

Office of State Budget and Management
Establish New, Receipt-Supported Positions
 (G.S. 143-34.1)

Agency: Health and Human Services

Division: Office of Education Services

Budget Code: 14424
Center Title: Central Administration
Center Number: 1801

***** Position Information *****

Proposed Classification: EDA II **Proposed Salary Grade:** 56

Salary Range w/ Benefits: \$28,870 **Proposed Effective Date:** 3/01/2007

Number of Positions: 6

	<u>Center Authorized Budget</u>	<u>Current Request</u>
Total Budget	\$1,120,427	\$173,220
Receipts	<u>\$ 1,120,427</u>	<u>\$173,220</u>
Appropriation	\$ 0	\$ 0

Funding Source(s): DPI Transportation Allotment (Receipts)

Justification for Position (including description of duties and responsibilities):

In cooperation with and with funding from the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction, the Office of Education Services (OES) is responsible for providing transportation for residential students and day students at the three residential schools (the Governor Morehead School, and the two Schools for the Deaf.)

General Statute 115C-250 (a) (b) authorizes DHHS to expend funds for transportation of students with disabilities to pay for transportation safety assistants.

Currently a transportation contract with a commercial bus company provides residential students with transportation from their home county to our schools on Sundays and then back home again on Fridays. There are a total of 7 weekend routes. School staff: Residential Life Trainers, Behavior Technicians, and Educational Development Aides, serve as transportation safety assistants on the commercial buses.

Currently, there are approximately 10 daily transportation routes for our day students. A number of Educational Development Aides (EDAs) are assigned as drivers and/or transportation safety assistants on these daily routes. Our students continue to demonstrate challenging program needs as identified in their Individual Education Plans. Given our schools are serving diverse student populations that include students with multiple special needs, emotional disorders, and behavior issues, there is increasing need for more direct supervision, i.e. one to one supervision, of students.

In order to meet the increasing needs of students and in order to provide appropriate supervision of our multi-needs population, OES' seeks to create 2 additional EDA II positions on each campus, whose primary responsibilities will be to serve as Transportation Safety Assistants (TSAs) and to provide additional support, i.e. one to one supervision of special needs students while being transported and while on campus. These are 10 month positions.

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Presentation to be made by

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