

**Elementary Professional Development Schools
and
Secondary Professional Development Council**

**Memorandum of Understanding
2008-2009**

This agreement is entered into by New Mexico State University/Dona Ana Community College Teacher Education Program, Las Cruces Public Schools and Gadsden Independent School District.

This agreement serves to formalize the established partnership between NMSU/DACC and the aforementioned districts, which has traditionally been mutually beneficial, with all parties committed to providing a high quality teacher preparation program. This document will guide the development of supplemental agreements specific to elementary, to secondary, to Las Cruces Public Schools and to Gadsden Independent School District. The supplemental documents will serve as Standard Operating Procedures for the specific grade level and Local Education Agency (LEA) in the development and maintenance of Professional Development collaborations.

Therefore, these collaborations will place teacher licensure candidates into local schools to practice their craft in partnership with Level II and Level III teachers, beginning with field experience courses, continuing through methods/practicum courses, and culminating in student teaching. This partnership aligns with the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE) standards.

Expected outcomes are:

1. To provide highly trained and well-qualified teachers for area schools.
2. To enable NMSU/DACC teacher candidates to receive high quality instruction and to immediately implement learned concepts in a classroom setting.
3. To enable NMSU/DACC teacher candidates to work with a Level II or Level III teacher who will guide, reinforce and model effective classroom instruction.
4. To ensure that NMSU/DACC teacher candidates become part of the school community as part of their preparation for the profession.
5. To provide for collaboration between NMSU/DACC instructors, university supervisors and district cooperating teachers that will enhance the quality of teaching and learning.
6. To facilitate the communication process between NMSU/DACC and the districts/campuses served.
7. To ensure that teacher candidates from NMSU/DACC are well-prepared to enter the profession.

*This agreement shall be ongoing, with opportunities for periodic review and amendment.
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have affixed their signatures this day:*

Date

Date

NMSU

DACC

Date

Date

LCPS

GISD

The following campuses currently participate in PDS/PDC activities:

LCPS Elementary PD School Members

Alameda Elementary
Booker T. Washington Elementary
Central Elementary
Cesar E. Chavez Elementary
Columbia Elementary
Conlee Elementary
Desert Hills Elementary
Dona Ana Elementary
East Picacho Elementary
Fairacres Elementary
Hermosa Heights Elementary
Highland Elementary
Hillrise Elementary
Jornada Elementary
Loma Heights Elementary
Mesilla Elementary
Mesilla Park Elementary
Sonoma Elementary
Sunrise Elementary
Tombaugh Elementary
University Hills Elementary
Valley View Elementary

Secondary PD Committee Members

Gadsden HS
Gadsden MS
Santa Teresa HS
Santa Teresa MS
Chaparral MS
Mayfield HS
Las Cruces HS
Camino Real MS
Picacho MS
Chaparral High School