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**SCHOOL FINANCE MEMORANDUM 09-009**

**TO:** Special Education Residential Voucher Program Administrators

**FROM:** Philip Williams, Deputy Associate Superintendent

**DATE:** July 14, 2008

**SUBJECT:** Fiscal Year 2009 Special Education Residential Voucher Program, ARS § 15-1184

Attached you will find the rates for the 2008-2009 school year.

Instructions for the on-line voucher application can be found at <http://www.ade.az.gov/ess/vouchers>. Voucher payments will continue to be made on a monthly basis. Claims must be submitted by the end of business, **ten days** after the month in which the service was provided (i.e. the August claim is due on September 10<sup>th</sup>). Claims received after the **10<sup>th</sup>** of the month will be processed the following month.

You must submit and activate your fiscal year 2009 calendar electronically before we are able to process any payments. Your calendar must be submitted on-line using your common logon user name and password at <https://www.ade.az.gov/commonlogon/Login.asp?Mode=Logon>. After clicking on LEA Calendars, you will find a manual that will walk you through submitting your calendar. Please note, no payment will be issued without a current, active calendar submitted.

If you have any questions regarding claim submission/procedures, or do not have a common logon, please contact me at [Shirley.Willis@azed.gov](mailto:Shirley.Willis@azed.gov) or (602) 542-8245.

# Special Education Residential Voucher Daily Rates for FY 2009

Pursuant to Arizona Revised Statute 15-1184, below is the statutory formula funding daily rates for school year July 2008 through June 2009. Rate calculations are based on Arizona's mandated 180 school session days. Facilities operating outside of Arizona will be funded at the rates below for the legislative mandated school session days of the state in which they are operating. Funding will not be provided for any days that exceed the state's mandated session days. Every facility is required to submit a calendar that defines all session days, observed holidays, spring and winter breaks and any other exception days. Calendars are limited to state legislative mandated session days. Year Round schools will only be funded for the state legislative mandated session days for the state in which the facility operates. Extended School Year funding is included in the regular session daily rate; additional funding is not available to facilities to provide ESY services.

K-8	HS(9-12) Category	K-8*	HS (9-12)*
26	56Autistic	\$129.4462	\$131.5146
8	38Emotional Disability	\$38.1824	\$38.1824
15	45Emotionally Disabled (Private)	\$110.9594	\$113.0278
16	46Hearing Impairment	\$110.0268	\$112.0952
9	39Mild Mental Retardation	\$38.1824	\$38.1824
19	49Moderate Mental Retardation	\$103.6268	\$105.6952
21	51Multiple Disabilities	\$129.4462	\$131.5146
20	50Multiple Disabilities - Severe Sensory Impairment	\$168.1021	\$170.1705
10	40Non Special Education	\$38.1824	\$38.1824
22	58Orthopedic Impairment	\$146.6347	\$148.7031
11	52Other Health Impairment	\$38.1824	\$38.1824
24	54Severe Mental Retardation	\$129.4462	\$131.5146
12	42Specific Learning Disabled	\$38.1824	\$38.1824
13	43Speech Language Impairment	\$38.1824	\$38.1824
25	55Visual Impairment	\$110.6668	\$112.7352

A student's daily rate is established based on the age of the student on September 1<sup>st</sup>. A student who turns 14 years of age on or before September 1<sup>st</sup>, will be funded for the entire school year at the daily rate in the 9 – 12 column. A student, who turns 14 years of age anytime after September 1<sup>st</sup>, will be funded for the entire school year at the daily rate in the K-8 column. Fundable Daily Rate is determined by the student's primary disability approved by ADE/ESS.

Funding will not begin until after students are approved by ADE/ESS and a correctly completed claim form is received by School Finance. Only submit claims on students for which a signed voucher approval with a current year number has been received from ADE/ESS.

Funding starts on the latter of date of ADE/ESS approval or date student actually enrolls and begins to receive educational services. Funding ends on the earliest of: expiration date of ADE/ESS approval, date student discharges from facility or date student withdraws and stops receiving educational services. For example - student approval is dated 09/01/08, student enrolls and begins receiving educational services 09/10/08 - 1st day of funding is 09/10/08; student withdraws and stops receiving educational services 11/10/08, student discharges 11/11/08 - last day of funding is 11/10/08.