Signature Date

By: Michele D. Brown ESD 7/18/2012  
Signature Date

Notices to CONTRACTOR shall be addressed to:

Leslie Werosh, Director of Special Education

Name

A Better Chance

Nonpublic School/Agency/Related Service Provider

4138 Lakeside Drive

Address

Richmond	CA	94806
City	State	Zip
510-262-1500	510-262-1540	
Phone	Fax	

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Email

**Notices to LEA shall be addressed to:**

Mildred D. Browne, Asst. Superintendent, Special Education & Pupil Services

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Name and Title

Mt. Diablo Unified School District

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LEA

1936 Carlotta Drive

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Address

Concord	CA	94519
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brownem@mdusd.org

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Email

**Additional LEA Notification  
(Required if completed)**

Bryan Cassin, Non-Public School Administrator

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Name and Title

1936 Carlotta Drive

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**EXHIBIT A: RATES**

**CONTRACTOR** A Better Chance School **CONTRACTOR NUMBER** 2012-2013  
**(NONPUBLIC SCHOOL OR AGENCY)** (CONTRACT YEAR)

Per CDE Certification, total enrollment may not exceed 40 If blank, the number shall be as determine by CDE Certification.

**Rate Schedule.** This rate schedule limits the number of LEA students that may be enrolled and the maximum dollar amount of the contract. It may also limit the maximum number of students that can be provided specific services. Special education and/or related services offered by CONTRACTOR, and the charges for such educational and/or related services during the term of this contract, shall be as follows:

Payment under this contract may not exceed \_\_\_\_\_  
 Total LEA enrollment may not exceed \_\_\_\_\_

	Rate	Period
A. <u>Basic Education Program/Special Education Instruction</u>	165.00	Per Diem
Basic Education Program/Dual Enrollment		

Per diem rates for LEA students whose IEPs authorize less than a full instructional day shall be adjusted proportionally.

**B. Related Services**

(1) a. Transportation – Round Trip	<u>Varies</u>	<u>per day</u>
b. Transportation – One Way		
c. Transportation – Dual Enrollment		
d. Public Transportation		
e. Parent*		
(2) a. Educational Counseling – Individual		
b. Educational Counseling – Group of		
c. Counseling – Parent		
(3) a. Adapted Physical Education – Individual		
b. Adapted Physical Education – Group of _____		
c. Adapted Physical Education – Group of _____		
(4) a. Language and Speech Therapy – Individual	<u>\$79.00</u>	<u>per hour</u>
b. Language and Speech Therapy – Group of 2	<u>\$79.00</u>	<u>per hour</u>
c. Language and Speech Therapy – Group of 3	<u>\$79.00</u>	<u>per hour</u>
d. Language and Speech Therapy – Per diem		
e. Language and Speech – Consultation Rate	<u>\$79.00</u>	<u>per hour</u>
(5) a. Additional Instructional Assistant – Individual (must be authorized on IEP)	<u>\$112.00</u>	<u>per day</u>
b. Additional Instructional Assistant – Group of 2		
c. Additional Instructional Assistant – Group of 3		
(6) Intensive Special Education Instruction**		
(7) a. Occupational Therapy – Individual	<u>\$76.00</u>	<u>per hour</u>
b. Occupational Therapy – Group of 2	<u>\$76.00</u>	<u>per hour</u>
c. Occupational Therapy – Group of 3	<u>\$76.00</u>	<u>per hour</u>
d. Occupational Therapy – Group of 4 - 7	<u>\$76.00</u>	<u>per hour</u>
e. Occupational Therapy – Consultation Rate	<u>\$76.00</u>	<u>per hour</u>
(9) Physical Therapy		
(10) a. Behavior Intervention – BII	<u>included</u>	
b. Behavior Intervention – BID	<u>included</u>	
Provided by: <u>Michael pereira, MEd</u>		
(11) Nursing Services		

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

\*\* By Credentialed Special Education Teacher.

