

**UNION COUNTY EDUCATIONAL SERVICES COMMISSION**

**2023-2024**

**SPECIAL EDUCATION TUITION CONTRACT AGREEMENT**

**THIS AGREEMENT** entered into this 1st day of July, 2023, between the Union County Educational Services Commission and the Union Board of Education, County of Union, State of New Jersey.

**WHEREAS**, the Union Board of Education lacks the necessary facilities for the provision of a suitable program for the 2023-2024 school year for certain classified students as provided for in the New Jersey Administrative Code Title 6 and Title 18A of the New Jersey Statutes, and;

**WHEREAS**, the Union County Educational Services Commission has established suitable classes which provide an educational program for students classified as such and has maintained the necessary facilities to engage in such an educational program,

**NOW THEREFORE**, in consideration of the promises and of the mutual promises and covenants herein contained, it is agreed by the parties hereto that:

1. The Union County Educational Services Commission shall provide a suitable educational program in accordance with procedure and regulations established by the New Jersey Commissioner of Education and the New Jersey State Board of Education, for those classified students who shall be referred to them by the Union Board of Education;

2. The Union Board of Education, as consideration for such an educational program shall pay tuition fees of:

**2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR**

**EXTENDED SCHOOL YEAR RATES — July 5, 2023-August 11, 2023**

**TUITION**

**(30 Days)**

<b>ESY RATES FOR 2022 (July 5 – August 11)</b>	
WESTLAKE SCHOOL - MULTIPLY DISABLED PROGRAM	\$ 6,763
WESTLAKE SCHOOL- AUTISTIC PROGRAM	\$ 9,343
CROSSROADS SCHOOL	\$ 9,343
LAMBERTS MILL ACADEMY	\$ 10,077
NEW POINT SPECIALTY RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT FACILITY/NEW DAY PROGRAM	\$ 10,077
PERSONAL AIDE FOR WESTLAKE SCHOOL, CROSSROADS, LAMBERTS MILL ACADEMY , OR TRANSITION SERVICES	\$ 4,578
WORK READINESS TRAINING PROGRAM	
Half-day program	\$ 5,382
Full-day program	\$ 10,077
ADDITIONAL INDIVIDUAL THERAPY SERVICES OVER AND ABOVE SERVICES INCLUDED IN TUITION WILL BE BILLED AT THE RELATED SERVICES PER SESSION RATE (see page 5)	

**REGULAR SCHOOL YEAR RATES –SEPTEMBER 8, 2023-JUNE 20, 2024 (180 DAYS)**

<b><u>WESTLAKE SCHOOL</u></b>	
<b><u>MULTIPLY DISABLED PROGRAM</u></b>	
<u>Elementary/ Middle</u> Tuition rate inclusive of speech and occupational therapy as reflected in student’s IEP.	\$57,341
<u>High School Programs</u> Tuition rate inclusive of speech and occupational therapy as reflected in student’s IEP. Also included is structured Learning Experience-Work Readiness Programs in the community.	\$57,763
<b><u>AUTISTIC PROGRAM</u></b>	
<u>Elementary/ Middle</u> Tuition rate inclusive of speech and occupational therapy as reflected in student’s IEP. Also included is structured Learning Experience-Work Readiness Programs in the community.	\$80,246
<u>High School Programs</u> Tuition rate inclusive of speech and occupational therapy as reflected in student’s IEP. Also included is rigorous community based Work Readiness Programs.	\$80,839
<u>HALF-DAY SHARED PROGRAM – Ages 16-21</u> Focus on Vocational and Life Skills development	\$37,506
<u>HALF-DAY SHARED PERSONAL AIDE</u>	\$33,111

<p><b><u>CROSSROADS SCHOOL</u></b>  <u>AUTISTIC PROGRAM – (Pre School/Elementary/Middle School Programs)</u>  Tuition rates inclusive of speech and occupational therapy as reflected in student’s IEP.</p>	<p>\$80,246</p>
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<p><b><u>LAMBERTS MILL ACADEMY</u></b>  <u>BEHAVIORAL DISABILITIES PROGRAM – (Middle School/High School Programs)</u>  Collaborative partnership with Trinitas Hospital Student Behavioral Health providing psycho-therapeutic services in an educational setting  Tuition rates inclusive of:  One individual counselling session per week  Five group counseling sessions per week: On call counseling daily  Psychiatric Intervention Services –Available for psychiatric evaluations, consultations, and medication management  Speech Therapy</p>	<p>\$60,905</p>
<p><u>POST SECONDARY PROGRAM FOR 5<sup>TH</sup> YEAR STUDENTS</u>  Emphasis on work readiness and college preparatory skills integrated in a therapeutic education environment</p>	<p>\$60,905</p>
<p>HALF DAY SHARED PROGRAM</p>	<p>\$30,452</p>
<p><b><u>NEW POINT SPECIALTY PROGRAM/NEW DAY PROGRAM</u></b> (ages 13-21)   <u>BEHAVIORAL DISABILITIES PROGRAM</u>  Collaborative partnership with Trinitas Hospital Behavioral Health providing an educational program in an intensive behavioral therapeutic setting. Services provided as full day classroom model on unit or at Lamberts Mill Academy for qualified students.</p>	<p>\$60,905</p>

**Transition Services Department**

**WORK READINESS ACADEMY**

Comprehensive Transition Program for students with disabilities ages 17-21 focused on developing work readiness skills. Students attend Structured Learning Experiences (SLEs) in the community three days per week and receive classroom-based skill instruction one day per week at our center in Westfield, NJ. Students also develop person-centered post-secondary plans and independent living skills. The program takes weekly trips into the community including visits to a local fitness center to exercise.

Full-Time  
\$63,048

Shared Time  
Tuition  
prorated  
based on  
participation

**Project SEARCH at Overlook Medical Center**

A one-year, immersion-based internship program that takes place entirely inside a major hospital in Union County. Students rotate through three different internship experiences on-site at the hospital where they learn and practice transferrable job skills. This application-based training program is designed for students with developmental disabilities including Autism. Students must agree that their participation in the program would mean it will be their final year of the high school entitlement and be willing to accept a diploma at the completion of the program. Accepted students receive intensive training on the use of public transportation to get to and from the hospital.

\$49,169

**Contracted SLE Programs**

UCESC's Transition Services department partners with local school districts to provide contracted Structured Learning Experience (SLE) programs. These services include: establishing relationships with local businesses, developing internship experiences, securing the appropriate paperwork and liability insurance for the program, transporting students to and from the SLE sites, providing a trained support professional on-site with each student, and providing ongoing SLE supervision by a trained and certified Special Education teacher.

Rates vary  
based on a  
district's  
needs.  
Individual  
contracts are  
developed  
after  
consultation  
with the  
district.

**PERSONAL AIDE**

FOR WESTLAKE SCHOOL, CROSSROADS SCHOOL, LAMBERTS MILL ACADEMY , OR  
TRANSITION SERVICES

\$51,500

<b>RELATED SERVICES for WESTLAKE SCHOOL, CROSSROADS, LAMBERTS MILL</b>		
<b>ACADEMY AND WORK READINESS PROGRAM</b> (30 minute sessions)		
Physical Therapy (OT & Speech Therapy included in Tuition)		\$82/session
<b>NONPUBLIC SERVICES</b>		
Chapters 192/193, Title 1, Nursing, Technology		All services funded from State/Federal entitlement
Textbooks		10% Administration Charge (not funded from entitlement)
Security Aid		12% Administration Charge (not funded from entitlement)
NonPublic IDEA Services:	NP Teacher Speech/Language Therapist OT/PT Therapy Services Paraprofessional Service Charge for Ordering Products	\$124/hr. \$124/hr. \$104/30 min session \$42/hr. 5%
EANS Program:	Processing Fee Teacher Rate Paraprofessional Rate Counseling Services	5% 5% \$61/hr. \$26/hr. \$87/hr.
<b>CHILD STUDY TEAM SERVICES (PUBLIC SCHOOL SERVICES)</b>		\$437/evaluation
Educational Psychology, Educational, Social, and Speech Therapy Evaluations		
Required CST Meeting		\$104/hour
Administrative support including due process hearings, travel, record reviews and additional meetings		\$131/hour
½ Day and Full Day Services available		Call for rates
Oral Language/Additional Educational Evaluation		\$79/evaluation
Other additional sub-tests to WJ or Wechsler batteries		\$79/addt'l sub-test
Addt'l Supplemental Educational/Cognitive Evals plus written reports		\$437/evaluation
Spanish Bilingual Educational or Psychological Evaluation with report (Standard WJ ACH or Wechsler battery)		\$572/evaluation
Speech/Language Evals (including 2 appropriate language assessments and written reports)		\$437/evaluation
Articulation only Speech Evaluations with written report		\$131/evaluations

<u>TRANSPORTATION</u> Special Education, Public, Non-Public, and Vocational School transportation for participating districts	4% surcharge: Contract and Aide
<u>HOSPITAL SERVICES</u> TRINITAS HOSPITAL Behavioral Unit - Bedside Instruction  New Point Specialty Residential Education Program/New Day Program – services provided as full day classroom model on unit or at Lamberts Mill Academy for qualified students.  CHILDREN’S SPECIALIZED HOSPITAL – Home Instruction Model General Education Students (5 hours) Special Education Classified Students (10 hours)	\$72/hour  \$60,905/pupil  \$404 per week \$801 per week
ENVIRONMENTAL SAFETY PROGRAMS Available Programs: Right To Know Training, Bloodborne Pathogens, Public Employees Occupational Safety and Health (PEOSHA)	15% Administrative Charge
MEMEBERSHIP FEES	\$.25/resident pupil

for the 2023-2024 school year. The school year will be that established by the Union County Educational Services Commission. This fee shall be payable monthly commencing on the 30th day of each month for which services have already been rendered for said month or any part thereof. Annual tuition shall be prorated commencing with the calendar month of enrolment. Tuition will be calculated on enrolment.

3. If any student is in attendance in an educational program of the Union County Educational Services Commission for any portion of a month, or though not in attendance, is enrolled and thirty (30) days notice, in writing, of withdrawal has not been given the Superintendent of Union County Educational Services Commission, the Union Board of Education shall be liable for a full month's tuition as aforesaid. Withdrawal of a child during the month without said thirty (30) days notice shall immediately terminate this contract as to said student with tuition payable through the month, or two weeks following the date of withdrawal, whichever is greater.

4. This agreement may be terminated by either party in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A 14-7.7.

5. Transportation: The students shall arrive at and depart from the premises of the Commission at such time the Commission establishes. The Commission shall have no responsibility to transport any students to and/or from the premises of the Commission. The cost of transportation shall be the sole responsibility of the Board. If the Board wishes to do so, it may contract with the Commission to provide transportation services.

6. Progress Reports shall be provided semi-annually.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, the said parties have caused these presents to be signed by their proper corporate officers and caused their proper corporate seal to be hereto affixed, the day and year first mentioned above.

**Union Board of Education**

**Attest:**

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**Secretary**

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**Date**

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**President**

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**Date**

**UNION COUNTY EDUCATIONAL SERVICES COMMISSION**

**Attest:**

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**Secretary**

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**Date**

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**President**

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**Date**