

ALLEGHENY INTERMEDIATE UNIT
2016-17 SERVICES AGREEMENT



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This Agreement is made this 29th day of March, 2016, by and between the ALLEGHENY INTERMEDIATE UNIT (AIU), and the Plum Borough School District, intending to be legally bound hereby, for the provision of services by the AIU to the Plum Borough School District.

Services Provided by AIU

The AIU provides specialized educational services to Allegheny County's 42 suburban school districts, five vocational/technical schools, and numerous other organizations throughout the area. The AIU offers about 140 programs and services for infants, young children, students, and adults. The AIU is comprised of six divisions each of which provides a wide range of services. The divisions include the following:

1. Division of Early Childhood, Family and Community Services
2. Division of Finance
3. Division of Human Resources, Strategic Operations and Initiatives
4. Division of Teaching and Learning Services
5. Division of Technology
6. Division of Special Education and Pupil Services

It is agreed that services provided by the AIU are rendered throughout the course of the school year and that the AIU will need to periodically invoice for fees for services provided to the District as outlined in the 2016-17 Services Guide. Fees for programs not listed in the 2016-17 Services Guide will be determined on a case-by-case basis and will require approval by the District and the AIU Board of Directors.

It is also agreed that the invoice will be paid no later than sixty (60) days from the invoice date. A late payment charge of 1% per month on any unpaid balance may be applied to any account that is over sixty (60) days past due.

SPECIAL EDUCATION and PUPIL SERVICES

1. Special Education Services Provided by AIU

For the 2016-2017 school year, the AIU shall provide and operate for the benefit of students assigned by the District, the special education service and programs delineated in the Allegheny Intermediate Unit Special Education Plan, submitted to and approved by the Department of Education by furnishing the following:

- Professional, instructional and support staff, as is required to implement the Plan in accordance with all applicable provisions of state and federal law;
- Administrative, supervisory, and clerical staff as is required to effectively and efficiently implement the Plan and this Agreement;
- Such supplies, equipment and other materials, as are necessary, to implement the Plan and as mutually agreed upon by the parties;
- Such classroom space or other facilities as are required to implement the Plan in accordance with state and federal law to the extent the program or service is provided or operated upon premises not owned or leased by the District; and
- Any other personnel, facility, material or service mutually agreed upon by the parties.
- Services provided include but are not limited to those outlined in the 2016-2017 Services Guide. (Blind/Visually Impaired Services, Career Development Services, Deaf/Hard of Hearing Services, Center Based Educational Services at Mon Valley/Pathfinder/Sunrise Educational Centers, District Based Classrooms, Speech/Language Impaired Support, Pupil Personnel Services, Occupational and Physical Therapy.)

2. Programs Provided on District Premises by AIU

For special education programs and services to be provided on premises owned or leased by the District, the District shall provide the following:

- Classroom and other space;
- Assistance, cooperation and participation of District administrative, professional and support staff in the development and implementation of accommodations, supplementary aides and support services necessary to include, to the fullest extent appropriate, students assigned to special education programs in educational and extracurricular activities, regular education support, regular education instruction, and ancillary services, such as nursing, counseling, library, physical education, food, custodial and maintenance services, as is necessary to meet the needs of the students assigned to the program; and
- Any other personnel, facility, material or service mutually agreed upon by the parties.

3. Compliance with Applicable Law

The AIU shall ensure that the special education programs and services it provides comply with all requirements of state and federal law to the extent such compliance does not depend upon the performance or actions of any other individual or entity beyond the control of the AIU. The AIU will provide leadership and encouragement to utilize best practices for assisting teachers, administrators and students in life-long learning. The District shall provide such action, assistance or cooperation as is required to ensure that students assigned to special education programs receive a free appropriate public education (FAPE) in compliance with all applicable provisions of state and federal law.

4. Multidisciplinary Evaluation and IEP Development for Services Provided On District Premises by the AIU

The District, in cooperation with the AIU, shall conduct student Multidisciplinary Evaluations (MDEs) and Reevaluations (RRs) and develop Individualized Education Plans (IEPs) and revise those plans as necessary for exceptional and thought-to-be exceptional students of the District. The District will provide the AIU staff with an opportunity to participate in the development of RR and IEPs. Services, accommodations, supplementary aides and support required by any IEP or any order of a hearing officer, appeals panel, the Secretary of Education, court, which are beyond the scope of the programs and services enumerated in the Plan, shall be provided as mutually agreed upon by the parties.

5. Multidisciplinary Evaluation and IEP Development for Student Placed in AIU Center Based Programs

The AIU, in cooperation with and participation by the District, shall conduct student MDEs and RR and develop IEPs and revision procedures for exceptional and thought to be exceptional students of the District. The District recognizes that it remains the Local Education Agency (LEA) for the student and is responsible for ensuring that the student's IEP provides for a free appropriate public education (FAPE). Therefore, the District will participate in the development of MDEs, RR and IEPs, that outline services, accommodations and supplementary aides and supports for students. Any order of a hearing officer or court, which is beyond the scope of the programs and services enumerated in the Plan, shall be provided as mutually agreed upon by the parties. In such instances, the AIU Administration will work with the Local Education Agency (LEA) in identifying the appropriate service. The district will be billed for all such services.

6. Invoicing and Payment for AIU Special Education Services

- Districts will be invoiced in accordance with the 2016/2017 Services Guide. It is understood that the pricing outlined in the services guide has been developed by the AIU in collaboration with a representative committee that is comprised of district superintendents, business managers, and special education directors. Review of the pricing structure will be on-going with the above-mentioned representative committee. Pricing adjustment will be made annually and in accordance with the recommendations.

Service options outlined and offered will be those services that may be enumerated in a student's Individualized Education Plan and will be as deemed appropriate by the student's (IEP) team.

- It is agreed that districts will be invoiced for all programs and services provided and utilized by each student.
- A late payment charge of 1% per month on any unpaid balance may be applied to any account that is over 60 days past due.
- The District agrees to pay the AIU the sum of the cost of each program or service, with such sum to be paid in installments in accordance with the following schedule:

Invoice Date	Special Education Invoicing for Tuition and Related Services
September 15, 2016	Billing for Special Education Services anticipated for August through October based on student information in the Special Education Database as of September 1, 2016.
November 15, 2016	Billing for Special Education Services anticipated for November through December based on student information in the Special Education Database as of November 1, 2016. ** Billing adjustments resulting from the September 15th billing will be included.
January 15, 2017	Billing for Special Education Services anticipated for January through February based on student information in the Special Education Database as of January 1, 2017. ** Billing adjustments resulting from the November 15th billing will be included.
March 15, 2017	Billing for Special Education Services anticipated for March through April based on student information in the Special Education Database as of March 1, 2017. ** Billing adjustments resulting from the January 15th billing will be included.
May 15, 2017	Billing for Special Education Services anticipated for May through June based on student information in the Special Education Database as of May 1, 2017. ** Billing adjustments resulting from the March 15th billing will be included.
June 15, 2017	A FINAL INVOICE will be issued whereby payments are reconciled with the actual FINAL 2016/2017 Special Education Database (verified in June). This may result in a credit to the District or payment due to the AIU.
NOTE: If additional services are requested by the District after the review of the Special Education Database as of September, they may be billed separately.	

7. Reconciliation for AIU Special Education Centers

Due to the fluctuating nature of student enrollment at the centers, it is agreed that the overall operating cost for each center will be continuously monitored to determine if revenue and expenses are in alignment with budgeted projections. The parties agree that at the conclusion of the 2016-2017 school

year the AIU will perform a reconciliation of its center-based revenues and expenses for the entire school year. If the AIU revenues from the center-based programs provided under this Agreement exceeds the expenses incurred in providing such services, the Plum Borough School District will receive a pro-rata credit. If the AIU expenses incurred in providing services under this Agreement exceeds the revenues received by the AIU, the Plum Borough School District will be responsible for and pay to the AIU a pro-rata share of the excess expenses. This payment will be due in September 2017.

Dates		Special Education Center Review and Reconciliation
February 15, 2017	Mid-year reconciliation (ytd January) of the Special Education Center revenues and expenses (excludes related services) will be completed and communicated to the districts.	
August 15, 2017	<u>FINAL RECONCILIATION</u> of its revenues and expenses for the entire school year will be completed and issued to the districts. This may result in a credit to the District or payment due to the AIU.	
September 30, 2017	School District payment to the AIU for the pro-rata share of the excess expenses OR an AIU credit will be issued to the School District for the pro-rata share of the excess revenues.	

8. Cancellation

This Agreement or any services outlined in this agreement or purchased from the AIU may not be terminated by either party without 30 days written notice unless such termination is mandated by any IEP or any order of a hearing officer, the Secretary of Education or any Court of competent jurisdiction.

9. Liabilities

The parties agree to indemnify, defend and hold harmless each other, their respective directors, officers, employees and agents, against all claims, damages, losses, or penalties that result from the acts or omissions of their own employees or agents, any real property owned or leased by such party, or the operation or maintenance of any equipment or vehicles provided or used by such party. None of the administrative, professional, paraprofessional or support personnel provided by the parties shall be considered employees or agents of the other party hereto for any purpose. The parties agree to indemnify, defend and hold harmless each other against all claims, damages, losses, or penalties resulting from any judicial, administrative or other determination that any staff member of one party hereto is an employee or agent of the other party hereto.

10. Compliance

To ensure that compliance to all laws, particularly those that emerge during the life of the agreement are met, both parties agree to a commitment for continued learning to deliver and coach on best practices. To enable this learning to take place, a mutually agreeable schedule shall be developed and agreed upon.

11. Entire Agreement

This Agreement constitutes the entire agreement and understanding between the AIU and the District concerning the programs and services to which it applies; supersedes all prior or contemporaneous agreements and understandings, written or oral on this subject; and any modification to this agreement shall be in writing and approved by the parties; respective board of directors.

ATTEST:

President, Board of School Directors

March 29, 2016
Date

Secretary

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