

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

Between

Dawson Education Cooperative

and

Arkadelphia School District

This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) sets forth the terms and understanding between the Dawson Education Service Cooperative ("Dawson ESC") and the Arkadelphia School District to partner with the Dawson ESC School Non Traditional Program(s) for the 2024-2025 school year.

Purpose

The purpose of the Dawson ESC Non-Traditional Program(s) is to *implement* non-traditional learning services for participating districts to serve the needs of at-risk students referred by their sending districts. In consideration of the roles and responsibilities of each party to the Dawson ESC non-traditional Programs,

Dawson ESC is responsible for the following:

- **Serving 1 (K-4 Classroom) 10:1**
- **Serving 1 (5-8 Classrooms) 15:1**
- **Serving 1 (9-12 Classroom) 15:1**
- **Serving 1 (HUB Classroom) 30:1**
- **(Connect Care) \$1250 Per Student full year, \$750 for one Semester (Will be Invoiced after placement)**
- Providing 1 (Behavior Interventionist)
- Providing 1 (Campus Supervisor)
- Providing staff that complies with state requirements and standards
- Complying with all ADE rules, regulations, and state statutes relative to the operation of an Alternative Learning Environment and/or Day Treatment Program
- Evaluating the Dawson ESC Non-Traditional Programs on a periodic basis for the purpose of determining program effectiveness
- Implementing program improvements as needed to meet the continuing needs of school districts participating in the Dawson ESC Non-Traditional Programs
- Submitting ALE program description(s) for state approval
- Providing guidance for proper coding
- Providing guidance for state compliance visits

Each participating school district is responsible for the following:

- Paying a participation fee of **\$386,250.00**
- Providing transportation of the students, Buildings, Devices, Internet, and Utilities
- **Copier/Copy Paper/PPE**
- Career center fees and/or concurrent credit fees
- National, state, and local assessment administration and materials
- Meals
- SPED services requiring additional minutes above the ALE or Day Treatment Program design and additional

services, speech therapy services, physical therapy services, occupational therapy services, health screenings, SPED due process and SPED-related assessments, and extended year services, if applicable

- Dyslexia training, materials, related assessments and resources
- Literacy program training, materials, related assessments and resources
- Participating in needs assessments and program evaluations
- Offering feedback to the steering committee for program improvement
- Designating a contact person in the school district to the Dawson ESC Non-Traditional Program
- Seeking resolution of all problems regarding program compliance or complaints with the appropriate contact administrator
- Consulting Dawson ESC regarding any chronic problems related to service, including billing issues, and program quality, so that a resolution can be determined or appropriate contract negotiations can be discussed
- Understanding and agreeing that participating in this agreement does not relieve the participating school district from its obligation to comply with all state and federal laws

The Dawson ESC Non-Traditional Programs will be evaluated annually by an administrative Steering Committee of the program. The Steering Committee is responsible for evaluation of needs assessments, program effectiveness and program improvement.

Funding

Funding for the Dawson ESC Non-Traditional Program is provided by the collection of a participation fee per percentage of classrooms served

Duration

This MOU is at-will and may be modified by mutual consent of authorized officials from both partners. This MOU shall become effective upon signature by the authorized officials from both partners and will remain in effect until modified or terminated by any one of the partners by mutual consent. This MOU shall end on June 30th of the school year in which services are provided.

Superintendent Signature:

Dawson ESC Signature:

Date:

Date:

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