

The Dollars and Sense of Service Agreements with Schools

The Why:

- The majority of the students that come with a school would not have the opportunity to attend otherwise.
- Adds richness and diversity to the program.
- Directly impacts the greater community.
- The income that comes in from school agreements significantly affects the bottom line.



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The Art of Attracting Schools:

- Reach out to Special Education Teachers in your area schools.
- Ask your families who are already passionate about your program to reach out to their school contacts.
- Volunteers, especially past educators, who know the gatekeepers are always good connection points.
- Be patient. Getting the conversation started may take several tries.



SERVICE AGREEMENT

Points of the Agreement:

THIS SERVICE AGREEMENT ("Agreement") is entered into and dated for the 2023-2024 school year, by and between Independent School District No. 34 of Canadian County,

- Purpose What service your center will provide
- Responsibilities Yours and the schools
- Terms of the Agreement
- Compensation
- Independent contractor
- Insurance/Limits of liability

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Timing:

- The budget process for the following school year beings in January.
- Budgets for the following year must be approved before the current school year ends.
- Most schools will not have extra budget funds to begin something new during the current school year.
- Most Service Agreements must be approved by the School Board in the prior school year due to the budget.



Paperwork:

- Each student will need a complete annual application.
- The school students may need extra time to get the application and physical completed due to parent's work schedules.
- Students cannot ride until the application is received, but can attend with the group and interact with the horses.



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Here They Come!

- Plan for a group of students to attend weekly.
- Need a climate controlled place large enough for students to wait until it is their time to ride.
- Prepare to keep students busy when they are not riding.
- Perhaps a grooming station or ground skills with enough personnel.





The Lesson:

- Morning classes work best for school schedules.
- A large group of students can take a couple of hours to rotate through class.
- A solid group of dependable volunteers is needed each week to work with the schools.
- The schools sometimes bring additional aides that will volunteer with the class.





Thank you for attending!



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