



The Exploris School

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Professional Services Contract

This contract is between The Exploris School (hereinafter "school") in Raleigh, NC 27603 and the contractor, Integrated Speech Therapy (hereinafter "contractor"), Raleigh, NC 27616 for school speech language pathology services for the purposes required by law. Said contractor represents that she is duly licensed and qualified in the state of North Carolina and agrees to perform all services described in the contract to the satisfaction of the school.

1. Term of Contract

Effective date: August 10th, 2020

Expiration date: June 10th, 2021, or until all obligations have been satisfactorily fulfilled, whichever occurs first.

Cancellations: Contracts may be terminated by either party upon written notice given 30 days prior to date of termination

2. Contractor's Duties

The contractor, who is not a school employee, will:

- Provide speech language pathology therapy and evaluation services as required by the most recent amended version of the NC Policies Governing Children with Disabilities,
- Complete observations, screenings, and evaluations of students with suspected speech and/or language difficulties and complete written reports required by the most recent amended version of the NC Policies Governing Children with Disabilities
- Development of input for IEPs (Individual Education Plan) for students as needed for the current school year, needs on the student's identified needs for speech language services. Development of input for IEP's of students reflecting progress made during the school year and set goals for the upcoming year to include the completion of written IEP Progress Reports each trimester (every 12 weeks).
- Provide direct speech language pathology services based on the student's IEP. Maintain therapy notes and documentation of therapy sessions.
- Provide consultation and training to other staff members working with students receiving speech language therapy services, based on individual evaluation results and IEP intervention goals.



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- Attend parent conferences and IEP meetings or provide detailed notes for IEP meetings to explain need for services, results of evaluations, and input into the development of IEP goals and accommodations. Attend other meetings as required by The Exploris School.

3. Time

The contractor will make every effort to complete speech language evaluations within the allowed time limits specified in the most recent amended version of the North Carolina Policies Governing Children with Disabilities.

4. Consideration and Payment

Consideration: The School will pay for all services performed by the Contractor under this contract as follows:

- A. Compensation. The Contractor will be paid at the rate of \$58 per hour for speech-language therapy, inclusive for direct therapy time, testing sessions, any meetings including IEPs and eligibility meetings, calling in for meetings, screenings, progress report writing, consultations with staff and parents, in-service prep and presentation, and observations.
- B. Compensation for Evaluations. The Contractor will be paid \$100 for the compilation of an articulation only evaluation report. The Contractor will be paid \$150 for the compilation of a comprehensive speech and language evaluation report.
- C. Due Process Hearings. If called into Due Process for a student, the Contractor and School will develop a separate contract to cover all parties involved and determine an expert consulting fee before consulting services are needed.
- D. Payment: The Contractor will submit a detailed, monthly statement for payment.
 - a. Invoices shall be paid by the School within the next standard payment cycle and shall be considered PAST DUE if not paid within 30 days after the invoice date.
 - b. A service charge of 2% per day will be charged for undisputed invoices not paid within 30 days.
 - c. Any inquiry or questions concerning the substance or content of any invoice (disputed portions) shall be made by the School to the Contractor in writing within 10 days of receipt of the invoice. A failure to notify the Contractor within this period shall



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constitute an acknowledgement that the service has been provided.

- d. Any undisputed portions should be paid by the School within the next standard payment cycle. Any disputed portions of the invoice shall be discussed between the parties in good faith for a resolution, not to exceed 30 days. If such resolution is not achieved between mutual parties with 30 days, this will be considered a breach of contract thus resulting in termination of contract.

5. Conditions of Payment

All services provided by the Contractor under this contract must be performed to the School's satisfaction, as determined at the sole discretion of the Exploris School Executive Director and in accordance with all applicable federal, state, and local laws, ordinances, rules, and regulations. The Contractor will not receive payment for work found by the School to be unsatisfactory or performed in violation of federal, state, or local law.

No indebtedness of any kind incurred or created by the charter school shall constitute an indebtedness of the State of North Carolina and/or its political subdivisions, and no indebtedness of the charter school shall involve or be secured by the faith, credit, or taxing power of the State of North Carolina and /or its political subdivisions. The school and the contractor agree to indemnify and hold harmless the State of North Carolina for any indebtedness related to this engagement.

Signed 
Executive Director

Signed 
Contractor

By Ellie Schollmeyer

by Lisa O'Connor

Date 5/13/20

Date 5/11/2020