



Approve 2026-27 Special Education Contracts

September 17, 2026
Agenda Item No. 11.7

Presented by:

Erin Findley, Chief Academic Officer

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Board Action Requested

Approve September 17, 2026 Special Education Contracts, authorizing the District to enter into necessary agreements to ensure mandated services are provided to students.

Tonight's Focus Areas

Goal #1: Least Restrictive Environment	Goal #4: Academic Achievement
Goal #2: Fiscal Oversight	Goal #5: Behavior Support
Goal #3: IEP Compliance	Goal #6: Family Engagement & Satisfaction

Goal #2: Fiscal Oversight - *Operational Alignment*

- **Reallocated Operations & Negotiations:** Facilities Support Services are managing contract negotiations and tracking.
- **Vendor & Invoice Streamlining:** Partnering with Business Services to resolve payment delays, optimize invoice routing, and rebuild bargaining power.
- **Refocused SPED Leadership:** Frees Special Education experts to center on direct service delivery, IEP fidelity, staff recruitment, and building in-district programs to bring students back to general education classrooms.

September 17, 2026 SPED Contracts for Approval

September 17, 2026 Special Education Contracts >\$15,000									
Fund	Resource Type	Requisition	Vendor Name	Services Description	Amount	26/27 Rates	25/26 Rates	Status	Board Action
01 - General Fund	Restricted	S27-00008	Jabbergym LLC	Speech language pathologists, speech language pathology assistants, augmentative, alternative communication, occupational therapy, occupational therapy assistants	\$6,352,675	7.0 SLPA FTE @ \$570 daily (6 hours) to support SLP overages 20.0 SLP FTE @ \$968 (8 hours) daily in-person for 1,320 students 10.0 SLP FTE @ \$896 (8 hours) daily virtual for 660 students 3.0 Ed Tech IA FTE @ \$372 daily to support virtual SLPs 3.0 AAC FTE @ \$1031 daily for 525 students 5.0 OT FTE @ \$986 daily 1.5 OT Assistant FTE @ \$780 daily	SLPA \$580.5 daily SLP \$940 daily Ed Tech Inst Aides \$375 daily AAC \$980 daily OTs \$958 daily OT Assistants \$780 daily	Rates reflect negotiated cost reduction for SLPAs, Virtual SLPs, EdTech IAs	8.20.26 approved for one month
01 - General Fund	Restricted	SA27-00153	SPG Therapy & Education	Psychoeducational and Speech Independent Educational Evaluations	\$10,000	\$197 hourly for assessments	\$197 hourly for assessments	Rate reflects cost containment	8.20.26 approved for one month
01 - General Fund	Restricted	S27-00020	Opportunity Acres dba Independent Trails	Specialized Academic Instruction, Behavior Intervention Services, Intensive Individual Services (1:1), Counseling/Counseling and Guidance; Speech and Language and Occupational Therapy.	\$178,400	\$255 daily + \$70/transportation daily, \$279/1:1 aide daily, \$191/speech hourly, \$191 OT hourly for 2 students	\$255 daily + \$70/transportation daily, \$279/1:1 aide daily, \$191/speech hourly, \$191 OT hourly	Rate reflects cost containment	8.20.26 approved for one month
01 - General Fund	Restricted	R27-01134	Read Academy of SAC	Settlement agreement for tuition as requested by the Special Education Dept	\$75,000.00	N/A	N/A	Requisition associated with Settlement Agreement already approved by the Board	New Contract
01 - General Fund	Restricted	S27-00009	Speech Pathology Group	Speech Language Pathology Assistants and Physical Therapists	\$1,394,373	SLPAs: \$683 Physical Therapists: \$832	SLPAs: \$667 Physical Therapists: \$890	Outreach to vendor to negotiate lower rate	8.20.26 approved for one month
01 - General Fund	Restricted	S27-00017	Capitol Academy	Specialized Academic Instruction, Behavior Intervention Services, Intensive Individual Services (1:1), Counseling/Counseling and Guidance; Speech and Language and Occupational Therapy.	\$1,306,042	\$363 daily + \$141/speech hourly, \$42/1:1 aide hourly, \$115/counseling hourly, \$140 OT hourly for 20 students	\$337 daily + \$141/speech hourly, \$40/1:1 aide hourly, \$115/counseling hourly, \$140 OT hourly	Outreach to vendor to negotiate lower rates	8.20.26 approved for one month
01 - General Fund	Restricted	S27-00018	Capitol Elementary	Specialized Academic Instruction, Behavior Intervention Services, Intensive Individual Services (1:1), Counseling/Counseling and Guidance; Speech and Language and Occupational Therapy.	\$3,282,532	\$363 daily + \$141/speech hourly, \$40/1:1 aide hourly, \$114/counseling hourly, \$140/OT hourly for 28 students	\$339 daily + \$141/speech hourly, \$40/1:1 aide hourly, \$114/counseling hourly, \$140/OT hourly	Outreach to vendor to negotiate lower rates	8.20.26 approved for one month
01 - General Fund	Restricted	S27-00019	CCHAT Center	Specialized Academic Instruction, Deaf Hard of Hearing Services	\$45,000	\$229 daily + \$35/1:1 aid hourly for 1 student	\$223 daily + \$35/1:1 aide hourly	Outreach to vendor to negotiate lower rates	8.20.26 approved for one month

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01 - General Fund	Restricted	S27-00022	Mt. Valley Child & Family Services	Residential Treatment, Specialized Academic Instruction, Educationally Related Mental Health Services (ERMHS); Counseling and Guidance,	\$206,800	\$226/daily -- education \$842/daily -- residential for 1 student	\$220/daily -- education \$813/daily -- residential	Outreach to vendor to negotiate lower rates	8.20.26 approved for one month
01 - General Fund	Restricted	S27-00023	Northern California Preparatory School	Specialized Academic Instruction, Behavior Intervention Services, Intensive Individual Services (1:1), Counseling/Counseling and Guidance; Speech and Language and Occupational Therapy.	\$1,413,760	\$382 daily + \$140/speech hourly, \$38/1:1 aide hourly for 15 students	\$330 daily + \$136/speech hourly, \$36/1:1 aide hourly	Outreach to vendor to negotiate lower rates	8.20.26 approved for one month
01 - General Fund	Restricted	S27-00024	Odyssey Learning Center	Specialized Academic Instruction, Behavior Intervention Services, Intensive Individual Services (1:1), Counseling/Counseling and Guidance; Speech and Language and Occupational Therapy.	\$1,005,000	\$295 daily + \$100/transportation daily, \$160/speech hourly, \$40/1:1 aide hourly, \$128/counseling hourly, \$160 OT hourly for 16 students	\$285 daily + \$100/transportation daily, \$155/speech hourly, \$40/1:1 aide hourly, \$128/counseling hourly, \$155 OT hourly	Outreach to vendor to negotiate lower rates	8.20.26 approved for one month
01 - General Fund	Restricted	S27-00026	Point Quest Education EDH Depot Park	Specialized Academic Instruction, Behavior Intervention Services, Intensive Individual Services (1:1), Counseling/Counseling and Guidance; Speech and Language and Occupational Therapy.	\$1,607,500	\$280 daily + \$110/transportation daily, \$140/speech hourly, \$48/1:1 aide hourly, \$140 OT hourly for 25 students	\$280 daily + \$92/transportation daily, \$128/speech hourly, \$46/1:1 aide hourly, \$128 OT hourly	Outreach to vendor to negotiate lower rates	8.20.26 approved for one month
01 - General Fund	Restricted	S27-00025	Point Quest Education SAC-EDH	Specialized Academic Instruction, Behavior Intervention Services, Intensive Individual Services (1:1), Counseling/Counseling and Guidance; Speech and Language and Occupational Therapy.	\$1,703,360	\$280 daily + \$110/transportation daily, \$140/speech hourly, \$48/1:1 aide hourly, \$140 OT hourly for 31 students	\$280 daily + \$92/transportation daily, \$128/speech hourly, \$46/1:1 aide hourly, \$128 OT hourly	Outreach to vendor to negotiate lower rates	8.20.26 approved for one month
01 - General Fund	Restricted	S27-00030	SEC Private Schools dba Specialized Education Center	Specialized Academic Instruction, Behavior Intervention Services, Intensive Individual Services (1:1), Counseling/Counseling and Guidance; Speech and Language and Occupational Therapy	\$79,000	\$438 bundled daily rate for 1 student	Not yet available	Outreach to vendor to secure 25/26 rate sheet and negotiate lower rate	8.20.26 approved for one month

Summary and Impact



Why This Matters

The District is required to provide services and placements under California law and the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA).

Impact for SCUSD Students

Special Education contracts ensure the provision of mandated services and placements for students with special needs when the District is experiencing staffing vacancies or does not have adequate programming to meet the needs of students with Individualized Education Plans.

Next Steps

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Board Discussion & Action

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