

**MEMO- Vision Services for 2023/24 School Year**

**Date:** July 2023

**From:** Scott Howell, Superintendent and Keith Thomas, Treasurer

**RE: BILLING POLICY FOR THE 2023/24 SCHOOL YEAR**

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**SUPERINTENDENT**

The following is a brief explanation of the policy we use to determine billing for services received by students with visual impairments as provided by the Midwest Regional Educational Service Center of Bellefontaine, Ohio. Since the elimination of state funded Special Education Units, assessments which were based on excess costs (approximately 37% of total cost) incurred by the program are now based on the total cost, yet charges are still intended to minimize, to the extent possible, the cost of service.

Billing does not reflect an hourly rate but rather is an attempt to recover program costs in an equitable and acceptable manner. The services, which are covered by a bill, may include any combination of the following; student evaluations, student observations, direct student instruction, staff consultations, parent / family consultations, and participation in meetings. Billing also takes into consideration mileage, secretarial and material costs, teacher prep time, travel time and an average minimum number of visits to your school.

At times, modifications to the number of visits per month must be made to accommodate student schedules, classroom schedules and / or the schedule of the COMS/TVI. If this does occur, it will not affect the level of service, but will most likely change the length and organization of visits.

The mission of the MRESC VI Program is to give students with visual impairments the necessary skills to be independent, working adults giving back to their communities.

***Please see reverse side to see the rates for each level of service. Our rates have remained the same since the 2015/16 school year. This year (FY24), our rates are being increased by 3%.***

**TEACHER for the VISUALLY IMPAIRED DIRECT SERVICES (TVI)**

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| <b>\$1,628 Level 1</b>  | <b>(4 Times/year minimum 30 minutes per visit or equivalent amount of time per year with student and/or staff)</b>  |
| <b>\$2,437 Level 2</b>  | <b>(6 TIMES/YEAR minimum 30 minutes per visit or equivalent amount of time per year with student and/or staff)</b>  |
| <b>\$3,225 Level 3</b>  | <b>(8 TIMES/YEAR minimum 30 minutes per visit or equivalent amount of time per year with student and/or staff)</b>  |
| <b>\$6,430 Level 4</b>  | <b>(15 TIMES/YEAR minimum 30 minutes per visit or equivalent amount of time per year with student and/or staff)</b> |
| <b>\$8,038 Level 5</b>  | <b>(1 time / week or equivalent number of visits totaling a minimum of 36 hours/year)</b>                           |
| <b>\$10,806 Level 6</b> | <b>(1 time / week or equivalent number of visits totaling a minimum of 72 hours /year)</b>                          |
| <b>\$20,303 Level 7</b> | <b>(2 time / week or equivalent number of visits totaling a minimum of 144 hours / year)</b>                        |

**ORIENTATION AND MOBILITY SERVICES (O&M)**

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| <b>\$693 Level 1a</b>   | <b>Services (consultation and limited direct instruction) minimum of 2 hours or approximately 1 visit per semester</b>                |
| <b>\$1,387 Level 1b</b> | <b>Services (consultation and limited direct instruction) minimum of 4 hours or approximately 1 visit per quarter</b>                 |
| <b>\$2,437 Level 1</b>  | <b>Services (consultation and limited direct instruction) minimum of 7 hours or approximately 1 visit per month/ academic year</b>    |
| <b>\$3,225 Level 2</b>  | <b>Services (consultation and direct instruction) minimum of 14 hours or approximately 2 visit per month/ academic year</b>           |
| <b>\$6,430 Level 3</b>  | <b>Services (consultation and extensive direct instruction) minimum of 21 hours or approximately 3 visit per month/ academic year</b> |

**EVALUATIONS**

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| <b>\$ 300</b> | <b>Upon qualification for services, the \$300 fee for evaluations will be waived.</b> |
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**MILEAGE EXPENSES**

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| <b>\$ 450</b> | <b>per student / per academic year for mileage expenses</b> |
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**FISCAL YEAR 2024 AGREEMENT  
FOR  
VISION IMPAIRED SERVICES  
AND/OR ORIENTATION AND MOBILITY**

In accordance with ORC Section 3313.845 and 3313.841, this agreement is between the Midwest Regional Educational Service Center, acting as fiscal agent, and Elida Local Schools District, for Vision Impaired, Orientation and Mobility Services.

The Midwest Regional Educational Service Center agrees to act as funding, employing, and supervising agent during the 2023/24 school year to the Elida Local Schools for the above mentioned services.

The specific conditions of this agreement are:

1. The Elida Local Schools Board of Education agrees to pay **\$1628.00** for the 2023/24 school year to the Midwest Regional Educational Service Center for **TVI 1** (see included sheet for explanation of services) plus **\$450.00** for mileage. (Pro-rated for partial year services)
2. The student receiving the services of the Vision Impaired Program offered by the Midwest Regional Educational Service Center is:
3. Should the student leave the district or services otherwise be discontinued, costs will be prorated accordingly.
4. This signed agreement shall be effective for the 2023/24 school year. Notice not to continue the agreement the following school year must be given in written form to the Midwest Regional Educational Service Center by February 1, 2024.

Substitutes: There are no substitutes for vision teachers.

Work schedule: Midwest Regional Educational Service Center shall determine the work schedule for Vision Services.

Supervision – Evaluation: The Midwest Regional Educational Service Center superintendent shall be responsible for the supervision and evaluation of the Vision Services.

This agreement may be terminated by either party only with cause prior to the start of 2023/24 school year through advance written notice of termination. All applicable federal and state laws, regulations, and/or rules shall govern the implementation of the services provided pursuant to this Agreement. The ESC will ensure that all individuals providing services under this agreement obtain and maintain all necessary licensure and/or certification and that all applicable criminal records/background check laws and any hiring restriction imposed by those laws, including but not limited to those set forth in ORC Section 3319, are adhered to and satisfied.

With regard to any therapy services provided by the ESC pursuant to this agreement, the ESC will comply with the requirements of 45 CFR 164.504(e)(1) for safeguarding and limiting access to information concerning beneficiaries; will allow representatives of the U.S. Department of Human Services, ODM, ODE, or their respective designee access to the subcontractor's books, documents, and records; and acknowledges that they or their principles are not suspended or debarred.

Entered into this 6<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2023.

  
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1. The Elida Local Schools Board of Education agrees to pay **\$3225.00** for the 2023/24 school year to the Midwest Regional Educational Service Center for **TVI 3** (see included sheet for explanation of services) plus **\$450.00** for mileage. (Pro-rated for partial year services)
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1. The Elida Local Schools Board of Education agrees to pay **\$8038.00** for the 2023/24 school year to the Midwest Regional Educational Service Center for **TVI 5** (see included sheet for explanation of services) plus **\$450.00** for mileage. (Pro-rated for partial year services)
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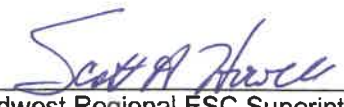
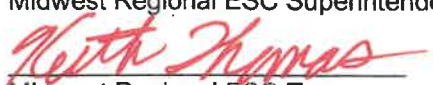
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