



# Oak Park Elementary School District 97

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**To:** Board of Education Members  
Dr. Ushma Shah, Superintendent of Schools

**From:** Patrick Robinson, Assistant Superintendent of Elementary Schools  
Dr. Luis DeLeon, Assistant Superintendent of Middle Schools  
Patrick King, Senior Director of Finance

**Re:** Contract and Contract Renewals Exceeding \$25,000 (Student Services Department)

**Date:** June 13, 2023

## Purpose

The purpose of this memo is to request approval for the procurement of instructional materials, clinical services, tuition and professional learning for the Student Services Department that involve contract and contract renewals that exceed \$25,000. The current vendors that require consideration for approval are outlined below by category. The anticipated contract obligations total \$3,355,104.38. The contracts that rely on IDEA grant funds total \$351,131.32. Of the \$2,164,987.00 earmarked for out-of-district tuition, \$1,731,989.60 is reimbursable by the Illinois State Board of Education at a rate of 80%. The total recommended general fund obligation is \$1,271,938.46. A document with additional detail can be found here: [SY24 Contracts in Excess of \\$25,000 \(6.2023\)](#)

## Instructional Materials

The Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act (IDEA) requires that districts provide specially designed instruction to students with Individualized Education Programs (IEPs). The instructional materials and the requisite professional learning below are funded by the IDEA grant in the amount of \$114,378.95. Details about each vendor are linked in the table.

Vendor Name	Contracted Service Type	Total Amount (SY24)
Houghton Mifflin Harcourt: <a href="#">HMH Read 180</a> <a href="#">HMH Math 180</a>	Instructional Materials AND Professional Learning	\$35,078.47
<a href="#">Wilson Reading System</a>	Instructional Materials AND Professional Learning	\$51,300.48
Enome ( <a href="#">Goalbook</a> )	Instructional Materials AND Professional Learning	\$28,000.00

### Related Service Providers

Additionally, in order to ensure that services are provided per IDEA and to meet our obligation to our private, parochial, independent and home school partners (in our capacity as a flow through entity) that ensures access to special education and related services, the contracts outlined below allows the district to provide speech and language services to all students in our district as well as the students that are parentally placed in private schools (inclusive of the aforementioned schooling categories). The total anticipated funding from the IDEA grant amounts to \$236,752.37.

Vendor Name	Contracted Service Type	Total Amount (SY24)
Cheryl Harding, SLP for Private/Parochial	Related Service Provider	\$35,000.00
Foxhire, Speech Language Therapist	Related Service Provider	\$76,752.37
AnthroMed	Speech Pathologist (part-time Lincoln/private and parochial)	\$125,000.00

### FMLA Coverage

The Student Services department is not unaffected by FMLA leaves and the contracts below allow the district to ensure that special education and related services are provided to students with IEPs uninterrupted. The funding from the general fund totals \$838,986.06.

Vendor Name	Contracted Service Type	Total Amount (SY24)
Foxhire, FMLA Special Education Teachers	Special Education Teachers (FMLA)	\$86,500.00
Procare Therapy (FMLA)	Related Service Providers	\$152,486.06
Therapy Travelers (FMLA Leaves and openings)	FMLA Leaves (Special Education Teachers and Related Service Providers)	\$200,000.00
Pediastaff Agency	Related Service Providers	\$100,000.00
Assured Health	FMLA short-term leaves and resignations for Nurses	\$100,000.00
Soliant Agency	FMLA Leaves (Special Education Teachers and Related Service Providers)	\$100,000.00
ProCare Therapy Agency	FMLA Leaves (Special Education Teachers and Related Service Providers)	\$100,000.00

### Out of District Tuition

The Student Services Department also has an obligation to partially fund the tuition of students who IEP teams recommend for out-of-district placements. The contracts with these schools are outlined below. Of the \$2,164,987.00 earmarked for out-of-district tuition, \$1,731,989.60 is reimbursable by the Illinois State Board of Education at a rate of 80%. The district's anticipated obligation is \$432,997.40.

Vendor Name	Contracted Service Type	Total Amount (SY24)
Britten School (1 student)	Tuition	\$55,710.72
Child's Voice (1 student)	Tuition	\$66,091.53
Clare Woods (1 student)	Tuition	\$35,678.72
Cove (2 students)	Tuition	\$123,582.84
Esperanza (1 student)	Tuition	\$52,935.10
Giant Steps (1 student)	Tuition	\$69,839.40
Hyde Park (5 students)	Tuition	\$264,741.00
Menta Hillside (2 students)	Tuition	\$70,767.12
Menta West (2 students)	Tuition	\$75,367.92
Metropolitan Prep (2 students)	Tuition	\$119,351.60
New Horizon (1 student)	Tuition	\$46,495.32
Parkland (3 students)	Tuition	\$131,800.20
Parkland Bartlett (2 students)	Tuition	\$92,551.20
Rush (5 students)	Tuition	\$450,921.67
SEAL (2 students)	Tuition	\$100,020.08
Jeanine Schultz (3 students)	Tuition	\$42,076.98
Sonia Shankman (4 students)	Tuition	\$367,055.60