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AGREEMENT FOR INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR SERVICES FOR
GREGORY-PORTLAND INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

This Agreement is entered into effective as of August 1, 2025 between Gregory- Portland Independent School District, an independent school district and political subdivision of the State of Texas, 1200 Broadway Avenue, Portland, Texas 78374 (hereinafter referred to as District) and Mary Ann Gansle of Gulf Coast Psychology, PLLC 1700 Wildcat Drive Suite D, Portland, Texas 78374 (hereinafter referred to as Independent Contractor).

1. **Engagement of Independent Contractor.** District agrees to engage Independent Contractor on a non-exclusive basis to perform educational assessment services (hereinafter referred to as Services or services). Independent Contractor agrees to perform the services under the terms and conditions set forth in this Agreement on a non-exclusive basis as needed by the District.

2. **Duties of Independent Contractor.** Independent Contractor represents and warrants that it is fully qualified, certified, and licensed to perform any and all services generally performed by Independent Contractor in Independent Contractor’s usual line of business, including but not limited to: in-service trainings for District personnel; assessment of students referred for services, including observation, direct contact and report construction; consultation with District personnel consisting of training, modeling and monitoring of Individual Education Plan (IEP) goals and objectives for students approved for services; evaluation’s; participation in Admissions, Review and Dismissal (ARD) meetings; creating progress notes and reports on students receiving services, including setting up and maintaining documentation/data systems for reporting programs; consultation with District staff regarding how to carry out interventions for a student; and any other duty related to providing appropriate assessment and/or services for students of the District.

3. **Duties of District.** District shall provide Independent Contractor with an area adequate for the performance of Services. District shall provide Independent Contractor with information regarding District practices, rules, regulations and procedures with regard to the Services to be performed by Independent Contractor.

4. **Term.** Engagement of Independent Contractor will commence on August 1, 2025, and the Agreement will remain in full force for a term ending July 31, 2026. District shall reserve the right to renew this contract for two additional 12 month renewal periods (August 1, 2026 - July 31, 2028). District may terminate this Agreement, with or without cause, upon three (3) days written notification to Independent Contractor. In the event of such early termination, District will make payment only for services already provided by Independent Contractor to the
 date of termination.

5. **Compensation.** As compensation for services performed under this Agreement, District must pay Independent Contractor in accordance with the Rate Schedule attached as Attachment "A".

Invoices shall be submitted by Independent Contractor on the first business day of each month for Services performed the previous month. Invoices shall have detail sufficient for the District's analysis of the invoice entries. All payments shall be made in accordance with the Texas Prompt Payment Act.

6. **Relationship of the Parties.** The parties intend that Independent Contractor, in performing the specified services, will act as an Independent Contractor and must have control of the work and the manner in which it is performed. Independent Contractor will be free to contract for similar services to be performed for other employers while Independent Contractor is under contract with District. Independent Contractor is not to be considered an agent or employee of District and is not entitled to participate in any pension plans, bonus, stock, or similar benefits that District provides for its employees. The District and Independent Contractor agree that Independent Contractor, Independent Contractor's subcontractors, agents and employees are not covered under any District insurance policy, including but not limited to the District's liability, property and casualty, or workers' insurance policies.

7. **Liability.** Independent Contractor must take all precautions necessary for the safety of and prevention of damage to District property and for the safety of and prevention of injury to persons, including District employees and students, Independent Contractor employees, and third persons, on District property. All work must be performed entirely at Independent Contractor's risk.

8. **Confidentiality.** To the extent that personally identifiable information or student records are accessed by Independent Contractor pursuant to the scope of this Agreement, Independent Contractor agrees to keep that information confidential. Independent Contractor agrees to refrain from copying, disseminating, or discussing the information or in any way compromising the confidentiality of such personally identifiable student information.

9. **Reasonable Access and Confidentiality.** The District expressly authorizes Independent Contractor, and any of its representatives, to the extent provided by law and upon reasonable notice and by appointment to enter upon District premises at any time during normal business hours for the Services subject to this Agreement. Independent Contractor understands and agrees that whenever any of its officers, employees, agents, or representatives is upon District premises, he or she may be escorted by and under the surveillance of the District employees. Independent Contractor shall sign the attached Confidential Student Information Agreement and each employee, agent, representative, and/or contractor of the Contractor shall sign the Access Agreement, both of which are fully incorporated herein for all purposes and attached hereto as Attachment "B".

10. **Non-Solicitation.** Independent and District agree that the employees of Independent Contractor and District may possess abilities that are in great demand and further agree that each party has incurred substantial expense in recruiting and training such employees and would incur even greater expense if required to replace any such employee. Therefore,

Independent Contractor and District each agree not to recruit, either directly or indirectly, a present employee of the other during the term of this Agreement or any other agreement between them, and for one year following termination of all such agreements, without the express written consent of the other party. The non-solicitation provision shall survive the termination of the contract.

11. **District Policies.** Independent Contractor agrees to comply with all District rules, regulations, and policies while on District property, attending District related or District sponsored events, and while performing Services under this Agreement. This includes, but is not limited to, written evaluations, progress reports, and other required documentation.

12. **Criminal Background Check.** Texas Education Code Chapter 22 requires entities/individuals that contract with school districts to provide services to obtain criminal history and/or fingerprinting record information regarding covered employees. Independent Contractors must certify to the District that they have complied. Covered employees with disqualifying criminal histories are prohibited from serving at the District. Independent Contractor agrees to submit to a national criminal history review on each person Independent Contractor directs to perform the Services to the District as set forth in this Agreement and to provide any and all information necessary to secure the national criminal history review, including fingerprints and photographs, if required. Independent Contractor agrees to wear a name tag at all times when present on any property owned by the District.

13. **Insurance.** Insurance coverage described below shall be furnished by the Independent Contractor with the following limits at a minimum:

- a. Workers' Compensation and Employers' Liability:
 - i. Workers' Compensation - Statutory
 - ii. Employer's Liability
 - 1. Bodily Injury by Accident
 - a. Each Accident \$100,000
 - 2. Bodily Injury by Disease
 - a. Each Disease \$100,000
- b. Commercial General Liability
 - i. General Aggregate \$100,000
 - ii. Prod/Comp-Op Aggregate \$100,000
 - iii. Pars/Advert Injury \$50,000
 - iv. Each Occurrence \$50,000
 - v. Fire Damage \$5,000
 - vi. Medical Expense \$500

Coverage shall include: Premises-Operations; Independent Contractors; Products - Completed Operations; Contractual Liability; and Broad Form Property Damage
- c. Comprehensive Automobile Liability
 - i. Owned, Non-Owned, and Hired: Combined Single Limit \$300,000
- d. Professional Liability: \$1,000,000 per claim and \$2,000,000 in the aggregate

14. INDEMNITY. DISTRICT SHALL NOT BE LIABLE OR RESPONSIBLE FOR, AND SHALL BE SAVED AND HELD HARMLESS BY INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR FROM AND AGAINST ANY AND ALL SUITS, ACTIONS, LOSSES, DAMAGES, CLAIMS, OR LIABILITY OF ANY CHARACTER, TYPE, OR DESCRIPTION, INCLUDING ALL EXPENSES OF LITIGATION, COURT COSTS, AND ATTORNEY'S FEES FOR INJURY OR DEATH TO ANY PERSON, OR INJURY TO ANY PROPERTY, RECEIVED OR SUSTAINED BY ANY PERSON OR PERSONS OR PROPERTY; ARISING OUT OF, OR OCCASIONED BY, DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY, THE PERFORMANCE OF INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR UNDER THIS AGREEMENT.

15. **Documents.** Independent Contractor shall maintain all books, records or other documents relating to this Agreement required by District policy and/or state or federal law. The District or its designee shall have access to such books, records or other documents for purposes of making audits, examinations, excerpts and transcripts.

16. **No Waiver of Immunity.** No party hereto waives or relinquishes any immunity or defense on behalf of itself, its trustees, officers, employees and agents as a result of the execution of this Agreement and the performance of the covenants contained herein.

17. **No Third Party Beneficiaries.** There are no third-party beneficiaries of this Agreement.

18. **Terms To Be Exclusive.** The entire agreement between the parties with respect to the subject matter under this Agreement is contained in this Agreement. Except as expressly provided to the contrary, the provisions of this Agreement are for the benefit of the parties solely and not for the benefit of any other person, persons or legal entities.

19. **Waiver or Modification Ineffective Unless in Writing.** A waiver, alteration or modification of any of the provisions of this Agreement will not be binding unless in writing and signed by authorized representatives of the parties to this Agreement.

20. **Notice.** Any notice required by or permitted under this Agreement must be made in writing. Any notice required by this Agreement will be deemed to be delivered (whether actually received or not) when deposited with the United States Postal Service, postage prepaid, certified mail, return receipt requested, and addressed to the intended recipient at the address shown in this Agreement. Notice may also be given by regular mail, personal delivery, courier delivery, facsimile transmission or other commercially reasonable means and will be effective when actually received. Any address for notice may be changed by written notice delivered as provided herein.

21. **Governing Law.** This Agreement is made according to the laws of the state of Texas. The parties expressly agree that this Agreement is governed by and will be construed and enforced in accordance with Texas law. Venue for any dispute shall be in the courts of San Patricio County. San Patricio County is the County of Performance.

22. **Assignment.** This Agreement may not be assigned by either party without the prior written consent of the other party.

The parties have made and executed this Agreement on the dates stated below.

For: Mary Ann Gansle dba Gulf Coast Psychology

Signature:  _____

Printed Name: Mary Ann Gansle, Ph.D.

Title: Psychologist

Authorized Representative of Gulf Coast Psychology

Date: 8/1/2025 | 12:57 PM CDT

For: Gregory-Portland Independent School District

Signature:  _____

Printed Name: Denise Blanchard

Title: Director of Special Education

Date: 8/1/2025 | 1:16 PM CDT

For: Gregory-Portland Independent School District

Signature:  _____

Printed Name: Ismael Gonzalez III, Ed. D.

Title: Assistant Superintendent for Business-Finance & Operations

Date: 8/1/2025 | 1:26 PM CDT

Attachment "A" Rate Schedule

MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT
for
PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES with
Gregory-Portland Independent School District
2025-2026 School Year

Mary Ann Gansle, Ph.D. agrees to provide psychological services to GPISD. Psychological services will include the following:

- Dr. Gansle and professional staff will provide assessments of students identified by the school district to determine Emotional Disturbance, Autism, or Learning Disability, etc as requested by the Special Education Director. Dr. Gansle and staff will also provide the following services at the request of the Special Education Director: Attend ARD meetings, provide consultations to school district staff, provide in-service training, and provide individual, group therapy, and/or social skills training to students identified by the district as needing these services.
- Dr. Gansle's staff will be under direct supervision, and may hold one of the following titles: Licensed Specialist in School Psychology (LSSP), Licensed Specialist in School Psychology Intern, and/or Licensed Specialist in School Psychology Practicum student. Any duties performed by staff members will be directly appointed and supervised by Dr. Gansle. Unless otherwise notified, Dr. Gansle will directly provide services to GPISD.
- Counseling services may be provided by a Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC), depending on district request.


In exchange for these services, Gregory-Portland ISD agrees to pay Mary Ann Gansle, Ph.D. the following fees:

- Emotional Disturbance Evaluation: \$704. An ED evaluation shall include an interview of the student and parent when available, observation of the student, interviews with staff familiar with the student, review of available records, behavior rating scales, personality assessments as appropriate, and a written report.
- Learning Disability Evaluation: \$900. An LD evaluation shall include administration and interpretation of any of the following as appropriate: One of the Wechsler Scales of Intelligence and Individual Achievement for the appropriate age, Woodcock Johnson Battery of Intelligence and Achievement (or other instruments appropriate for use, depending on individual need), review of records, and a written report. An analysis utilizing the cross battery method of LD determination will be applied as appropriate.
- For an evaluation including both full scale ED and LD assessments: \$1100. This includes all of the above assessments listed under ED and LD evaluations, including a full analysis utilizing the cross battery method for LD determination. Also included here are specific recommendations targeted for use in a Behavior Intervention Plan when appropriate.
- Autism Spectrum Disorder Evaluation: \$704. An AU evaluation will include student observation, interviews with parents and teachers as available, administration of appropriate assessment instruments (ADI-R, ADOS, CARS, etc), and a written report.
- Psychological (ED) or Autism (AU) evaluation that includes an assessment of IQ and Achievement (Quotients): \$902. Refer to above information for what is included in an ED or AU evaluation. Cross battery analysis is not included in this evaluation.
- For individual/group therapy, the fee will be \$80 per hour or \$400 per day (5 hours of direct service at the specific campus). A minimum of \$80 will be charged per visit.

Dr. Gansle's office will provide these services for the 2025-2026 school year. GPISD will pay Dr. Gansle within 30 days upon receiving invoice.

-Psychologist retains the right to refuse any evaluation, with proper notice provided to SPED personnel.

Either party may terminate or withdraw from the agreement with 30 days notice.



Mary Ann Gansle, Ph.D., ABSNP
Licensed Psychologist #35139
LSSP #32538

6-4-25
Date

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Special Education Director

8/1/2025 | 1:16 PM CDT

Date

Attachment "B"
Confidential Student Information Agreement

On behalf of Mary Ann Gansle doing business as Gulf Coast Psychology, PLLC ("Independent Contractor"), I am requesting access to individual student information to further Services for Gregory-Portland Independent School District's ("the District"), pursuant to the Agreement for Independent Contractor Services for Gregory-Portland Independent School District ("Agreement"). For purposes of the Services to be performed for the District, the Independent Contractor is a "school official" as the term is used in FL (Local). Therefore, the Independent Contractor has a legitimate educational interest in the student information provided for the use in the Services defined. As such, the Independent Contractor's access to individual student information is permitted under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 (FERPA) and its implementing federal regulations found in 34 CFR Part 99.

The Independent Contractor agrees and understands that information concerning any individual student is to be held in strictest confidence and assures that procedures are in place for monitoring and protecting confidentiality of student information. All media that contain individual student records that contain individual student records will be kept in a secure area. Each Independent Contractor representative (employees and/or contractors) that will access the individual student records must agree to protect student confidentiality by signing the attached "Access Agreement."

In addition, the Independent Contractor agrees that any data sets or output reports that its representatives may generate with individual student data are confidential. The Independent Contractor will not disclose to any unauthorized person any data sets or reports with individual student data which is obtained or devised. The Independent Contractor agrees to be responsible for any access by tracking access to student identifiable information through the use of password(s). The Independent Contractor agrees to return all student identifiable data to the District when the information is no longer needed for purposes of the Services for which the Independent Contractor has contracted to perform for the District.

The Independent Contractor understands that any unauthorized disclosure of confidential student information is illegal as provided in FERPA and its implementing regulations. FERPA is specifically incorporated into the Texas Public Information Act as an exception to records which are subject to disclosures to the public (Texas Government Code, Chapter 552).

Independent Contractor: Mary Ann Gansle Gulf Coast Psychology, PLLC

Signed By: 
Signed by: Mary Ann Gansle
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Title: Psychologist

Printed Name: Mary Ann Gansle, Ph.D.

Date: 8/1/2025 | 12:57 PM CDT

ACCESS AGREEMENT


Under the terms of the Confidential Student Information Agreement between Mary Ann Gansle doing business as Gulf Coast Psychology, PLLC ("the Independent Contractor") and Gregory- Portland Independent School District ("the District"), I am requesting access to confidential student information.

I understand that any unauthorized disclosure of confidential student information is illegal as provided in the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 (FERPA) and in the implementing federal regulations found at 34 CFR, Part 99. I understand that any personal characteristics of a student that could make the student's identity traceable are protected.

In addition, I understand that any data sets or output reports that I may generate using confidential data are to be protected. I will not distribute to any unauthorized person any data sets or reports that I have access to or may generate using confidential data. I will not disclose any data analysis or report to any party without the consent of the District. I understand that I am responsible for any telephone or computer transactions performed as a result of access authorized by use of sign-on/password(s).

I also understand that failure to observe these restrictions is prohibited by Texas Government Code §552.352.

Independent Contractor: Mary Ann Gansle, Gulf Coast Psychology, PLLC

Signed By:  Signed by:
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Title: Psychologist

Printed Name: Mary Ann Gansle, Ph.D.

Date: 8/1/2025 | 12:57 PM CDT