

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN
THE ALLIANCE FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF TEACHING AND
LEARNING
NEW MEXICO STATE UNIVERSITY
AND
Gadsden Independent Schools**

For membership in the Alliance for the Advancement of Teaching and Learning (Alliance).

I. Purpose:

This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) establishes policy for membership and participation in the Alliance. The Alliance is a collaborative between the New Mexico State University, College of Education, schools, and other agencies that support PK-20 education. The approved members shall make up the Membership and each shall have equal voting privileges in determining the direction and authority of the Alliance. Membership in the Alliance is open to school districts, educational agencies, and other agencies and businesses that support the vision and mission of the Alliance.

The goals of the Alliance are:

- To be the principle academic entity providing comprehensive training and educational consulting services to New Mexico schools, particularly rural schools.
- To be the catalyst and inspiration for all schools to meet and exceed the expectations outlined consistent with the requirements of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act, evolving New Mexico Statutory requirements, strategic planning and the Educational Plan for Student Success (EPSS).

II. Policy:

It is the policy of the Alliance to encourage the active participation in all aspects of the membership's activities, including the provision of leadership. The members are required to attend or send a representative to a minimum of three meetings a year. In addition to and consistent with the purpose and powers the Alliance shall have the purposes and lawful power to perform the function of creating a mechanism by which the member school districts and other agencies can jointly and cooperatively undertake activities which each district is authorized by law to undertake in its function of providing public educational services.

III. Activities:

A. Each member shall:

1. Enter into or continue such joint powers agreements or MOUs as deemed necessary by the Membership for the exercise of the purposes and powers of the Alliance. Such joint and cooperative activities shall include, but shall not be limited to the following:

- a. Adopting regulations, rules or policies to carry out the purposes and functions of the Alliance.
- b. Assisting schools in the planning and implementation of educational programs.
- c. Submitting proposals to governmental and non-governmental agencies for funding and/or operation of educationally-related activities.
- d. Negotiating and executing contracts approved by the membership of the Alliance.
- e. Engaging in entrepreneurial activities for the benefit of member school districts.
- f. Engaging in any other activities, not prohibited by law, which are for the benefit of the members in their role as providers of public educational services.
- g. Enhance collaboration between the various agencies and entities that make up the Alliance.

IV. Financial Undertakings:

This MOU does not obligate any member for the expenditure of funds except for costs of attending meetings or otherwise agreed to by members. No member can obligate any other member for any expenses incurred.

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