

Special Education Legal Fees

School Board Policy Background

In accordance with [School Board EHBAG \(Local Policy\)](#), this report provides a summary of legal fees related to special education matters. This board policy reflects the School Board and Conroe ISD's continued commitment to transparency and accountability in the use of public funds, as well as our dedication to keeping our community informed.

Under School Board EHBAG (Local Policy), and in accordance with state and federal law, Conroe ISD shall provide parents and guardians of students with disabilities required information about their rights. Conroe ISD shall also seek to resolve potential disputes with parents and guardians of students with disabilities at the ARD committee level. Conroe ISD will continue to monitor trends in legal expenditures and evaluate opportunities to reduce costs while maintaining compliance and student services.

Explanation of Legal Fees Included in this Report

Legal Fees are divided into the following three categories:

- **Nonlitigation:** Legal consultation, ARD/IEP support, and general compliance matters
- **Administrative Litigation:** Contested cases or disputes resolved under the jurisdiction of an administrative agency such as the Texas Education Agency)
- **Judicial Litigation:** Disputes resolved in the judicial branch of the government such as a trial court or court of appeals

Legal fees include but are not limited to fees or costs for either a parent or guardian, Conroe ISD legal fees and costs of any kind, and settlement amounts, if any. Legal fees vary from Conroe ISD fiscal year to fiscal year based on a number of factors that are often outside Conroe ISD's control.

The primary drivers of Conroe ISD fiscal year legal fees are volume of disputes and complaints, complexity of matters, litigation stage and duration, resolution efforts and compliance activities, and one-time or atypical matters.

September 1, 2025 – August 31, 2026 Legal Fees		Conroe ISD Fiscal Year (Sept. 1 - Aug 31)	Conroe ISD Total Legal Fees
Nonlitigation	\$ 73,810.00	2024	\$ 194,915.00
Administration Litigation	\$ 126,521.17	2025	\$ 291,465.00
Judicial Litigation	\$ 27,190.50	2026	\$ 227,521.67
Total	\$ 227,521.67	Year to date	

Data reflects legal fees invoiced and paid during the reporting period. Amounts are aggregated to ensure compliance with FERPA and do not include any personally identifiable student information.

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