

MEMORANDUM of UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN  
SANTA ANA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT  
AND  
NEWPORT MESA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

WHEREAS, Education Code sections 56195 et seq. authorize school districts to provide special education services to students in other districts by organizing Special Education Local Plan Areas (SELPA) and by developing local plans;

WHEREAS, these statutory provisions authorize school districts to provide for a governing structure and any necessary administrative support to implement the local plans, including a system for determining the responsibility of participating agencies for the education of each special education student;

WHEREAS, Education Code section 56195.5 authorizes districts and SELPAs to enter into contracts between school districts to provide for the education of special education students who may reside in other districts;

NOW, THEREFORE, it is hereby agreed by and between the Santa Ana Unified School District (hereinafter referred to as the "Provider District") and the Newport Mesa Unified School District (hereinafter referred to as the "Sending District") as follows:

1. Basis of Agreement

Pursuant to the authority established in Education Code sections 56195, 56195.1, 56195.3 and 56195.5, the Provider District may provide for the education of individual pupils in special education programs who reside in other districts or counties. Education Code section 46600 shall apply to interdistrict attendance agreements for programs conducted pursuant to this part.

2. Term of Agreement

This Agreement is effective for the period beginning July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019.

3. Acknowledgment

It is acknowledged that, in accordance with Part 30 of the Education Code, Chapter 7.2, the California State funding formula for special education programs, services and administration generates an entitlement based on the average daily attendance of pupils in the local education agencies that comprise a SELPA.

4. Scope

The Provider shall conduct special education program and services for those eligible pupils of the Sending District referred by their Individual Education Program (IEP) Teams when it is jointly determined by the Sending District and the Provider District that the pupils' educational needs as specified in the IEP can be appropriately met by the programs operated by the Provider District. The Provider District shall maintain and provide special education programs for Sending District pupils during the 2018-19 school year within the administrative parameters established by the Provider District's SELPA. Class size ranges and student-adult ratios shall be maintained in a manner which allows the Provider District to meet the programmatic, health and safety needs of the pupils.

5. Annual and Triennial Reviews

The Sending District shall be notified of annual reviews and may provide a representative who will participate in the development of the IEP. For initial placement, triennial review, or a change in services specified on the current IEP, a Sending District representative who is authorized to approve or disapprove the allocation of specified Sending District resources necessary for the implementation of the IEP shall attend the IEP Meeting.

6. Pupil Count

A count shall be taken of the number of pupils enrolled in the programs as of the first day of each calendar month, July 1, 2018 through June 1, 2019. A pupil shall be counted as "enrolled" on the first day of attendance in the program or fourteen (14) days after the IEP Team has met and an approved IEP has been executed for the educational placement in the SAUSD Program for Deaf and Hard of Hearing Students, whichever occurs sooner. Pupils continuing in the programs from the previous school year shall be counted as "enrolled" on the first school day in September unless written notification of withdrawal is received from either the parent or Sending District. If a continuing pupil has not attended school by the eleventh day of the first school month, the Provider District shall notify the Sending District and a determination shall be made regarding continuing enrollment.

7. Definitions

a. "District Provided Programs" are the special education classes and support services operated by Provider District on behalf of SELPAs and districts in Orange County for special education students residing in their SELPA and district.

b. "Special Education Program Income" shall be defined as the sum of all State and Federal funds generated by or on behalf of pupils transferred to programs operated by the Provider District under this Agreement.

c. "Special Education Program Expenditures" shall include Direct Costs multiplied by an allocation factor of 1.5 cost which includes Support Costs and Indirect Cost.

d. "Average Cost Per Pupil" shall refer to the Special Education Program Expenditures attributable to the program divided by the average number of pupils enrolled during the year.

e. "Average Number of Pupils" shall refer to the total of the number of pupils counted on the first school day of each calendar month divided by the number of calendar months in the period specified.

## 8. Funding

In consideration of the enrollment of pupils in special education programs conducted by the Provider District, the SELPA and/or the Sending District transferring pupils to the programs operated by the Provider District agree to pay the Provider District the per pupil and shall provide for program funding as follows:

a. The Sending District shall be responsible for the Average Cost per Pupil in Provider District Program Schools multiplied by the average number of pupils enrolled by the Sending District, minus Special Education Program income received by the Provider District for the purpose of educating said pupils including, but not limited to Revenue Limit and Federal I.D.E.A Local Assistance Grant Funds.

b. Special Circumstances Paraeducators- The Sending District shall be responsible for the full cost of additional personnel as specified required for the benefit of and in the IEP for pupils who are residents of the Sending District.

c. The following documents shall be used as a basis for all figures reported:

Monthly Pupil Count  
ADA Calculation  
Program Cost Report  
Program Summary Report  
In-House Accounting Reports

d. Income and expenditures shall be listed in accordance with the California School Accounting Manual Standardized Account Code Structure for Special Education as of April 9, 2018.

## 9. Transportation

The Sending District transporting pupils to the Provider District shall ensure that buses arrive at the school site with sufficient time to unload students prior to the beginning of the instructional day and to load them at the end of the instructional day. Delays requiring either overtime supervision or causing portions of the instructional program to be missed and subsequently made up may result in charges to the Sending District for additional costs incurred by the Provider District.

10. Final Accounting

A final accounting accompanied by completed forms and invoices with appropriate supporting documentation will be sent by the Provider District to Sending District by October 15 of the following year. Corrections to prior year Special Education Program costs resulting from adjustments to income or expenditure calculations shall be credited or billed to the Sending District affected by the correction or adjustments.

11. Projected Enrollment

In order to assist the Provider District in planning for both housing and staffing needs for the programs, Sending District shall submit to the Provider District, in writing, on or before February 15 of each year, the projected number of pupils expected to be transferred to the programs for special education and support services in the following school year. Absent a projection, the number of Sending District pupils reported in the current year December 1 Federal Pupil Count shall be used for staffing and budget planning for the following school year.

12. Program Cost

On or before fifteen days after the release of the May revise each year, the Provider District shall compute the projected Special Education Program Income and Special Education Program Expenditures for the following year with an Average Cost per Pupil for pupils enrolled in SAUSD Program for Deaf and Hard of Hearing Students based on the Projected Enrollment data, and provide it to Sending District's Special Education Department and Business Services Department.

13. No Waiver

The failure of the Provider District in any one or more instances to insist upon strict performance of any of the terms of this Agreement or to exercise any option herein conferred shall not be construed as a waiver or relinquishment to any extent of the right to assert or rely upon such terms or option on any future occasion.

14. Hold Harmless

To the extent permitted by law, and except for the acts or omissions of employees, agents and officers of the Sending District, the Provider District hereby agrees to hold harmless, indemnify and defend the Sending District and its officers, agents and employees from all claims, demands, liabilities, losses, damages, or expenses of any nature whatsoever arising from or connected with the Provider District's performance of services during the term of this Agreement.

To the extent permitted by law, and except for the acts or omissions of employees, agents and officers of Provider District, the Sending District hereby agrees to hold harmless, indemnify and defend Provider District and its governing board and their officers, agents and employees from all claims, demands, liabilities, losses, damages, or expenses of any nature whatsoever arising directly or indirectly from or connected with the performance of services other than for operations of Provider District during the term of this Agreement.

15. Complete Agreement

This Agreement is the complete Agreement of the parties. Any amendments hereto shall be in writing and shall be dated and executed by both parties.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this Agreement to be executed.

APPROVED BY:

Santa Ana Unified School District  
PROVIDER DISTRICT

Newport Mesa Unified School District  
SENDING DISTRICT

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Authorized Agent Signature)

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Authorized Agent Signature)

Manoj Roychowdhury  
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