

Agenda Item Title: Genesis Learning Centers Agreement for 2026-2027 School Year

Board Meeting Date: June 9, 2026

Department: Special Education

Presented by: Dr. Trey Duke

Board Agenda Category:

- Consent Agenda
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Requires City Council Approval: Yes No

Summary

MCS seeks approval of a contract with Genesis Learning Centers for services provided by Rutherford Academy for the 2026-2027 school year. Genesis Learning Centers will provide therapeutic day school services for students whose Individualized Education Program (IEP) teams determine that a highly specialized educational setting is necessary to meet their needs. The agreement outlines educational, behavioral, and related services, establishes program requirements and reporting expectations, and sets tuition rates for the 2026-2027 school year.

Staff Recommendation

Approve the 2026-2027 contract with Genesis Learning Centers for the provision of therapeutic day school services for eligible students.

Fiscal Impact

Services will be paid from IDEA Part B funds. The following rates will apply for the term of this agreement:

- Instructional rate is \$315 per student per day;
- A required one-to-one educational assistant is an additional \$404.25 per student per day;
- ESY is \$262.50 per student per half day, plus \$262.50 per half day if a one-to-one assistant is required;
- Bus aides are \$63.00 per day

Murfreesboro City Schools spent approximately \$395,150 with Genesis Learning Centers in FY25 and approximately \$355,030 in FY26.

Connection to MCS's Five-Year Strategic Plan

- Known:** Every student will be *known* through whole-child programs and support.
- Safe:** Every student will be *safe* through equitable access to buildings, facilities, and infrastructure that meets their needs.
- Challenged:** Every student will be *challenged* by learning from highly effective educators and employees.

Empowered: Every student will be *empowered* through academic success.