

Interpreting Services: Fiscal Report

Arkansas School for the Deaf

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Introduction

The Arkansas School for the Deaf (ASD) has historically provided ASL interpretation services via direct contractors and referral agencies. ASD currently relies on 20 direct contractors and one referral agency to provide ASL interpretation on campus. The figures listed below are the summation of fiscal years 21-24 and have been used to calculate projections for fiscal year 2025. With the addition of merging some services between ASD and the Arkansas School for the Blind and Visually Impaired (ASBVI) ASL interpretation requests have become more frequent. *The numbers below do not include or indicate any interpretation provided by hearing educational staff.*

Clayton Higgins was hired in late October of 2024 as a staff interpreter and began fully interpreting on campus starting November 1st, 2024. Clayton has since taken on the roll of interpreter coordinator in addition to actively interpreting on ASD/ASBVI campuses. His current salary is a GS06 at **\$41,577.95** (this includes an Exceptionally Well Qualified salary increase and a language differential as determined by his National Interpreting Certification). Calculation of his average hours interpreting on campus place the amount Clayton is projected to save ASD at over **\$93,000** for the 2025 fiscal year. In the last three months (November, December, and January) Clayton's provision of interpreting services has saved ASD **~\$24,000**.

It should be noted when reviewing the expenses below that each invoice is typically submitted and paid the following month. Meaning, interpretation services provided in the month of October are paid out to the interpreter or agency in the month of November.

Therefore, the expenses accrued during November were prior to the hiring of a staff interpreter/coordinator. Below are the relevant calculations and figures.

Amount spent on interpreting services in the last 5 fiscal years:

FY 2021 - **\$71,443.59**

FY 2022 - **\$89,077.40**

FY 2023 - **\$120,672.04**

FY 2024 - **\$141,491.33**

Projected interpreter services expenses (contract and agency) fiscal year 2025:

Monthly: **\$13,842.13**

*FY 2025 Total: **\$166,105.56**

Projected interpreter services expenses after hiring a full-time staff interpreter/coordinator for FY 2025

Monthly: **\$6,092.13**

FY 2025 Total: **\$73,105.56**

Actual amount spent on interpreter services to-date for FY 2025:

July - **\$5108.10**

August - **\$2651.48**

September - **\$14,103.52**

October - **\$15052.05**

Clayton Arrives

November – **\$12,112.09**

December - **\$7,116.27**

January - **\$3853.38**

Total to-date: \$59,996.89

*these projections were created using historical financial data via trend analysis with linear regression. The margin of error calculation shows a 95% confidence level in these projections with the range spent on interpreters in the 2025 fiscal year being between \$135,349.16 to \$196,861.96