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The following program descriptions and tuition rates based on levels of service for day and/or residential programs as described in each program narrative are for PDE-4010 approved students only. The tuition rates are for the 2021-22 fiscal year and are provided so that the LEAs can estimate the amount of funds to be deducted from their June 1, 2023 Basic Education Payment. PDE will provide supportive funding for a 180-day school year.

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**ACLD Tillotson School**

**Service Description**

The ACLD Tillotson School was founded in 1972 and is an Approved Private School licensed by the Pennsylvania

Department of Education, to provide special education supports and services to students, ages 5-21, who are identified with autism, neurological impairments, specific learning disabilities, emotional disturbance (school anxiety) and other concomitant disabilities and conditions. The ACLD Tillotson School is operated by ACLD, a not-for-profit organization that

is dedicated to advancing the educational and work opportunities for children and adolescents with learning disabilities. The ACLD Tillotson School is located in the South Hills area of Pittsburgh and serves a seven-county area – Allegheny,

Armstrong, Beaver, Butler, Fayette, Washington, and Westmoreland.

The school provides highly specialized special education programming for eligible students, ages 5 – 21, via the Autism Support, Learning Support and/or the School Anxiety Program. The Learning Support Program supports students with

neurological impairments and moderate to severe learning disabilities in need of direct, explicit, and multisensory instruction with evidence-based methodologies. The Autism Program supports students with autism who are in need of highly structured, evidence-based programming to gain optimal access to learning. Assistive technology supports an adapted curriculum, which is aligned with the Pennsylvania Core Standards. Individual and small group instruction, sensory integration support, and executive functioning support are also available to students enrolled in this program. The

School Anxiety Program supports students, in grades 4 -11, who experience school anxiety/phobia. Students are members of the existing school culture, socially and academically, with a layered approach of intensive individual and group therapeutic emotional support.

Our students receive a personalized learning plan that focuses on individual student growth. The student-centered plan, in conjunction with the IEP, ensures that every student’s needs are met and every student continues to grow academically,

socially, and emotionally. Our course offerings include core academics, a variety of electives, as well as gym, art and music. All students have access to a sensory room, a variety of counseling groups, including animal assisted counseling sessions, social skills learning, speech and language therapy, occupational therapy, physical therapy, and a school based behavioral health program. A strong transition program ensures that all students are prepared for college, trade school, employment or independent living upon graduation. Student learning is enhanced by weekly clubs and partnerships with community organizations.

Students’ needs can be met in one or a combination of programs. The ACLD Tillotson School works in partnership with

surrounding school districts to make access to home schools a viable option for all students.

**Tuition Rate**

Day - $51,337.28 - The tuition cost includes the school’s core program. OT and PT services are included. Tuition does not include costs associated with 1 to 1 aides, vision and mobility services, hearing and audiological services, or 1-on-1 medical and/or nursing services.

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**The Camphill School, Inc.**

**Service Description**

The Camphill School offers academic, prevocational, and therapeutic programming for children in kindergarten through grade twelve, as well as a Transition Program for young people ages eighteen to twenty-one. A boarding option is also

available. All children within the full spectrum of intellectual disabilities are eligible for our program including those with other exceptionalities such as autism, mild emotional disturbances, and secondary physical disabilities. Our programming takes place within a community committed to providing a healing environment, using a holistic approach and an adapted Waldorf curriculum. Boarding students live with life-sharing house parents in a home that is filled with the warmth and wholesomeness of an extended natural family. Day students have lunch in a home and participate in special events thus

also being members of an extended family. High school students take part in a unique afternoon prevocational program

designed to develop skills and attitudes that enhance social development and permit participation in meaningful cooperative work.

**Tuition Rate**

Day\*: $47,500.00

5-Day Residential\*: $82,500.00

7-Day Residential\*: $96,000.00

\*These rates do not include Related Services costs of 1:1 aides, Speech and Language, PT, OT or the ESY Program.

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**Centennial School**

**Service Description**

Centennial School is an Approved Private School, governed by Lehigh University, that serves children and youth classified with emotional disturbance and autism. Centennial School is located in Bethlehem, PA, and serves students referred from nearly 40 school districts and charter schools in the Lehigh Valley. Centennial School pursues a twofold

mission: (1) to provide special educational programming for children and youth who benefit from positive behavior supports, and (2) to serve as a laboratory school focused on the preparation of high-quality, future educators for the professions of special education and related fields.

A distinguishing feature of Centennial School’s program is the positive nature of its interventions and its educational approach for teaching students the academic and social skills required for success in school and in life. All students are taught at their instructional level based on their Individualized Education Programs (IEPs), ongoing assessment data, and

the PA Common Core Standards, and receive thorough performance feedback and ongoing social skills instruction.

Centennial School faculty ascribes to the belief that a rich and engaging academic curriculum helps prevent the

occurrence of problem behavior and best prepares students for reintegration to home school environments. Centennial teachers are taught to use research-based teaching practices that include matching the curriculum to students’ functioning levels, systematic analyses of student error patterns, positive error correction, frequent feedback, high rates of active engagement and praise, systematic progress monitoring, and a tenacious pursuit of mastery learning.

**Tuition Rate**

Day: $55,745.96 – This rate does not include ESY or 1 to 1 aide costs.

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**The Day School**

**Service Description**

The Day School is a licensed Approved Private School that is also accredited by the National Commission for the

Accreditation of Special Education Services (NCASES). The Day School provides quality educational and therapeutic

services to approximately 200 students with a variety of complex and severe disabilities. Our classrooms are equipped with current educational technology and feature a transdisciplinary team approach. We share the goal of self-sufficiency for our students, which is demonstrated by our instructional philosophy emphasizing a student’s progression towards

independence across environments. Our curriculum promotes and supports individualized goals that are aligned with Pennsylvania Academic Standards and Alternate Eligible Content. This focus is supported by best practices in special education including but not limited to academic and functional assessments, data- driven decision making, Applied Behavior Analysis, and collaborative community partnerships. Overall, The Day School curriculum emphasizes small group instruction with opportunities for one-to-one instruction throughout the school day. Our Autism Support Program is guided by technical assistance and training provided through the PA Autism Initiative. Our comprehensive programs are designed to enable each student to reach his/her maximum academic, personal, social, behavioral, and pre-vocational potential.

In addition to our academic programming, The Day School provides numerous related services as appropriate to student’s needs. Related services include are: Occupational, Physical, and Speech/Language Therapy, School Psychology, Social Work services, and Behavioral Support services. Related services are integrated into the classroom and community settings to assure that skills are learned in the natural environment. The Day School also provides comprehensive transition services starting at age 14. Our transition services aim to build upon each student’s skills, strengths, and readiness to work and participate in meaningful activities within the community.

The Day School offers a unique instructional environment. In addition to our classrooms, The Day School is fortunate to have access to a variety of resources. While at school, our students’ instructional schedules are enhanced by access to an updated sensory room, full gymnasium, indoor swimming pool, student library, adapted outdoor playground, kitchen spaces, interactive boards, and accessible school vans for community-based learning opportunities. Emphasis is placed

on functional academic and life skills throughout all levels of instruction. The Day School is actively dedicated to

enhancing the quality of life for our students and their families within a safe and supportive school environment..

**Tuition Rate**

Day: $67,768.18 – This rate does not include ESY or 1 to 1 aide costs.

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**Clarke Schools for Hearing and Speech**

**Service Description**

Clarke Pennsylvania’s auditory/oral approach to teaching is based on the fundamental premise that acquiring competence

in listening and spoken language, both receptively and expressively, is the goal for children who are deaf or hard of hearing. Our professional staff, in addition to being LSLS certified or on the LSLS track for certification, are certified

masters’ level teachers of the deaf, speech & language pathologists and a Doctor of Audiology. The staff focus is on creating a language-rich environment where deaf and hard of hearing children ages 3-5, are taught to utilize their hearing

technology to learn to listen and speak.

We follow a theme-based curriculum based on the Pennsylvania State standards with the goal of children transitioning into their community/neighborhood schools by kindergarten or before. We provide an array of specialized services with a team of qualified professionals with the skill set and knowledge of listening and spoken language who understand the

benefits of an auditory/oral education and the challenges hearing loss presents. We believe that parents are the key to a child’s success. We are committed to parent education throughout our preschool program. Clarke Parent programs are recognized as a unique component to our program.

**Tuition Rate**

Day: $35,040.88 – This rate does not include ESY or 1 to 1 aide costs.

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**Community Country Day School**

**Service Description**

Community Country Day School exists to develop the potential of the student body, equipping them for success in life. We

reach a wide variety of students of all academic levels. We reach students from the city of Erie as well as all of Erie County. We reach the economically disadvantaged and families that are financially sound. Our objective is to reach not only the minds of the students but also the hearts, creating well balanced students equipped for the challenges of life.

Community Country Day School also has a special component that provides educational services to children needing emotional support. We have a wide range of programs that enable us to reach these students. Our programmatic options consist of special education, social rehabilitation, and also partial hospitalization. We provide trained staff and psychiatric counseling for those in need, adhering to the educational process comprised in each student’s individualized education program.

**Tuition Rate**

Day: $34,991.00 – This rate does not include ESY or 1 to 1 aide costs.

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**Davidson School (ELWYN)**

**Service Description**

Service Description Founded in 1852, the Davidson School of Elwyn is an Approved Private School licensed by the Pennsylvania Department of Education to provide special education services to students ages 3-21 identified as Emotionally Disturbed, Blind/Visually Impaired, Deaf/Hearing Impaired, Autistic/PDD, Neurologically Impaired or with Intellectual Disability.

The Davidson School provides special education programming and related services including speech services,

occupational therapy, physical therapy, school-nursing services, school psychological services, vision services, counseling and school social work services to address each student’s Individualized Education Plan (IEP). The Davidson School implements school-wide positive behavior support interventions to maintain a safe learning environment for all students. Transition services, designed and implemented by program staff including transition coordinators and community integration specialists, provide career education activities, campus-based transitional experiences and community-based experiences in authentic community settings to all students for enhanced independence and self –

advocacy.

Students are referred for placement in the Davidson School by school districts and charter schools from Berks, Bucks,

Chester, Delaware, Montgomery and Philadelphia Counties.

**Tuition Rate**

Day: $65,200.00 - This rate does not include the cost of 1 to 1 aide service or the ESY program.

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**Delta School**

**Service Description**

Established in 1958, the Delta School is an accredited Approved Private School licensed in Pennsylvania to educate

children between the ages of four and twenty-one who have school classifications of Serious Emotional Disturbances,

Autism/Pervasive Developmental Disorder and Traumatic Brain Injury. The Delta School enrolls students in other disability categories based on IEP team recommendations from Local Education Agencies. The Delta School pupils are engaged

in intensive highly structured specially designed instructional programs. Services include: intensive reading and math intervention programs, speech and language therapy, occupational therapy, transition post-secondary training, computer literacy, adaptive physical education, art therapy, music therapy, social skills development, cognitive behavior therapy and functional family therapy.

The program provides a new beginning for a child’s education and is designed to encourage life-long learning.

**Tuition Rate**

Day: $57,577.60 for 180 days. This rate does not include the costs of 1 to 1 aide service.

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**DePaul School for Hearing and Speech**

**Service Description**

DePaul School for Hearing and Speech provides day school programs for children who are deaf or hard of hearing as well

as children with severe language development delays. DePaul School is the only listening and spoken language school in

Western Pennsylvania, offering programs coordinated by our team of PA certified teachers of the deaf, speech language

pathologists, audiologists, auditory verbal therapists and a school psychologist. Our highly trained staff teach children ages 3 to 15 to listen, to speak and learn in preparation for success in the educational mainstream. The goal of the preschool program is to develop spoken language skills through intensive verbal instruction and meaningful social interactions in age appropriate settings. DePaul’s elementary school provides a complete academic program with emphasis on the development of language and literacy skills in all subject areas. DePaul School offers a continuum of

clinical services in the areas of audiology and cochlear implant services, speech and language pathology, physical and occupational therapy and auditory verbal therapy. Parental involvement is essential to our students’ success, and we provide a range of programs to inform, educate and support parents and family members on topics related to education

and care of children with hearing loss and/ or spoken language delays.

DePaul School serves children from school districts and Intermediate Units throughout Southwestern Pennsylvania.

**Tuition Rate**

Day: $58,986.43 – This rate does not include ESY or 1 to 1 aide costs.

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**The Devereux Schools**

**Service Description**

Devereux Advanced Behavioral Health offers a variety of supportive educational programs with a common commitment to serve students and their families with compassionate care.

The Devereux Center for Autism Research and Education Services (CARES) provides services to students diagnosed with autism spectrum disorders and other developmental disabilities. Programming is focused on increasing independence for each student. Services at CARES are based on the applied science of Positive Behavioral Interventions

and Supports. CARES has numerous community-based employment training sites, where students are given the

opportunity to work on learning job tasks.

The CIDDS Learning Center serves students with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities. The learning environment focuses on building upon the unique strengths of each student. The school strives to offer a breadth of opportunities for students to express themselves and find personal levels of accomplishment. In addition to core content, CIDDS Learning Center offers employment training, animal-assisted therapy, social skills and assistive technology resources.

Two schools on the Brandywine campus and another on the Mapleton campus offer emotional support programs that work in tandem with families and school districts to ensure that students can return to their local schools and communities with the tools they will need to succeed. The Brandywine and Mapleton Schools offer education curriculum to children functioning at all grade levels. A multi-sensory educational strategy is used at all schools, employing traditional instruction,

hands-on and independent learning, as well as technology, to individualize a student’s progress in all academic areas. The transition from school to career, and all of the necessary interrelated skills, are a main focus of the school program

The goal of Devereux is to improve the student's academic and social coping skills so that re-entry into a less restrictive educational program is a realistic future goal. A primary focus is development of the personal motivation necessary to

ensure a continuing interest in learning. Programming is oriented to individual needs based on recommendations of diagnostic evaluation, classroom observation, and psychological and psychiatric evaluations.

**Tuition Rate**

Education: $72,475.00

7-day residential: $144,265.00

CARES: $108,648.00

These rates do not include ESY or 1 to 1 aide costs.

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**Barber National Institute**

**Service Description**

The Approved Private School program at the Barber National Institute, officially designated as the Elizabeth Lee Black

School (ELBS), offers an individualized educational program for preschool and school-aged students with the added advantage of being part of a multifaceted agency. State of the art classrooms, observation rooms, training facilities, and

facilities for evaluations offer to families, students, and faculty endless possibilities for growth. Numerous placement options are available for children with autism, social/emotional disturbance, cerebral palsy, intellectual disabilities, muscular dystrophy, and neurological impairments.

Extensive ongoing coordination among local School Districts, Intermediate Units, and our educational facility enables the

students to benefit from an enhanced, well-planned environment. Services offered include: Intensive Behavioral Support, Occupational Therapy, Parent Support and Education, Psychiatric consultation, Psychological testing and interventions, Physical Education, Aquatics, Physical Therapy, Case Work, and Speech/Language Therapy including assistive technology/communication devices. The school also has a community-based instruction component, an inclusion

program, art classes, nursing services and a specially designed fitness area. Technology is infused throughout the curriculum with iPads, computers, touch screens, TAP-its, smart boards, and smart televisions in rooms based on students’ strengths, needs, and interests. Online instruction with Microsoft Teams allows faculty to provide synchronous learning opportunities. Each therapist also has an iPad to support instruction throughout the school day. Our library/ media center includes ten plus computers, scanners, a Wii, a projector, and a movable whiteboard. There is a listening center in the library and two wireless centers in the school. We maintain relationships with community agencies such as Office of Vocational Rehabilitation and Erie County Care Management to provide an individualized transition from school to adult services.

Positive Behavior and Interventions and Supports (PBIS) is a part of the culture at the ELBS. Positive social and behavioral skills are specifically taught throughout the entire school in a proactive manner. Global expectations to be Kind,

Safe and Independent are communicated across staff and students. The PBIS program has helped to create a positive

and supportive environment for all. When more specific needs exist, Applied Behavior Analytic (ABA) interventions are available to all students within the ELBS and are supervised by Board Certified Behavior Analysts (BCBA). Specialized supports are available in two verbal behavior classrooms which use an ABA model to develop early instructional and communication skills. Students with more intensive emotional and behavioral needs can access Partial Hospitalization Services within the school environment and receive a full clinical program with psychiatric support in addition to the implementation of their full IEP in a unified program.

**Tuition Rate**

Day: $37,553.31 – This rate does not include ESY, or 1 to 1 aide.

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**Easterseals Western and Central Pennsylvania**

**Service Description**

Easterseals Western and Central Pennsylvania is committed to creating solutions that change the lives of children and adults with disabilities and other special needs. Our Approved Private School Program provides individualized assessment and specialized educational services to children ages three to ten with any diagnosis along the autism

spectrum, neurological impairment, cerebral palsy or muscular dystrophy. Three community-based locations (Cranberry, West Mifflin and Export) offer small class sizes and a low staff to student ratio. A full-day program is provided in a 180- day school year from September through June. In addition, an Extended School Year (ESY) session is provided in the summer for qualifying students.

Individualized Educational Programs (IEP) are designed, implemented and monitored by an interdisciplinary team which includes the family, special education teacher, classroom assistants, speech-language pathologist, occupational therapist and assistants, physical therapist and assistants, school nurse, behavior specialist, adaptive physical education teacher, integration specialist, augmentative communication specialist and social worker.

The school program emphasizes small group and one-to-one instruction throughout the day. The focus of the curriculum is on skills the students need for success in the school, home and community environments. Related services such as speech/language, physical and occupational therapy are consistently integrated in the classroom to assure that needed skills are learned and used in all environments.

Additional Easterseals programs and services provided include:

• In-house Assistive Technology Team which provides recommendations and training for augmentative communication systems, computer access, wheelchair power mobility and modifications to therapeutic seating to allow for maximum student participation in the overall education program.

• Functional Feeding Program for all students, which may include food groups based on the SOS (Sequential-Oral Sensory) Approach to Feeding run by trained speech-language pathologists and occupational therapists. • Opportunities for preschool integration are available for qualified students to prepare for transition to a less restrictive setting.

The program tuition cost shown below does not include costs associated with providing 1:1 aide service, 1:1 nursing supports, vision, hearing, psychological and audiology supports, transportation or ESY and stretch year programming.

The cost does include the programs core education program to include supporting speech/language, occupational and physical therapy services, as well as behavior support, integration support, school nursing, social work, adaptive physical education, and augmentative communication supports as determined in the students’ IEP.

**Tuition Rate**

Day: $62,954.67 – This rate does not include ESY or 1 to 1 aide costs.

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**Easterseals of Southeastern PA (Philadelphia Area)**

**Service Description**

Easterseals of Southeastern Pennsylvania operates an Approved Private School (APS) program for preschool, kindergarten, and elementary school children ages 3 through 8. The school is licensed by the Pennsylvania Department of Education as a private academic school and accredited by the National Academy of Early Childhood Programs. The Easterseals APS program operates in Philadelphia, Bucks, Montgomery and Delaware Counties. Services are provided in settings that include Easterseals classrooms, home, or other community settings which allows for a range of placement options based on a student’s needs. Many of our sites also operate day care programs, tuition-based nursery school programs, and infant/toddler/preschool early intervention to embody the essence of a community resource. Operating

across multiple Counties, age-groups, and levels of integration with typically developing peers allows us to provide

smother transitions and opportunities for our students.

The primary objective for the Approved Private School program is to implement an educational program with related

services in order to meet stated Individualized Education Program (IEP) goals for children with significant and complex developmental challenges. Approved diagnoses include Cerebral Palsy, Muscular Dystrophy, Autism, or Neurological Impairment, yet children with diagnoses including but not limited to Intellectual Disability, Vision Impairment, and/or Hearing Impairment have also been accepted if they meet the criteria for enrollment indicated below. Many of our students are medically fragile and/or present with multiple diagnoses leading to complex treatment needs. Staff are trained in developing strategies for active engagement, and to manage challenging behaviors through implementation of the State-wide program of Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports.

A minimum of a 180-day school year is provided from September through June. In addition, an Extended School Year session during the summer is provided, if warranted, for any student exhibiting a likelihood of regression/recoupment concerns.

Children referred to our program must demonstrate a need for specially designed instruction that, in general, cannot be met in a school district or Intermediate Unit operated program. It is not uncommon for children who are APS candidates to present with more than one diagnosis, and for the severity of involvement to be significant, warranting access to

specialized services in the areas of nursing support, targeted social work involvement, assistive technology, augmentative communication, and/or dysphagia management. This unique complement of services is provided via a coordinated team approach to service provision.

It is recommended that IEP teams consider the following criteria when determining or endorsing the need for an APS

placement at Easterseals:

• Severity of Needs - ability to address complex and medical issues impacting developmental progress

• Multiplicity of Child’s needs - a fluid system can cross service locations as a child’s program needs change • Coordinated Team - collaboration of direct service teams with management input in modifying needs and supports as a child’s status changes.

• Nursing Support -incorporated into the classroom for those who need close monitoring of health status due to medical fragility. Provided by Easterseals nursing staff, or coordinated with a one-to-one nurse, if medically necessary and arranged by the family.

• Instructional Setting Options –preschool inclusive program placements are available at some APS locations to better prepare for transition from APS setting to a less restrictive setting.

• Ability to meet complex needs through extended program options - Children may transition within the structure of the program as their needs evolve.

Additional Easterseals supports and services with a high level of accessibility to teams:

• Assistive Technology Support - services include evaluation, training, team approach and ranges of services from low tech to high tech with device acquisition, if warranted.

• Dysphagia Management - assessment and coordinated treatment of feeding issues.

• Specialized Techniques and/or Programs - Verbal Behavior, ABA, Floor-time, Sensory Integrative Gym. 16

• Social Work and Family Resource Support – to assist families with the acceptance of the prognosis for their child, how to build on their strengths, and advocate for them as they move forward in the educational system. • Music Therapy – an alternative approach to maximize active engagement is utilized for student with limited expressive language and/or ability to interact motorically with their environment.

• Behavior Therapy – Board Certified Behavior Analysts (BCBAs), behavior specialists and behavior therapy assistants are available for conducting functional behavior assessments (FBAS), developing and implementing individualized behavior support plans and implementing school wide positive behavioral supports (PBIS).

**Tuition Rate**

Day: $67,504.60 – This rate does not include costs for 1 to 1 aides, 1 to 1 nursing services, vision and hearing services, specialized transportation services, or Extended School Year Services.

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**The Education Center at the Watson Institute**

**Service Description**

Serving as a complement to the public school education system, the Education Centers at the Watson Institute (Sewickley Campus in Sewickley and South Campus in Bridgeville) offer a variety services. The Education Centers employ a combination of nationally recognized educational techniques by a number of certified and licensed professionals in the fields of special education, vision, assistive technology, speech and language, occupational and physical therapies, art, music, adapted physical education, library services, social work, behavior specialists and nursing services. The Education Centers use the highly structured and systematic techniques of Applied Behavior Analysis and theTEACCH Autism Program. These techniques are incorporated into all aspects of the student’s day. Paraprofessionals actively

assist the staff with programming for students. Transition plans are initiated with each student ages 14 and above, as well as a focus on community-based instruction. Transition services also include education and support for families beginning to prepare for their child’s transition to adulthood. The Education Center incorporates a stretch calendar for preschool students and Extended School Year (ESY) services are offered at both sites for school age children at an additional cost to school districts.

The LEAP Preschool is also a program of The Education Center at the Watson Institute. LEAP Preschool is an integrated program for children with Autism Spectrum Disorder and other students with developmental disabilities along with behavior and language needs and their typical peers. Based on theories of naturalistic teaching, inclusive programming,

Applied Behavioral Analysis; Watson’s LEAP Preschool reflects both behavioral and a developmental approach for

teaching children in a natural early childhood environment. LEAP Preschool has a calendar that is stretched through the

month of July.

In recent years all of Watson’s programs incorporate technology in the classroom; iPads, Tap Its and Smart Boards.

**Tuition Rate**

Day: Education Center - $50,569.71 for 187 days. This rate does not include ESY or 1 to 1 aide costs.

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**Fairwold Academy**

**Service Description**

Fairwold Academy is a highly specialized setting offering full time support to students in need of emotional support, learning support, autistic support or life skills. We are located in the suburban Philadelphia area and offer all students the help they need to realize their capabilities. With our small class sizes, not exceeding more than 8-10 students, and targeted supports including clinical supports, behavioral supports, academic supports and a conducive learning environment, our students begin to experience the success they long to achieve.

Fairwold works to bring a holistic approach to improving the academic, emotional, social and behavioral well-being of our students. We work with families, community supports, and LEA’s to create a stable learning environment. Our students find that they are able to learn about themselves, as well as develop self-confidence to be prepared to handle challenges.

Our students often present with behavioral and learning challenges primarily associated with Emotional Disturbance (ED), Speech and Language Impairment (SLI), Other Health Impairment (OHI), and Specific Learning Disability (SLD), Autism (ASD) and Intellectual Disabilities (ID), as well as other emotional, mental health, and social skills deficits. Our multidisciplinary team approach includes special education teachers working with reading specialists, school social

workers, school counselors, behavior analysts, instructional and behavioral assistants, mental health technicians, climate managers, Interventionists, technology and curriculum specialists, and related service clinicians that provide speech and language therapy, occupational therapy, physical therapy and skilled 1:1 support.

Our School-wide Positive Behavior Intervention Support Program (PBIS) is an evidence-based practice paired with support services that teach children self-regulation, social skills, and de-escalation strategies and techniques. Fairwold is a K- 12 school, students receive career awareness education and personal goal-setting for academic experiences in post secondary education alongside coping and self-management skills learned in the PBIS program. We believe that these supports will help students reach their fullest potential and be successful in the work pace, in college, or in other post secondary training programs.

Onsite, Fairwold offers students the opportunity to explore multiple vocational programs. Students may rotate through culinary arts, multimedia design, building trades (which include plumbing, electrical work, drafting, wood working, welding, heating and air conditioning, and others), as well participate in a number of volunteer/mentorship service projects in the larger community. Work place skills and lessons are emphasized in our Work Orientation and Readiness Center and high school students can earn a pay check through their hours in this program.

Students are referred for placement in Fairwold Academy by school districts and charter schools from Berks, Bucks, Chester, Delaware, Montgomery and Philadelphia Counties.

**Tuition Rate**

Day: $50,058.00 – This rate does not include the cost of 1:1 services or related services and/or ESY.

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**George Crothers Memorial School**

**Service Description**

The George Crothers Memorial School, which opened in 1957, is an ungraded special education day school operated by

CADES, serving students ages 3 – 21. CADES is a non-profit organization, dedicated to improving the lives of children

and adults with intellectual and physical disabilities, using a family-centered approach to care. The school is centrally

located in Delaware County in the village of Swarthmore and serves children from throughout Delaware County as well as the adjacent counties of Bucks, Chester, Philadelphia and Montgomery.

The school creates individual educational plans for every student, providing special education and related services to

students that are challenged with intellectual disabilities, cerebral palsy, neurological impairment and multiple disabilities. The program includes speech therapy, assistive technology, physical therapy, occupational therapy, vision therapy, and behavior services in an integrated educational program, as well as adapted physical education, art and music classes. On location is an Augmentative and Alternative Communication Library which our AAC Specialist uses to assess and trial communication devices with our students. Three full time school nurses are on staff to monitor children with significant medical needs. George Crothers School assists students ages 14 and over, and their families, with the navigation

process of transitioning to adulthood. Instruction in prevocational skills, daily living skills, social and recreation activities are all a part of the transition program, which helps to create a smoother transition into the adult world.

The George Crothers School at CADES emphasizes increasing student independence, communication, cognitive skills and self-esteem in a positive nurturing environment with highly qualified and experienced staff. Each student is assessed by a multi-disciplinary team to develop the Individual Education Program. Each classroom has a SMART Board, iPads

and computers to assist in teaching. The teaching staff implement an adapted curriculum based on the Pennsylvania state

standards. An adapted playground is on site and available to students for supervised recreation, socialization and gross motor activities. Wheelchair accessible vehicles and drivers are available during the school year to provide transportation for supervised and meaningful community outings. George Crothers Memorial School also offers an Extended School Year (ESY) program to qualifying students presently attending the program.

**Tuition Rate**

Day: $54,782.63 – This rate does not include ESY or 1 to 1 aide costs.

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**Green Tree School**

**Service Description**

Green Tree School is a nonprofit, state-licensed agency that provides education, therapeutic and clinical support to

children ages 5-21 with Autism Spectrum Disorder and Emotional Disability. Green Tree School was built upon the idea that every child should be provided the academic, emotional and behavioral supports necessary to reach their greatest potential. Using a cross-discipline approach, educators work with clinicians, behavior managers, and fellow team members to foster student success. Green Tree School has worked with children and young adults with special needs

since 1957, marking over a half century of Transforming Lives and Impacting Communities.

As an Approved Private School (APS), Green Tree School provides full-time, out-of-district placement, for students with

emotional support or autistic support needs. Green Tree School supports the development of the whole child, by providing speech therapy, occupational therapy, school counseling, and nursing services, in addition to our special education classrooms. Students are provided a well-rounded education with community integration, service learning, art, music, and more. Students at all levels (elementary, middle school and high school) work through a curriculum grounded

in Pennsylvania State Standards and current research, while fostering their individual interests. Our school-wide positive behavior intervention system, utilizes core ABA principles to support our students with the development of fundamental

social and emotional skills. Additionally, students have the opportunity to participate in sports and activities in order to practice those social skills and build friendships.

**Tuition Rate**

Day: $54,963.61 – This rate does not include the cost of 1:1 aides or tuition for ESY programs.

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**HMS School for Children with Cerebral Palsy**

**Service Description**

HMS School for Children with Cerebral Palsy is a day and boarding school for students to age 21 who have complex, multiple disabilities usually resulting from cerebral palsy, traumatic brain injury or other neurological impairment. HMS’s purpose is to provide highly individualized special education and intensive coordinated therapy in preparation for return to a less intensive local school program or for older students, transition to adult services in the community.

Our interdisciplinary team reinforces students’ learning as teachers collaborate with skilled physical, occupational, speech/language, recreation therapists, and health services staff to achieve IEP goals. Detailed input from the student’s team enables us to design and modify curriculum for maximum impact. In addition, music and dance therapy, along with

an adaptive art program, motivate students and enable them to practice skills learned. Residential students have opportunities to participate in a variety of extra-curricular, after-school activities that reinforce individual communication, mobility, feeding, social and ADL goals, all fundamental skills associated with successful transition from school to adult programs.

In addition, HMS provides social/emotional support, feeding intervention, routine care and treatment, medical and dental

screenings, assistance with activities of daily living, peer interaction and role models, community participation and transition planning. Our state-of-the-art residence accommodates healthcare support services, advancements in assistive technology, and the expanded school wing meets students' needs for active participation in all aspects of their program.

**Transition Services/Assistive Technology**

Students with complex needs require significant supports and modifications, including interventions using a variety of customized Assistive Technologies, to fully interact with and benefit from their education program. At HMS, students are taught skills that allow them to participate as fully as possible, a much-needed skill, especially for those at transition age

who have exhausted other special education options. HMS’s dynamic transition program, with unique Assistive Technology, adapted curriculum, and staff supports, empowers student preparation for purposeful activities after age 21. The HMS professional team also includes a certified assistive technologist, social worker, and at appropriate ages, a transition support specialist, all of whom work closely with families, LEAs and adult service providers, to coordinate successful transitions.

HMS’s tuition rates do not include costs for 1:1 aide for learning or medical support or 1:1 nursing staff. Additional fees are incurred for any portion of the Extended School Year (ESY) program that usually runs from the last week of June through

the first week of August.

**Other Services**

HMS provides an ESY program for HMS students as well as eligible students enrolled in other school programs. This

program provides students with concentrated, new or refresher opportunities and motivation to interact with peers who also use assistive technology.

Our experienced staff can provide independent student evaluations and consulting services in areas that include assistive

technology, including for AAC, therapeutic feeding, seating and power mobility, and other specialty areas – all are available on a fee-for-service basis.

**Tuition Rate**

Day: $106,000.00

5-Day Residential: $141,000.00

7-Day Residential: $166,421.00

\*These rates do not include ESY or 1 to 1 costs.

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**Martin Luther School**

**Service Description**

Martin Luther School provides a comprehensive program for students who need emotional support. Our school is

designed for students to confidently engage in personalized, purposeful learning, joyfully celebrate individual and collective success, and respectfully challenge themselves and others to grow. Located on a 35-acre campus, We use a holistic educational approach to address children's academic, social, emotional, and behavioral needs in kindergarten through 12th grade. Our mission is to instruct the mind, engage the heart, and empower the will. With a small class size and targeted supports, our students experience academic progress, often for the first time, in a nurturing environment emphasizing positive relationships between school staff, students, and their families.

Our students come to MLS with behavioral and learning challenges primarily associated with Emotional Disturbance (ED), Speech and Language Impairment, Other Health Impairment (OHI), and Specific Learning Disability (SLD). We have a multidisciplinary team approach that includes special education teachers working with reading specialists, school social workers, school counselors, behavior analysts, teaching assistants, technology and curriculum specialists, and related service clinicians.

Students attend Martin Luther School from Berks, Bucks, Chester, Delaware, Montgomery, and Philadelphia Counties. Transportation is arranged through the student's home school district and follows the Martin Luther School Calendar. An

Extended School Year program for students is also available for each eligible student. Parents/Caregivers are

encouraged to participate in their student's educational program through various opportunities throughout the school year.

**Tuition Rate**

Day: $52,740.00 (1:1 assistants, Personal Care Assistants, ESY, Speech and Language, PT and OT are not included in 4010 funding.)

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**The School at McGuire Memorial**

**Service Description**

The School at McGuire Memorial is the only Approved Private School in Western Pennsylvania located outside of Allegheny or Erie County that serves students ages 3-21 with complex learning and support needs, including students with significant behavioral challenges. The students enrolled in The School include children with autism, intellectual disabilities, multiple disabilities and neurologic impairments.

The physical plant of the school consists of two wings, housing students with autism and intellectual disabilities in one area and students with multiple disabilities in another. The state of the art wing for students with autism and intellectual disabilities was built from the ground up to meet the unique learning needs of our students. Visual strategies were incorporated in the design through the use of wide hallways, neutral wall colors, carefully placed light fixtures and built in

organizational components. Observation rooms between every two classrooms are available for parents, LEA representatives, and other authorized visitors. The classrooms for students with multiple disabilities include floor to ceiling windows, positioning equipment and observation windows. All students in The School have access to a wide range of technology including SMART Boards, Ipads, TAP-IT, VizZLe and touchscreen computers in each classroom. Community

based instruction and field trips are an important component of the curriculum for all students.

A diverse group of dedicated professionals is able to assist all of our students from those with autism who may have significant sensory needs or challenging behaviors to those who are medically fragile with positioning needs, feeding tubes, tracheostomies, ventilators and sensory losses. In addition to administrative staff and supervisors, the highly trained staff of The School at McGuire Memorial includes special education teachers and para-educators, speech

therapists, occupational therapists, physical therapists and nurses. Each classroom for students with autism is also staffed by trained behavior technicians under the supervision of a BCBA (Board Certified Behavior Analyst). Through the use of ABA (Applied Behavior Analysis) strategies, the goal of this behavior department is to provide support and training to students who exhibit challenging behaviors like aggression, self-injurious behaviors, property destruction and elopement while maintaining a restraint-free environment rich in positive reinforcement. With consultation from the PaTTAN Autism Initiative, The School also runs several Verbal Behavior classrooms.

A developmentally appropriate curriculum with a wide range of educational materials is available to all students. Through the use of research-based strategies like TEACCH and ABA, The School emphasizes independence, communication and social skills. This emphasis is particularly evident in the LIFE Academy which provides secondary students with opportunities to increase independence in cooking, cleaning, laundry, functional academics, vocational training, leisure and social skills.

**Tuition Rate**

Day: $55,855.70 This rate does not include one to one support aide, Extended School Year or one to one nursing support.

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**Melmark School**

**Service Description**

The Melmark School: The school serves children and adolescents ages 5 to 21. The program delivers high quality, research-based, outcome-driven, educational, therapeutic, and healthcare services in an environment of warmth, care, and respect.

The specific design of the service model at Melmark is best described as evidence-based and outcomes-driven.

Intervention philosophy is rooted in Applied Behavior Analysis, which employs best practices in assessment, case conceptualization and treatment planning, including Functional Behavior Assessment (FBA), empirically supported clinical and educational intervention, daily data collection and frequent progress monitoring.

The education program focuses on the needs of students with learning difficulties and challenging behaviors secondary to

a broad range of intellectual disabilities, including autism, brain injuries and other genetic and neurological disorders. Children’s Residential Services: Melmark’s residential program for children and young adults provides programming

based on applied behavioral analysis, educational services, 24 hour on-campus nursing services, healthcare and

rehabilitative services, and parent training. Residential students actively take part in community based social and

recreational activities. Treatment activities follow a 24-hour learning model with a strong behavioral focus. All treatment components are put in place to ensure significant, measurable outcomes for all individuals served.

**Tuition Rate**

Day: $86,025.00

7-Day Residential: $149,145.00

**These rates do not include ESY or 1 to 1 aide costs.**

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**Overbrook School for the Blind**

**Service Description**

Overbrook School for the Blind provides an individualized educational program designed to meet the needs of preschoolers and school-aged students with a visual impairment, blindness or deafblindness including children with multiple disabilities. Programs are available to meet the needs of students between the ages of 3 - 21. A residential program is available to students who live too far to attend on a daily basis. Overbrook places an emphasis on the PA Core

Standards and the Expanded Core Curriculum for the blind and Visually impaired (ECC) that includes compensatory skills such as braille, assistive technology (mainstream and specialized technology), self-determination, recreation and leisure

skills, career education (including community employment), independent living skills, orientation and mobility, sensory efficiency, and social interaction skills. Related services as determined by the student’s IEP include: physical and occupational therapy, orientation and mobility, speech/language therapy, counseling, and educational audiology. Students also receive instruction in art, music, and physical education. A variety of extracurricular activities, and competitive sports are some of the services offered.

All classes are taught by Teachers of Students with Visual Impairments (TVI) in small group settings and our therapists have years of experience serving students with visual impairments. Our Cortical Visual Impairment (CVI) Specialist completes CVI assessments on our students and provides support in developing and implementing IEPs to meet each student’s visual needs.

**Tuition Rate**

Day: $93,097.00

5-Day Residential: $178,000.00

These rates do not include ESY or 1 to 1 aide costs.

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**Pace School**

**Service Description**

The children of Pace School require unique learning, behavioral and mental health supports. Pace serves students, in grades K-12, from school districts in Allegheny and surrounding counties identified with Autism, Emotional Disturbance, Intellectual Disabilities, Learning Disabilities or Pervasive Developmental Disabilities (PDD) requiring full-time special education supports and services. In the 180-day school year program children are exposed to evidence–based academic and social skills instruction at their individual skill and grade level. For children with Autism and significant language

development needs, intensive assessment and instruction using ABA-based principles is available. Learning is enhanced

by exposure to STEAM, art, music, technology, physical education and daily living skills training. Further, specialized services include: nursing, intensive reading instruction, speech and language therapy, communication skills development, psychological services, career interest and aptitude assessment and preparation for transition.

The Pace Middle/High School focuses on workforce development and transition from school to work/life. Through

collaborations with local businesses and services, the Pace Middle/High School helps students develop the competencies

required to move toward an independent future.

Pace School students have access to in-school mental health support. Social Workers, Mental Health Therapists, and Behavior Management Coordinators partner with the teacher and classroom support staff in every classroom. For students admitted to the Partial Hospitalization Program a psychiatrist guides treatment and is available for consultation. A significant number of the students served at Pace have been exposed to traumatic events including abuse, separation from care givers, multiple residential and inpatient hospitalizations placements and violence within the community. Such exposure negatively impacts their ability to interface with others and the demands of a school setting. Pace School implements a trauma informed method of treatment throughout the program to help mitigate the negative effects of these

adverse experiences. The clinical staff works routinely with families to engage necessary supports. The mission of Pace School is to provided education and therapeutic services that enable any child to thrive.

**Tuition Rate**

Day: $53,213.00 (ESY, occupational, physical therapy, and/or Personal Care Assistant costs are not included in the 4010 funding.)

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**The Pathway School**

**Service Description**

The Pathway School employs an integrated team approach for the education of children 5-21 with mild to moderate

Autism Spectrum Disorder, Intellectual Disability, Serious Emotional Disturbance and other neurological impairments. Education is provided on an individualized basis in accordance with each student’s Individualize Education Plan (IEP) and

is designed to meet their academic, social/emotional, and behavioral needs. Services are implemented on a 12-acre campus and in the local community and all teachers are certified by the Pennsylvania Department of Education; most hold

master’s degrees. Additional support personnel include Wilson-certified Reading Specialists, Certified School Nurse, Speech Therapists, Occupational Therapists, School Psychologists, Licensed Social Workers, Board-Certified Behavior Analyst, and Behavior Interventionists. Pathway implements a School-Wide Positive Behavior Support program that enhances the school climate and provides a safe, therapeutic environment for each student to progress academically and to develop age-appropriate social and behavioral skills. The goal of The Pathway School is to provide a comprehensive

learning environment that empowers each student to learn and achieve to their fullest potential. Pathway students come from more than 40? school districts and over 25 Charter Schools and from eight southeastern Pennsylvania Counties.

The Pathway School serves students from Intermediate Units 14, 21, 22, 23, 24, 21, 26 and 29. The instructional models used at The Pathway School range from self-contained, one-on-one instruction, to homogenous

groupings for academic instruction, to departmentalized instruction in the secondary (high school) program. Staffing ratios depend on the needs of each student, but the class size is generally 6-8 students with one Teacher and one Instructional Coordinator. Each classroom is equipped with Smartboard technology and Chromebooks for each student’s use. Pathway continues to expand the use of technology, so students develop the knowledge and confidence to access their learning and to prepare them for life in the 21st Century. We have enhanced our “STEM for ALL” programming, which

enables all students to integrate subject content and to apply lessons with the assistance of technology (including 3-D printers, robotics, coding, virtual reality etc.) that is available to every student at Pathway. The instructional curriculum, with scope and sequence, includes the use of research-based instructional practices and is designed to meet state Common Core Standards. Problem-solving and social skills are embedded throughout the school day so students can increase demonstration in these areas. Every Pathway student over the age of 14 begins Career Education and Transition Service planning. At the age of 16, students are eligible to work in off-campus Community-Based Vocational

Training experiences. All Pathway students are encouraged to participate in electives to enhance their school experience, including our theatre program, in which students are directed by professional actors in partnership with a local theatre company. Increasingly, Pathway students return to their home district after their successful completion of IEP goals; those who remain at Pathway graduate at a rate of 100%. High achieving students can attend classes at their local

Technical School or Montgomery County Community College as a dual-enrolled student.

**Tuition Rate**

Day: $55,800.00 – This rate does not include ESY or 1 to 1 aide costs.

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**Pennsylvania School for the Deaf**

**Service Description**

The Pennsylvania School for the Deaf (PSD), the third oldest school for the Deaf in the United States, is uniquely positioned to teach Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing students and to serve the community as a vital resource. With over 200 students (ages 2-21) PSD offers full access to communication, comprehensive curricula, intensive experience in both language development and cultural expression, and specialized support services. PSD provides meaningful access to spoken and written English and American Sign Language throughout all programs for both academic and social purposes.

In an environment of high expectations free of communication barriers, PSD students also benefit from a wide range of extracurricular, community, and leadership activities.

**Tuition Rate**

Day: $69,803.05 – This rate does not include ESY program, Transportation, 1 to 1 aide costs (Personal Care Aid), or OT/PT.

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**Pressley Ridge Day School Pittsburgh/Career Development Center**

**Service Description**

The Pressley Ridge Day School Pittsburgh/Career Development Center program serves children and youth with emotional disturbance. Each classroom can serve up to 12 students and is staffed by certified teachers and behavior support staff. All staff members receive extensive professional development regarding brain science, trauma-informed care, Collaborative Problem Solving, positive behavior supports and interventions.

We provide an individualized, strength-based approach to academic, social/emotional and behavioral growth. Academic and behavioral programs are individually prescribed for each student and include individual and group academic instruction, individual and group interventions, and individual tutoring and counseling. The primary goal of this

comprehensive programming is to facilitate the student's successful return to public school with the least possible special assistance.

The Day School Pittsburgh/Career Development Center is a program of Pressley Ridge. The area served by the school

includes the counties of Allegheny, Beaver, Butler, Fayette, Indiana, Lawrence, Washington and Westmoreland.

**Tuition Rate**

Day: $55,149.01 – This rate does not include ESY or 1 to 1 aide costs.

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**Pressley Ridge School for the Deaf**

**Service Description**

Pressley Ridge School for the Deaf is a year-round Approved Private School with a residential component that serves

students who are Deaf or hard of hearing and also identified as having behavioral or emotional need or are on the Autism Spectrum. Some students also have intellectual disabilities or multiple disabilities. Students must be eligible for special

education services as Deaf or hard of hearing as well as either Emotionally Disturbed or Autistic.

A low student-to-staff ratio is maintained to provide an individualized, strength-based approach to academic and behavioral growth. A developmentally sensitive, neurobiologically-informed approach to clinical problem solving is used. Instructional interventions and behavioral supports are developmental in nature and rooted in brain science. All staff members are required to have a minimum level of fluency in American Sign Language. In addition, all staff members

receive extensive professional development regarding brain science, trauma-informed care, Deaf culture, positive behavior supports and interventions.

The area served includes all counties in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

**Tuition Rate**

Day: $82,041.97

7-Day Residential: $227,926.97

These rates do include the summer session as a year-round APS. They do not include 1 to 1 Special Education Aide

costs.

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**Royer-Greaves School for Blind**

**Service Description**

Founded in 1921, Royer-Greaves School for Blind, is a small school in suburban PA, providing individualized programs for students with complex educational and medical needs. Our intimate small team approach provides us the flexibility to tailor the instruction to each student’s needs using research-based curriculum and instructional methods, both on campus

and in the community. Royer - Greaves accepts students with low incidence and complex disabilities including visual impairment/blind, intellectual disabilities, orthopedic and physical disabilities and multiple disabilities. We specialize in supporting students whose disability includes associated behavioral and medical needs. Therapy and specialized services are integrated into each student’s program as needed, - including PT, OT, Speech, and Hearing Therapies, Vision, Orientation and Mobility, Behavior Support, Music Therapy and Aquatics.

Our extended school year (ESY) mirrors our school year program, maintaining similar instruction and schedules. The ESY full day program, scheduled Monday through Fridays, is available at an additional cost.

**Tuition Rate**

Day: $77,702.00

These rates do not include ESY or 1 to 1 aide costs.

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**The Timothy School**

**Service Description**

The Timothy School is the oldest non-profit approved private school in Pennsylvania devoted exclusively to teaching

students with autism. For over 50 years, the school has worked to develop an understanding of autism that recognizes the

strengths and uniqueness of our students and the specialized methods needed to expand their educational opportunities. The Timothy School’s model program emphasizes Structured Teaching, Applied Behavior Analysis, Functional Communication and Positive Behavior Supports as core components of our curriculum. The school provides highly

specialized instruction with an average student/teacher ratio of 2:1. The curriculum is individualized in order to develop

students’ academic/functional academic skills, communication and self-help skills, daily living/vocational skills, social/emotional and gross/fine moto skills. The application of communication, self-help, behavioral and daily living skills is

emphasized across all settings in order to help students participate and enjoy relationships with others within the home, school and community. Speech and occupational therapy are integrated in all areas and provided in a variety of settings in order to provide interventions in the environments the students will use the skills and help students generalize them. Physical education, music, community-based instruction and vocational training are major program components. Additionally, parent communication, involvement and participation are vital parts of each student’s program.

**Tuition Rate**

Day: $82,500.00 - This rate does not include costs associated with providing 1 to 1 aide services, 1 to 1 teacher services, job coaching for off-site work internships and ESY.

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**The Valley Day School**

**Service Description**

Valley Day School's mission is teaching school-aged students (grades K-12) tools needed to lead healthy lives. Science tells us that certain factors can either support or erode a child's ability to be healthy and resilient. As a therapeutic school community, we model and teach principles drawn from such evidence- based, best-practices as the sanctuary model, the

resiliency model, neuro-science, and positive behavior intervention support. In addition to addressing IEP-identified student academic needs, we teach students as many protective strategies and techniques as possible --to better prepare students for success at Valley Day School and in less restrictive settings. VDS receives referrals from LEAs (district and charter schools) throughout Southeastern Pennsylvania.

Founded in 1959, since 1984 Valley Day School (VDS) has provided a K-12 educational day program on its 10.4 acre suburban campus in Lower Bucks County to students identified as Emotionally Disturbed (ED), Neurologically Impaired (NI/TBI/OHI), or Autistic, who have been identified by their IEP team as needing full-time emotional support in an out-of district educational placement. VDS provides personalized special education programming and related services for students aged 5-21. Computer- assisted instruction, sound-field technology, and other assistive media technology are available in every classroom to engage and motivate students. In addition to academic content aligned with PA state standards, the following programs are available to students: Industrial Technologies, art education, computer education, library science, health education, adapted physical education, intramural sports, sewing & computerized embroidery, horticulture (both indoor and outdoor), transitional training (both on-site & via community-based training placement, community service projects & events, electives, and clubs. In addition, each VDS student is assigned both a VDS Case Manager and a VDS treatment team to facilitate student progress towards recovery and completion of their IEP goals.

One of the primary school-wide strategies we use is the application of the Sanctuary Model. We believe that many of the behavioral issues that students face can be linked to past traumatic experiences. The Sanctuary Model is a comprehensive approach to developing a trauma-sensitive culture in which psychological and social trauma can be addressed and resolved. As a "full-system approach," this model requires extensive involvement and commitment by

school leadership, staff, students, & family/care providers at every level of the process.

Our day program provides students with a safe, healing environment. Management of risk via structure and predictability is a key component of our approach. VDS uses an interdisciplinary team approach, coordinating knowledge and

techniques from education, psychology, counseling, mental health, guidance, parent/guardian input, input from the student, and input from articulating therapists and agencies. Available related services for students include: psychological services, guidance services, counseling as needed,, speech therapy/language development, occupational therapy, reading specialist services, job coaching,, health room services (while students are on campus), and behavior support services. To coordinate our efforts with those of articulating agencies and specialists, VDS uses Case Managers, a Transition Coordinator and Job Coach, a Mental Health Services Specialist, and a SAP (student assistance plan) team.

**Tuition Rate**

Day: $58,500.00 based on 180 school days – This rate does not include the costs of 1 to 1 aide service and ESY.

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**The Vanguard School**

**Service Description**

The Vanguard School provides comprehensive special education and clinical services with a unique focus on the

individual student and his or her readiness for life. The Vanguard School offers an integrated approach to academic, social, community integration and career-transition skills within a supportive environment where the goal is for each

student to become a contributing member of the community.

The Vanguard School offers PreK and Elementary School, Middle School, High School and Vanguard Transition Center (VTC) programs to students ages 4-21. Specialized classes at The Vanguard School support students with complex needs who require highly individualized and specific instruction for success. Specialized services include emotional and

behavioral support for students with significant behavioral difficulties, and intensive teaching for students with autism and communication delays. Across programs, we offer a diverse curriculum and a wide range of activities to support students’ abilities and needs. Programs such as art, community-based instruction, music, daily living skills and physical education provide an opportunity for students to put into practice what they have learned in the classroom. The VTC offers post

secondary education support, career exploration, skills assessments, counseling, self-advocacy training and community based vocational experiences.

Therapists and specialists are actively involved in each student’s school day and often co-treat across disciplines and

consult with teachers and other professionals on a regular basis. Clinical services include speech-language, occupational and physical therapies, school psychology, school counseling, behavior support, nursing services and behavior analysis. The clinical staff have extensive experience with special education populations and their unique educational and behavioral management needs.

**Tuition Rate**

Day: $68,500.00 – This rate does not include ESY or 1 to 1 aide costs.

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**Website:** www.vanguardschool-pa.org

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**The Vista School**

**Service Description**

The Vista School (Vista) provides educational services to children with Autism Spectrum Disorder that includes an integrated behavioral health component. The Vista Foundation, using a Group IBHS license, integrates daily behavioral health services within the educational programming of The Vista School. Vista seeks to prepare children for transition into less specialized programs by providing intensive, highly structured, highly individualized behaviorally based programs that emphasize the skills appropriate for each child’s age and developmental level. Instruction at Vista takes place within functional and meaningful tasks, emphasizing positive and proactive strategies and is delivered in a setting that is

determined to be optimal for learning. Instructional conditions may include on-to-one instruction, group instruction and/or

instruction on independent tasks. A data based decision-making process is employed to determine the use of appropriate teaching strategies and the course of instruction for each individual child’s program. Ongoing curriculum and program modification for each student occurs as a result of careful analysis of data by the multi-disciplinary team (including Special

Education Teacher, Speech and Language Pathologist, Occupational Therapist and Behavior Consultant). In addition to programming for skill acquisition, Vista addresses the need for reduction and/or replacement of behaviors that impede learning; such as challenging and problematic behaviors, by providing ongoing assessment and treatment of undesirable behaviors through environmental adaptations, analysis of learning needs, skill development, and empirically validated behavior management techniques.

**Tuition Rate**

Day: $57,842.21 – This rate does not include nursing, toilet training services, ESY or 1 to 1 aide costs.

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| **Site Address Telephone Fax** | | | |
| Vista School | 1021 Springboard Drive  Hershey, PA 17033 | 717-583-5102 | 717-583-5127 |

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| **Name Title Telephone Fax** | | | |
| Mike Jarman | Chief Executive Officer | 717-583-5102 | 717-583-5127 |
| Patricia Verdon | Chief Financial Officer | 717-583-5102 | 717-583-5127 |
| Janet Foor | Executive Director of Education Programs | 717-583-5102 | 717-583-5127 |
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**The Watson Institute Friendship Academy**

**Service Description**

The Watson Institute Friendship Academy is an approved private school with a mental health component that provides special education and mental health services to children and adolescents identified with serious emotional disturbance and/or students with an autism spectrum disorder.

The Friendship Academy provides a comprehensive educational program, K-12, combined with a school-wide positive behavior support system which includes daily peer reviews. Individualized behavior contracts are also utilized to address specific concerns when appropriate with students. The classroom staff emphasizes cooperative learning strategies as well as interdisciplinary instruction which focuses on the skills which will enable the student to become a productive member of society. The program team consistently plans for successful integration of students back into their school districts and community. Transition plans are initiated with students ages 14 and above, as well as a focus on career awareness at the elementary age. Certified content area teachers, English, Math, Science and Social Studies, work collaboratively with Special Education teachers to provide the students with standards-based content that they would be receiving in their public school.

In addition to the regular curriculum, the following services are available to students: Technology Education; Family and Consumer Sciences; Computer Science /Technology; Health Services; Psychological Services; Specialized Reading

Instruction; Speech/Language Therapy; Adaptive Physical Education; Specialty Treatment Groups and Emergency Crisis Intervention Services. Social workers work with students and families and provide individual and group therapy.

Psychiatrists provide medication management and guide the treatment for each student.

Many of the students at Friendship Academy have been exposed to trauma in their lives. Friendship Academy implements a trauma informed method of treatment throughout the program to help support the students and guide the staff in their efforts to promote success with the students in school, home and their community.

**Tuition Rate**

Day: $49,421.82 – This rate does not include ESY or 1 to 1 aide costs.

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| **Site Address Telephone Fax** | | | |
| The Watson Institute Friendship Academy | 255 South Negley Avenue  Pittsburgh, PA 15206 | 412-365-3800 | 412-361-6775 |

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| Samantha Generalovich, M.Ed. | Education Director | 412-365-3821 | 412-361-6775 |
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**Website:** www.thewatsoninstitute.org

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**Wesley Schools**

**Service Description**

Wesley K-8 School and Wesley High School are programs of Wesley Family Services, a non-profit organization located in Pittsburgh and surrounding areas. Our mission is to empower children, families and adults by providing transformational care. We provide support to school age children with Serious Emotional Disturbance and Autism by utilizing an integrated approach that combines special education and mental health services. Our schools are located in the South Hills of

Pittsburgh and serve up to 135 students from Allegheny and surrounding counties. Our teams including the child and parents develop Individualized Education and Treatment Plans to best meet the needs of each child. Both schools utilize

the concepts of Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports (PBIS) to create a safe and nurturing environment. We are

the first Approved Private School in Pennsylvania to begin implementation of PBIS to fidelity as recognized by the Department of Education! We believe our students have the right to a high quality education and strive to provide them with the same opportunities they would receive in their public school. Our curriculum is aligned to the PA State Standards and is delivered by certified special education teachers. Speech therapy and reading support are provided by licensed Speech Therapists and a Reading Specialist. In addition to the core subject areas, we offer Art, Music, Technology,

Family Consumer Science and Physical Education. Every classroom is equipped with a Smart Board to increase student

engagement and to differentiate instruction. We are a member of the Western Pennsylvania Therapeutic Sports League

and offer opportunities for students to join a variety of sports teams. We take a strength based approach to Transition Services to prepare students for post-secondary education and employment. We also provide on-site work experiences for our younger students and paid work-study opportunities for students who are of work age.

We use evidence based practices to help remove barriers to learning so that each experiences success. When return to public school is an option, we utilize a formal Reintegration process to ensure the child has mastered the skills necessary

for success and also provide support and consultation to the public school. We believe every person has strengths and every person is valuable. Partnerships with parents, school districts and any agency involved with our students are critical to the success of every child!

**Tuition Rate**

Day: $53,804.96

This rate does not include costs:

• 1:1 Services

• Extended School Year

• Occupational Therapy

• Physical Therapy

• Mental Health Services

Partial Hospital (PH) & Out Patient (OP) Services are optional services for students who are eligible and enrolled in

Medical Assistance. Medical Assistance is available to all students with an IEP.

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| **Site Address Telephone Fax** | | | |
| Wesley High School Grades 9 - 12 | 5250 Caste Drive  Pittsburgh, PA 15236 | 412-885-7017 | 412-885-3896 |
| Wesley K-8 School Grades K - 8 | 243 Johnston Road  Pittsburgh, PA 15241 | 412-833-6444 | 412-308-0168 |

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| **Name Title Telephone Fax** | | | |
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**Website:** www.wfspa.org

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**Western Pennsylvania School for Blind Children**

**Service Description**

The Western Pennsylvania School for Blind Children operates both a day and residential program for pre-school and

school-age children who are visually impaired. At the pre-school and kindergarten level, the School enrolls children who have visual impairments with and without additional disabilities. Those children without additional disabilities often matriculate to their local school district. The School’s curriculum incorporates functional applications of the Core Curriculum (such as Math, Science, and English) as well as the Expanded Core Curriculum specific to students with visual impairment (such as independent living skills, recreation and leisure skills, career education, and social interaction skills). Services include occupational therapy, physical therapy, speech and language therapy, orientation and mobility, positive behavior support, and nursing. Audiological, psychological, and consultation services are provided as well. An extended school year program is available for eligible students. The School also provides Outreach services to school districts in

Western Pennsylvania who require itinerant support to meet the unique needs of students with visual impairments.

**Tuition Rate**

Day: $90,356.00

5-Day Residential: $173,061.00

These rates do not include associated with ESY.

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| **Site Address Telephone Fax** | | | |
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**Website:** www.wpsbc.org

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**Western Pennsylvania School for the Deaf**

**Service Description**

On September 4, 1869, the first day school for Deaf children in the United States opened. It would come to be known as the Western Pennsylvania School for the Deaf (WPSD).

WPSD has grown to include; The Scranton School for Deaf and Hard of Hearing Children, a formal Outreach program

with offices in Camp Hill, PA, Pittsburgh and the Scranton area, and Choices for Children – a robust parent-infant program. Today, the programs of the Western Pennsylvania School for the Deaf reach more than 385 deaf and hard-of hearing children ranging from birth through 12th grade from 53 counties across the state of Pennsylvania.

We are dedicated to meeting the individual needs of our students and supporting our families through exceptional services. Our programs advance the philosophy of an All-Inclusive Communication Environment where American Sign Language, sign-supported English and spoken English are practiced. We are proud to offer the very best academic, technology, residential and support services to our students at no cost to their families.

**Tuition Rate**

Day: $62,495.00

5-Day Residential: $113,066.00

These rates do not include ESY or 1 to 1 aide costs.

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| **Site Address Telephone Fax** | | | |
| WPSD | 300 East Swissvale Avenue  Pittsburgh, PA 15218 | 412-371-7000 | 412-244-4223 |
| The Scranton School for Deaf and    Hard of Hearing Children Website: www.thescrantonschool.org | South Abington Campus  537 Venard Road  South Abington Township, PA 18411 | 866-400-9080 570-587-1000 | 570-587-9000 |
| Camp Hill | 3820 Hartzdale Drive  Camp Hill, PA 17011 | 717-909-5577 | 717-909-5599 |

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| **Name Title Telephone Fax** | | | |
| Steven E. Farmer, Ed.D. | Chief Executive Officer | 412-371-7000 | 412-244-4232 |
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**Website:** www.wpsd.org

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**Woods Services**

**Service Description**

Woods Services was founded in 1913 as a residential private non-profit school. Woods became an Approved Private a

School in the 1960s and continues to provide a full range of educational day services, residential treatment and related services on a centrally located 300 acre campus in Langhorne, Bucks County. Our Bucks County campus currently has three school locations, Gardner School, Crestwood School and the Brookwood School, for transition age students 16-22. The Brookwood School emphasizes vocational life skills and focuses on preparing students for employment and adult living. The Gardner School is the largest of our schools serving students 5-22 years old with diverse needs from multiple disabilities and autism to academic/ life skills and serious emotional/behavioral challenges. The Crestwood School

focuses on academic and life skills preparing students for post- secondary education. Woods is also an approved Title I school for children at risk.

Academic, vocational/job enrichment and life skills programs are offered as prescribed in the students Individualized Education Plan. Woods provides services to children with complex medical needs, autism, physical and intellectual challenges as well as emotional and behavioral needs. Related services include physical and occupational therapy,

speech/language therapy; psychological and psychiatric services, including individual and group therapies, and adaptive physical education.

Woods provides a structured, nurturing environment and the use of positive behavior management and trauma-informed care strategies to de-escalate challenging behaviors. All schools utilize the concepts of Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports (PBIS) to create a safe and nurturing environment.

Staffing ratios in the residential areas varies from 1:2 to 1:4 depending on individual needs. Therapeutic supports include individual and group psychotherapy, family therapy, psychiatric consultation, recreation therapy, and psychoeducational groups. A medical clinic and full dental suite is located on the campus supporting our residential program.

**Tuition Rate**

Day: $71,292.66

7-Day Residential: $233,094.66

These rates do not include ESY or 1 to 1 aide costs.

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| **Site Address Telephone Fax** | | | |
| Woods Services (Administration Office) | 40 Martin Gross Drive  Langhorne, PA 19047 | 215-750-4000 | 215-750-4591 |

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| Ryan Garrison | Director of Referral Development | 215-750-4045 | 215-750-4591 |
| Mary O’Neill | VP of Education | 215-891-8739 | 215-750-2987 |

**Website:** www.woods.org

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**Approved Exceptionalities**

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| **Name of School Licensed Category Autism LD ED SL DHH TBI OI ID VI Chartered Licensed Disability Categories** | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| ACLD Tillotson School | SpEd: Elem/Sec | x | x | x |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Camphill School | SpEd: Elem/Sec | x |  |  |  |  |  |  | x |  |  | IDEA Regulation Terms |
| Centennial School Lehigh Univ | SpEd: Elem/Sec | x |  | x |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Childrens Institute of Pittsburgh | SpEd: Pres/Elem/Sec | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x |  |  |  |
| Clarke Pennsylvania Inc | SpEd: Preschool |  |  |  |  | x |  |  |  |  |  | Autism |
| Community Country Day School | SpEd: Elem/Sec |  |  | x |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | TBI - Traumatic Brain-Injury |
| Davidson School | SpEd: Pres/Elem/Sec | x |  | x |  | x | x |  | x | x |  | ID - Intellectual Disability |
| Delta School | SpEd: Elem/Sec | x |  | x |  |  | x |  |  |  |  | OI - Orthopedic Impairment |
| DePaul Institute | SpEd: Pres/Elem/Sec |  |  |  | x | x |  |  |  |  |  | ED - Emotional Disturbance |
| Devereux Brandywine | SpEd: Elem/Sec |  |  | x |  |  | x |  |  |  |  | LD - Learning Disabled |
| Devereux Day School - CARES | SpEd: Elem/Sec | x |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | DHH - Deaf and Hard of Hearing |
| Devereux Mapleton Schools | SpEd: Elem/Sec | x |  | x |  |  | x |  |  |  |  | VI - Visual Impairment |
| Dr Gertrude A Barber Center | SpEd: Pres/Elem/Sec | x |  | x | x |  | x | x | x |  |  | SL - Speech and Language Impairment |
| Easter Seals of Southeastern Pa | SpEd: Pres/Elem | x | x | x | x |  | x | x | x |  |  |  |
| Easter Seals of Southeastern Pa | SpEd: Pres/Elem | x |  | x | x |  | x | x | x |  |  |  |
| Easter Seals of Western and Central PA | SpEd: Preschool |  |  |  | x |  | x | x | x |  |  | PAS Regulation Terms |
| Easter Seals of Western and Central PA | SpEd: Pres/Elem |  |  |  | x |  | x | x | x |  |  |  |
| Fairwold Academy | SpEd: Pres/Elem/Sec | x | x | x |  |  | x |  | x |  |  |  |
| George Crothers Memorial School | SpEd: Pres/Elem/Sec |  |  |  |  |  | x | x | x |  |  | Autism |
| Green Tree School | SpEd: Pres/Elem/Sec | x |  | x |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | BD - Brain Injury |
| HMS School for Children with Cerebral Palsy | SpEd: Pres/Elem/Sec |  |  |  |  | x | x | x | x |  |  | MR - Mentally Retarded |
| Martin Luther School | SpEd: Pres/Elem | x |  | x |  |  |  |  | x |  |  | PH - Physically Handicapped |
| McGuire Memorial | SpEd: Pres/Elem/Sec | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x |  | SED - Socially/Emotionally Disturbed |
| Melmark Inc | SpEd: Elem/Sec | x |  |  |  |  | x | x | x |  |  | LD - Learning Disabled |
| Overbrook School for Blind | Special Education |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | x | HI - Hearing Impaired |
| Pace School | SpEd: Pres/Elem/Sec | x | x | x |  |  | x |  | x |  |  | VI - Visually Impaired |
| Pathway School | SpEd: Pres/Elem/Sec | x | x | x | x |  | x | x | x | x |  | S&L - Speech/Language Impaired |
| Pennsylvania School for the Deaf | Special Education |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | x |  |
| Pressley Ridge Day School-Pittsburgh | SpEd: Elem/Sec |  |  | x |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Pressley Ridge School for the Deaf Program | SpEd: Elem/Sec |  |  | x |  | x |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Royer-Greaves School for the Blind | SpEd: Elem/Sec |  | x | x | x |  |  | x | x | x |  |  |

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| **Name of School Licensed Category Autism LD ED SL DHH TBI OI ID VI Chartered Licensed Disability Categories** | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Timothy School | SpEd: Pres/Elem/Sec | x |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Valley Day School | SpEd: Elem/Sec | x |  | x |  |  | x |  |  |  |  |  |
| Vanguard School | SpEd: Pres/Elem/Sec | x | x | x | x |  | x |  | x |  |  |  |
| Vista School | SpEd: Pres/Elem/Sec | x |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Watson Institute Education Center | SpEd: Pres/Elem/Sec | x |  |  |  |  | x | x |  |  |  |  |
| Watson Institute Education Center South | SpEd: Pres/Elem/Sec | x |  |  |  |  | x | x |  |  |  |  |
| Watson Institute Friendship Academy | SpEd: Elem/Sec | x |  | x |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Wesley High School | SpEd: Secondary | x |  | x |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Wesley K-8 School | SpEd: Elementary | x | x | x |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Western PA School for Blind | Special Education |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | x |  |
| Western PA School for Deaf | Special Education |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | x |  |
| Woods School | SpEd: Pres/Elem/Sec | x |  | x | x |  | x | x | x |  |  |  |

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