



Murray Ridge Center

Lorain County Board of Developmental Disabilities

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Dear Mr. Davis,

Service and Support

Administration

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At its January 2025 meeting, the Lorain County Board of Developmental Disabilities (LCBDD) passed a resolution to continue to provide school age services for individuals age 6 through 21 for the 2025-2026 school year. As you know, it is a requirement for a Developmental Disabilities (DD) Board to notify a Local Education Agency (LEA) of any change or continuation of services. It is also the LEA's responsibility to notify the DD Board if there is a change in how it will use DD school age services.

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The enclosed written agreement pertains to school age students age 6 through 21. A contract that covers preschool services will be sent under separate cover.

The Ohio Department of Education (ODE) and the Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities (ODDD) recommend that county boards of DD and LEAs have a written agreement stating the responsibilities of each party in the collaborative effort to provide special education services to children with special needs. It is the LCBDD policy to have such agreements in effect.

While there are no substantial changes in this contract from recent years, please note that it continues to contain the requirement for any Personal Attendant/Aide (PA) working with students placed at Murray Ridge School to go through our Personal Attendant training. To ensure continuity of services, we recommend that each district have a bank of trained substitutes available in the event that a PA assigned to Murray Ridge School is absent. Also, if the LEA does not send a PA as prescribed in the IEP for a child who attends Murray Ridge School, LCBDD, at its discretion and if resources are available, may assign an LCBDD employee to serve as the student's PA for the day and LCBDD shall bill the LEA at a rate of \$150 per school day, and the LEA shall remit payment within 90 days.

Supported

Employment

Ph: 440.324.4993

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To arrange for our Personal Attendant training, please contact our Human Resources Department at 440.329.3734.

Attached for your review is the contract for Murray Ridge school-age services for the 2025-2026 school year. Please sign and return by May 1, 2025. A fully executed copy will be returned to you.

We are pleased to continue to work with your school district to support and educate students with special needs and their families. We look forward to another successful school year.

Sincerely,

Dann Swift

Director of Educational and Children's Services

AGREEMENT FOR EDUCATIONAL SERVICES BETWEEN THE LORAIN COUNTY BOARD OF DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AND CLEARVIEW LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

This is an agreement between:

Lorain County Board of Developmental Disabilities, (LCBDD)

and

Clearview Local Schools a Local Educational Agency (LEA)

and pertains to students who reside in Lorain County and for whom the Clearview Local Schools is the financially responsible school district.

DELIVERY OF SERVICES

The LCBDD provides educational services to eligible individuals of LEA's for whom it is determined placement at Murray Ridge School is the most appropriate educational setting. LCBDD provides programs in accordance with the Operating Standards for Ohio's Schools Serving Children with Disabilities and follows the Ohio Department of Education's Policies and Procedures for the Education of Children with Disabilities.

The LCBDD provides both preschool and school aged services.

The preschool is an integrated, center-based program that serves children 3 through 5 years old.

There is a per student tuition charged to LEAs for preschool services.

School-aged services are provided at Murray Ridge School, or a mutually agreed upon site, and serve students 6 through 21 years old. There is no cost to Lorain County school districts for school-aged students.

LCBDD shall cooperate with each student's School District of Residence in the development of an Individual Educational Plan (I.E.P.) for each student. Delivery of services shall be based upon the I.E.P. and shall be designed to meet the unique needs of the child/student. The I.E.P. shall be developed in a team planning conference and revised as often as necessary, but at least annually.

PLACEMENT PROCEDURES

LEA Responsibilities:

1. For initial placement
 - a. Confer with LCBDD school administration
 - b. Notify parent/guardian of meeting, purpose of meeting, the participants of meeting, the time and place of meeting, and provide parent the notice of procedural safeguards.
 - c. Notify participants of meeting.
 - d. Maintain documentation of contact and attempts to contact parent/guardian of meeting.
 - e. Arrange for re-scheduling of meetings, if necessary.
2. Obtain all required signatures on appropriate documents.
3. Maintain records of appropriate documents.
4. Provide necessary documents to LCBDD school administration.
5. Provide an authorized designee to attend meetings to serve as LEA representative.
6. Ensure the signature of an authorized representative on the I.E.P. documents.

7. In case of a placement dispute or disagreement, the L.E.A.'s due process and grievance procedures shall be followed.
8. In case of a need for a change of placement during the term of the existing I.E.P. the LEA shall be responsible for evaluation of need, I.E.P. requirements, and transition.
9. Conduct evaluations as necessary to complete and maintain students Multifactorial Evaluation and re-evaluation requirements.
- 10. In the case of preschool students, enter into, and adhere to terms of agreement for payment of per pupil fee.**

LCBDD Responsibilities:

1. For annual review and/or other meetings designed to address student needs:
 - a. Notify parent/guardian of meeting, purpose of meeting, the participants of meeting, the time and place of meeting.
 - b. Notify participants of meeting.
 - c. Maintain documentation of contact and attempts to contact parent/guardian of meeting.
 - d. Arrange for re-scheduling of meetings, if necessary.
2. Maintain records of appropriate documents.
3. Provide necessary documents to LEA and Parent/Guardian.
4. Provide an authorized designee to attend meetings to serve as LCBDD representative.
7. Ensure the signature of an authorized representative on the I.E.P documents.

PROVISION OF SERVICES

LEA Responsibilities:

The Local Educational Agency will be responsible for the following:

1. Referral of eligible students to LCBDD.
2. Provide transition services from Part C to Part B.
3. Submission of completed multifactorial evaluation and any re-evaluation to LCBDD.
4. Any additional supports and/or services as necessary for the student to participate in a separate facility placement and access the curriculum including, but not limited to, individual communication devices, Personal Attendants/Aides, etc., as prescribed by the IEP. *If the LEA does not send a Personal Attendant as prescribed in the IEP for a child who is in attendance at Murray Ridge School, LCBDD may, at its discretion and if resources are available, assign an LCBDD employee to serve as the student's Personal Attendant for the day; if LCBDD provides a Personal Attendant in accordance with the terms of this Agreement, LCBDD shall bill the LEA at a rate of \$150 per school day for the Personal Attendant, and the LEA shall remit payment within 90 days.*
5. The LEA shall ensure that all personal attendants assigned to Murray Ridge School have participated in a Personal Aide training program that is provided by the LCBDD. This requirement may be waived in individual cases at the sole discretion of the LCBDD superintendent.

LCBDD Responsibilities:

As reflected in IEPs, LCBDD will make available the following services for students placed at Murray Ridge School.

1. Certified classroom teacher.
2. Classroom aide.
3. Transportation
4. Speech and Language Therapy and/or consultation
5. Occupational Therapy and/or consultation
6. Physical Therapy and/or consultation
7. Physical Education - (adapted to the students' particular needs)
8. Delegated Nursing/Nursing
 - Positioning
 - Toileting
 - Feeding
 - Medication Administration
9. Administrative and Supervision services to monitor appropriate implementation of guidelines in accordance with Ohio Department of Education and Ohio Department of DD policies and procedures.

Superintendent/Designee - (LEA)

Date

Superintendent/Designee - (LCBDD)

Date

Please Note: Services in relation to Satellite programs are based upon the individual contract language as agreed upon by LCBDD and the individual Local Educational Agency.