



Memorandum

To: J.J. Lewis, Superintendent & CEO
From: Gabi Golan, Director of Special Education
Date: June 18, 2020
RE: **Special Education Contractors/Providers Overview**

Compass Charter Schools (CCS) has a number of scholars with IEPs that require services outside of the typical scope of our Special Education Case Managers. These include speech and language therapy, psychological assessments, behavioral assessments, mental health assessments, occupational therapy, and specialized counseling, to name a few. The following are the providers with whom we contract for amounts nearing or exceeding \$100,000:

1. **Amplio Speech:** Speech and Language Providers assess and support cognitive communication, working on expressive language, articulation, and oral/feeding/swallowing skills.

- Qualified Speech and Language providers design and conduct intervention, establish skills as per the IEP goals, assign practice homework, review progress data and make all clinical decisions regarding the scholar.
- Advanced algorithms that measure the scholar's performance, providing feedback to both scholar and clinician.
- The progress is monitored and the scholars performance is reported to their teachers, parents and school.
- Scholar count currently: 32
- Anticipated Scholar count: 60
- Cost: \$2,255 per scholar for up to 44 minutes of services; \$3,650 per scholar for 45-60 minutes of service. Currently this amounts to about \$9,000 per month. Therefore, in estimating growth to double, based on current numbers, estimated cost around \$18,000 per month. This brings the grand total to roughly \$180,000 per year.

2. **Anchor Counseling Solutions:** Psychologists provide Educationally Related Mental Health Services as well as behavioral supports and assessments.

- Provide mental health and behavioral health interventions in order to treat (reduce / resolve) the social emotional issues that interfere with the scholar's ability to successfully access their academic curriculum.



- Provide a progressive and holistic approach to traditional school-based mental and behavioral health services by offering a collaborative and comprehensive treatment plan which is then tailored for each student and family.
- Offer a variety of psycho-therapeutic interventions as well as classical behavioral interventions from an applied behavioral analysis modality.
- Anticipated Scholar Count: 15
- Cost: \$125/hr per scholar support sessions as well as \$1,500 per assessment. Currently this amounts to about \$6,000 per month. This brings the grand total to an estimated \$60,000 per year.

3. El Paseo Children's Center: School psychologists provide mental health, learning, and behavior supports to help scholars succeed academically, socially, behaviorally, and emotionally through identification during the evaluation process, as well as continued ongoing support.

- Qualified licensed psychologists administer tests of intelligence, achievement, personality, cognitive processing, and/or social and emotional development, which can be used to evaluate and/or diagnose scholars for an Individual Education Plan (IEP).
- Providers assess scholars throughout the state of California in person.
- In addition to the assessment, evaluations include a review of prior records, a written report with accommodations, a consultation session to discuss and interpret findings, and IEP attendance.
- Additional services include behavior supports. Board Certified Behavior Analysis Specialists are currently offering virtual consultation and support services for families struggling with behavioral challenges and skill deficits that impede a scholars' ability to learn and achieve independence in their daily lives. Specialists are able to assess a scholar experiencing deficits or challenging behaviors and develop a treatment plan with caregivers. At this time, services are conducted virtually via secure video conferencing software to maintain privacy and reduce the need for unnecessary travel for families. All appointments include methods to reduce challenging behaviors and increasing adaptive skills that help a scholar achieve more success across multiple skill domains.
- Assistive Technology- Assistive Technology is assistive and adaptive devices or software that support scholars in many different areas of needs. Assistive Technology Specialist provides assessments to outline the scholars' abilities and challenges, in addition to the need for assistive technology. Results of this assessment will assist the IEP team in determining if the scholar requires assistive technology device(s) and/or software to access and make appropriate progress in the educational curriculum. Technology recommended is expected to make an



educational impact and assist in the scholar's learning by reducing the influence of the defined disability.

- Scholar count currently: 20 Assessments; Ongoing Behavior services for three scholars.
- Anticipated Scholar count: 50 assessments; Ongoing Behavior services for five scholars.
- Cost per assessment is \$1,450 for a total of \$72,500.

4. **Oxford Consulting:** Provide special education evaluations, as well as Speech Therapy, Occupational Therapy, and Mental Health Services.

- Provides Compass scholars with assessment services throughout the state in person and virtually for IEP identification as well as Functional Behavioral Assessments and Educationally Related Mental Health Services.
- Other services for scholars include speech and language services, occupational therapy services, mental health services, and behavioral supports.
- Scholar count currently: 55 Assessments
 - For ongoing services to support the IEP: Speech and Language Services: 22; Occupational Therapy Services: 19; Counseling services: 14.
- Anticipated Scholar count: 50 overall assessments:
 - For ongoing services to support the IEP: Speech and Language Services: 32; Occupational Therapy Services: 29; Counseling services: 24.
- Cost: Per Psychoeducational assessment at \$1,300; Functional Behavior Assessment at \$1,500; Educationally Related Mental Health Services at \$1,295 all with IEP participation.
 - Assessment Total estimate: \$65,000
 - Related Services at \$103.50 per scholar per service per month: \$8,800
 - Total Combined Estimate: \$152, 975.

5. **Presence Learning:** Provide special education evaluations, as well as Speech Therapy, Occupational Therapy, and Mental Health ongoing services.

- Qualified licensed psychologists administer tests of intelligence, achievement, personality, cognitive processing, and/or social and emotional development, which can be used to evaluate and/or diagnose scholars for an Individual Education Plan (IEP).
- Providers assess scholars throughout the state of California on their award winning virtual platform.
- In addition to the assessment, evaluations include a review of prior records, a written report with accommodations, and IEP attendance to review report with the scholar's IEP team.



- Additional services include speech and language services, occupational therapy services, mental health services, and behavioral supports.
- Scholar count currently: 65 overall assessments
 - For ongoing services to support the IEP: Speech and Language Services: 36; Occupational Therapy Services: 21; Counseling services: 26.
- Anticipated Scholar count: 80 assessments:
 - For ongoing services to support the IEP: Speech and Language Services: 40; Occupational Therapy Services: 30; Counseling services: 30.
- Cost: Per Psychoeducational assessment at \$1,400; Functional Behavior Assessment at \$1,500; Educationally Related Mental Health Services at \$1,295 all with IEP participation.
 - Assessment Total estimate: \$104,000
 - Related Services at \$2,317.03 per scholar per service per year
 - Total Combined Estimate: \$231,703