



***Special Education Department***

19200 Cobb Avenue

PO Box 170

Tornillo, TX 79853

Phone 915.765.3041

Fax 915.765.3099

# MEMORANDUM

TO: BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
FROM: TORNILLO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT SPECIAL EDUCATION DEPARTMENT  
SUBJECT: CONTRACTS FOR PROVIDERS OF SPECIAL EDUCATION RELATED SERVICES AND ATTORNEY RETAINMENT  
DATE: 08/27/2025

---

## HISTORY:

Tornillo ISD utilizes contracted professionals to provide certain special education services and therapy to students receiving special education services. These areas include attorney services and consultation, Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, In-Home/Parent Training, AI Teacher, VI Teacher, Diagnosticians, Adapted PE Coach, and Licensed Specialist in School Psychology.

## RATIONALE:

The use of contracted service providers allows Tornillo ISD to provide the needed and required special education and related services to students as part of their Individual Education Plan (IEP) that result in a Free Appropriate Public Education in a cost-effective manner. Each student receives an IEP that is reasonably calculated by the Admission, Review and Dismissal Committee (ARD) and must be implemented in order to meet the federal requirements for eligible students. The full implementation of the IEP will allow the special education student to progress through the general curriculum. The number of special education students that require these services in the Tornillo ISD does not justify the employment for full time service providers in these areas.

## BUDGET IMPACT:

All special education contracted services are currently paid through IDEA-B federal funds (224) and local funds (199). The amounts paid are based on student needs and service times in the individual student's IEP as well as any needed evaluations or re-evaluations needed.

## ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATION:

At this time, the Administration is recommending that the following Special Education Professional Service Contracts for the 2025-2026 school year be approved:

1. Occupational Therapist
2. Physical Therapy
3. Attorney services and retainment
4. AI Teacher for the Hearing Impaired
5. VI Teacher for the Visually Impaired
6. Adapted PE Coach
7. Licensed Specialist in School Psychology
8. Licensed Diagnostician services
9. Special Education Counselor
10. Speech therapy service providers and evaluator

***Vision:*** Believe we can succeed; with pride we will achieve.

***Mission:*** The mission of the District is to educate and inspire students in a safe and supportive environment which will result in closing the achievement gap by preparing all students for college readiness and success in a global society.