



School-Based Therapy Services

Board Presentation

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Therapy Personnel 2025-2026

Personnel Type	Number
Occupational Therapists	105
Occupational Therapy Assistants	26
Physical Therapists	27
Physical Therapist Assistants	6
Music Therapists	10
Total	174

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Services Provided

Services to Children, Teachers and Families

- Occupational Therapy
- Physical Therapy
- Music Therapy

Management Services to Districts and Charters

- Management Consulting
- Program Evaluation
- Staff Development / Training



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Services Provided to the Educational Community

- ❖ Leadership Groups (Music Therapy, Occupational Therapy, and Physical Therapy Leadership Groups)
- ❖ Professional Fieldwork Students
- ❖ Professional Development
- ❖ TxSpot (www.txspot.org)
- ❖ News on the Spot



TxSpot
Leaders in School Therapy

 **Harris County
Department of
Education**

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Data Highlights for 2025-2026

**7,647 Students and
5,672 Educators Served**

**In 34 School Districts/Charter
Schools**

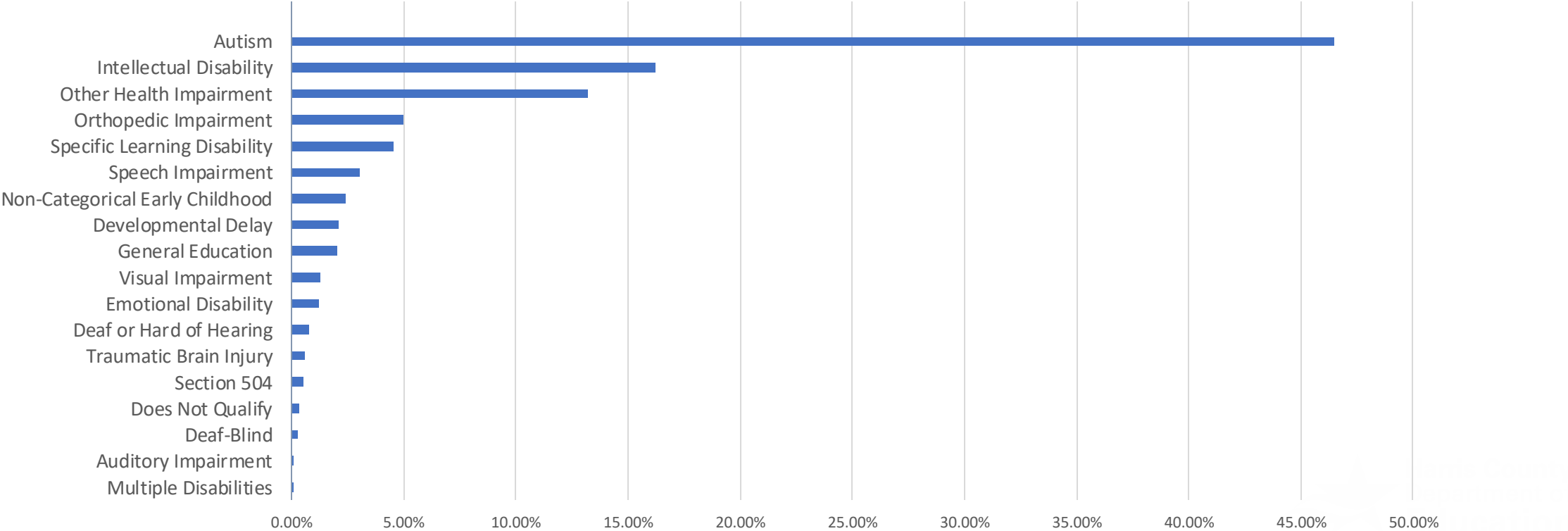
On 594 Campuses



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Data Highlights for 2025-2026

Percentage of Students Served by Disability



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Data Highlights for 2025-2026

Types of Educational Entities Served

Independent school districts	22
Charter schools	9
HCDE Schools-AB Schools	2
Early Childhood Intervention Programs	1
TOTAL	34



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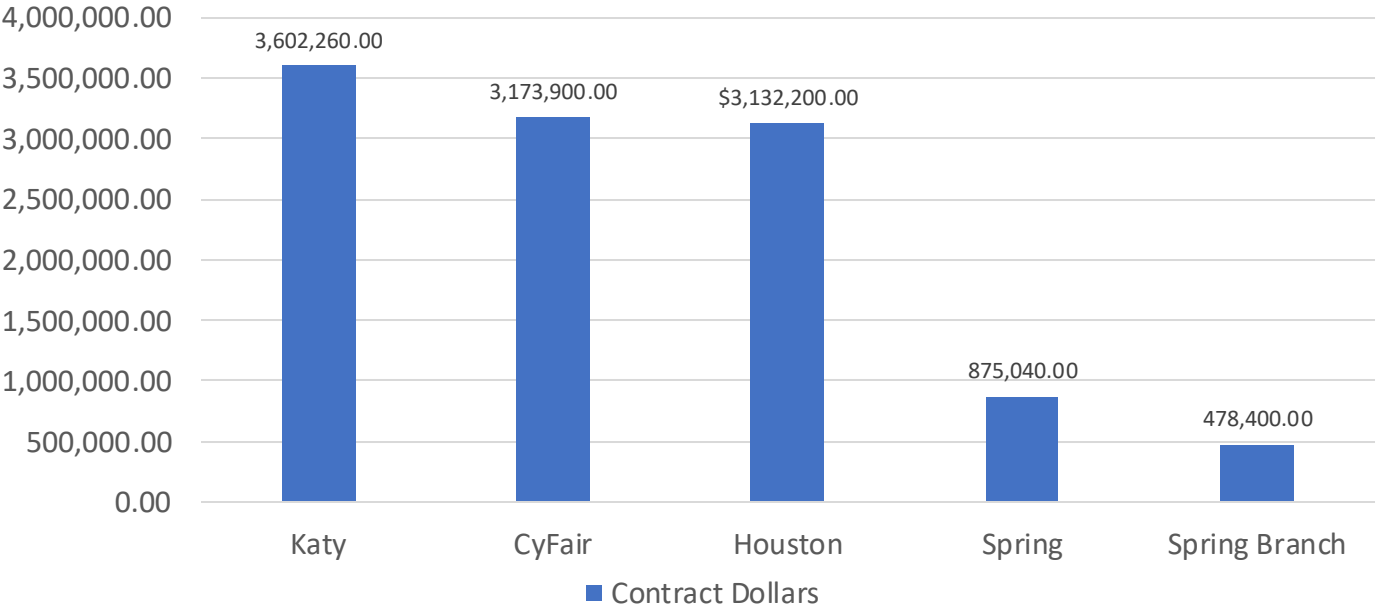
List of Contracts for 2025-2026

- AAMA Sanchez Charter School
- Aristoi Classical Academy
- Brazos ISD
- Columbia-Brazoria ISD
- Conroe ISD
- Cypress Fairbanks ISD
- Dayton ISD
- Dickinson ISD
- Galena Park ISD
- Harmony School of Enrichment
- HCDE Academic & Behavior Schools East and West
- Hempstead ISD
- Houston ISD
- Huffman ISD
- Humble ISD
- International Leadership Charter
- Katy ISD
- Katy TYKE ECI Program
- Montgomery ISD
- Pasadena ISD
- Pearland ISD
- Raul Yzaguirre Schools for Success
- Royal ISD
- Sam Houston State University Charter
- Spring ISD
- Spring Branch ISD
- Stafford MSD
- Sweeny ISD
- Tomball ISD
- UT Charter Schools
- Varnett Charter School
- Waller ISD
- YES College Prep

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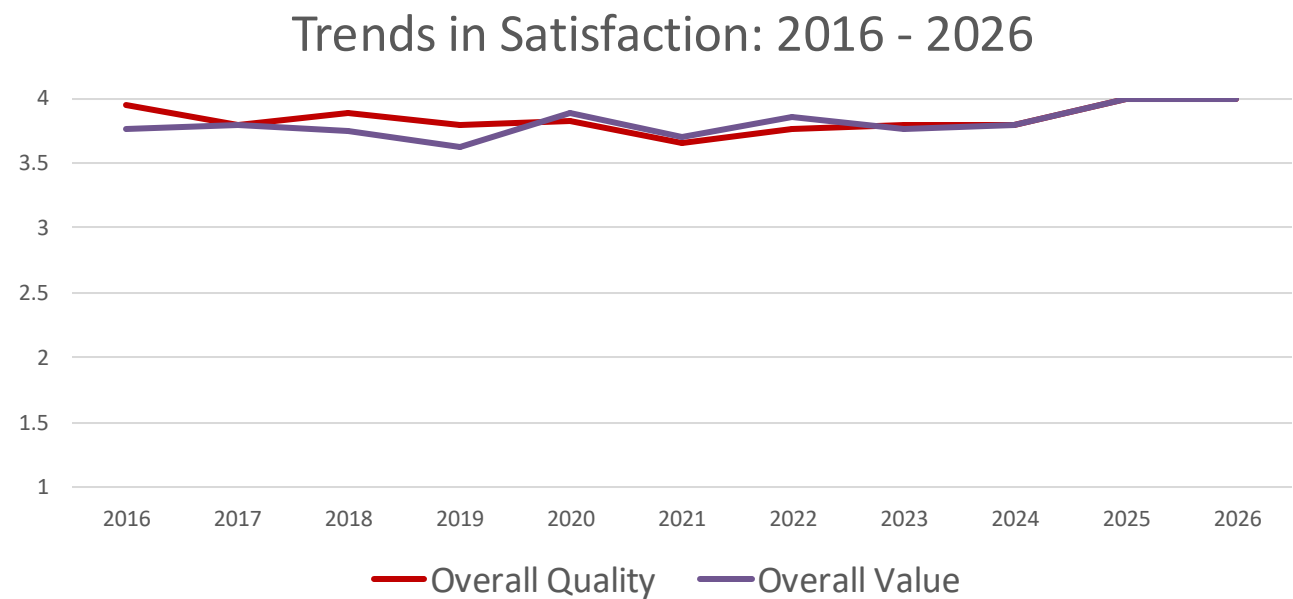
Top Contracts in 2025-2026



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Data Highlights

District/Program Client Satisfaction Quality and Value of Services



4 = Highly Satisfied 3 = Satisfied 2 = Dissatisfied 1 = Highly Dissatisfied

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Key Highlights for the 2025-2026 School Year

- **Local Presentations**
 - Houston Community College
 - Lone Star College
 - Texas Woman's University
- **State-wide Presentations**
 - Texas Occupational Therapy Association OT and PT Service Delivery in Schools Conference
 - Texas Occupational Therapy Association Annual Conference
 - Region 10 Education Service Center



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Key Highlights for the 2025-2026 School Year

- **News on the Spot Monthly Newsletter**
 - Readership of over 1,100
- **Professional Development-Hybrid Workshops and Virtual Leadership Groups**
 - 1,718 Attendees (duplicated count)
 - 129 ISDs/Charters across 18 States (unduplicated count)
- **State Boards and Professional Committees**
 - Texas State Board of OT Examiners
 - TEA TCISC-(Texas Continuous Improvement Steering Committee)
 - Texas Occupational Therapy Association School Advisory Board
 - Texas Occupational Therapy Association Speakers Bureau
 - Houston Community College OTA and PTA Program Advisory Boards



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Trends

- **Changing Enrollment Patterns:** Special education enrollment is declining in some HCDE-served districts, shifting student enrollment across our service area.
- **Continued Demand for Services:** Students continue to need OT, PT, and MT services as they move between districts and into charter schools; this shift is sustaining demand across our partner network.
- **Strategic Growth in Charter Partnerships:** In anticipation of these shifts, Therapy Services has been expanding support for charter schools over the past years, positioning the division to respond to evolving service needs and helping to maintain and even grow overall contract volume.



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Trends

- **District Funding Challenges:** As districts navigate ongoing funding challenges, the division continues to identify innovative, efficient, and cost-effective practices to support our partners.
- **Recruitment and Retention:** While the hiring market remains challenging, HCDE's strong reputation, targeted outreach, and Board-supported salary increases position the division to continue to meet the demand.



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Questions?