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Coke County Schools – Speech-Language Pathology Services

Coke County Schools is currently seeking sealed bids from qualified providers to furnish **Speech-Language Pathology (SLP) Services** for the **2026–2027 Contract Year**, beginning with the **June 2027 Extended School Year (ESY)** session.

I. Scope of Services & District Demographics

The selected provider(s) will be responsible for comprehensive SLP services, including evaluations, direct therapy, and IEP team participation, across 13 instructional sites:

- **9 Elementary Schools | 2 High Schools | 2 Alternative Programs**

Contractual Service Windows (2026–2027 SY):

- **June 2027 (ESY):** Initial service period providing direct therapy for students qualifying for Extended School Year services.
- **2026–2027 Academic Year:** Full-service district coverage beginning August 2026 through May 2027.
- **Student Caseload:** Approximately 100 school-pay students, 200 plus additional insurance-pay students.

II. Mandatory Bid Components

To be considered, all bids **must** include the following:

1. **Price Per Hour:** A fixed hourly rate for the 2026–2027 cycle (including June ESY and the standard academic year).

2. **Service Delivery Model:** Detailed capacity for **In-Person, Teletherapy, or Hybrid** models.
3. **Direct Insurance Billing: Mandatory Requirement.** The provider must demonstrate the capacity to bill insurance directly for all eligible students and manage all claims independently.
4. **Licensure Guarantee:** A written guarantee that all therapists assigned to Cocke County Schools will have **confirmed, active Tennessee State Licensure no later than July 1, 2026.**
5. **Credentialing & Pipeline Report:** Bidders must provide a current staffing pipeline report. This must include names of proposed therapists for the ESY and academic year start, or a detailed recruitment status report showing candidates currently in the licensure/background check stage.
6. **Cancellation Policy:** Clear terms regarding student absences, district-wide closures, and provider-initiated cancellations.

III. Submission Process & Deadlines

Sealed bids must be marked "**Sealed Bid: Speech-Language Pathology Services**" and delivered to:

- **Submission Deadline:** Friday, April 17, 2026, by 3:00 PM.
- **Public Bid Opening:** Friday, April 17, 2026, at 3:00 PM at the Central Office.
- **Extension Clause:** Cocke County Schools reserves the right to extend the bid deadline should an insufficient number of bids be received by the initial closing date.

Delivery Address: Cocke County Board of Education Attn: Special Education Department [305 Hedrick Drive Newport, TN 37821](https://www.cockecountytn.gov/305-Hedrick-Drive-Newport-TN-37821)

IV. General Conditions

Cocke County Schools reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to accept the bid deemed most advantageous to the school system and its students.