

Memorandum of Understanding

Between

Alvord Unified School District

and

Mission Inn Foundation

This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) sets forth the terms and understanding between Alvord Unified School District (AUSD) and the Mission Inn Foundation (MIF) to provide and support mutual participation in the award-winning Hands On History Outreach programs at select middle school afterschool programs.

Background

Alvord Unified School District believes everyone has the right to a world-class education. The district's 23 schools serve a diverse student body of 20,000 in the City of Riverside and the City of Corona, providing relevant, engaging, and innovative learning experiences necessary to inspire them to fulfill their own unlimited potential. Alvord Unified School District's Expanded Learning (afterschool) Programs, directed by Carmen Phillips, partner with school and community organizations to "ensure opportunities for life-long learning by providing more educational, recreational and enrichment possibilities for students." Approximately 485 students participate in Expanded Learning programs.

The Mission Inn Foundation, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, preserves, interprets, and promotes the cultural heritage of the Mission Inn, Riverside, and the surrounding southern California communities through its museum services, educational programs, and outreach activities. Located in the heart of downtown Riverside and incorporated in 1976, the Mission Inn Foundation serves over 64,000 tour guests, museum visitors, and program participants each year. The three-pronged Hands On History initiative engages local students in the history of their city with interactive, activity-based, and peer-to-peer learning opportunities that incorporate California Common Core Curriculum Standards. The award-winning Hands On History Outreach program (a 2017 recipient of the Superintendent's Award for Excellence in Museum Education, sponsored by the California Association of Museums and the Office of the State Superintendent of Public Instruction) serves approximately 200 middle school students annually as a multi-visit (10-day) program. Outreach programs engage students with the many histories of their neighborhood, allowing them to explore people and places of value to them and introduce students to local leaders and sites of historical significance to the community.

Purpose

This MOU supports and defines a partnership between Alvord Unified School District and the Mission Inn Foundation. We will collaborate to bring the Hands On History Outreach program to

middle school students participating in AUSD's Expanded Learning programs afterschool during the 2019-2020 academic year. This partnership supports the following goals:

- Provide students innovative learning experiences that are fun, enriching, and educational.
- Foster in students a greater understanding and appreciation of our community (its people and places) and its history through interactive, activity-based, and peer-to-peer learning opportunities.

The above goals will be accomplished by undertaking the following activities:

- The Mission Inn Foundation will:
 - Provide Hands On History Outreach programs at four AUSD middle schools between April and June 2020.
 - Collaborate with appropriate AUSD Extended Learning and district staff.
 - Provide 1-2 program instructors for each middle school to present and teach the programs on-site at the schools.
 - Coordinate program activities:
 - In-class lessons on the topics of local history, photography, oral history, guided research, and presentations
 - Field trip to the Mission Inn and downtown walking tour
 - Final presentation/exhibition day
 - Cover the cost of supplies, buses, and MIF staff.
 - Commit to post-program follow-up meeting with AUSD to discuss program strengths, areas for improvement, and future programs.

- Alvord Unified School District will:
 - Provide on-site classroom space at each participating school, with projector and screen.
 - Recruit students to participate in the program – up to 35 at each school.
 - Collaborate with appropriate MIF staff and program instructors.
 - Provide at least one district/school staff member for daily on-site coordination and support in the classroom.
 - Provide classroom or MPR space to host the final exhibition event on the last day of the program.
 - Schedule and coordinate bus transportation and parent/student permission slips for Mission Inn field trip, and downtown Riverside walking tour (if needed). Send busing invoice to MIF for payment.
 - Commit to post-program follow-up meeting with MIF to discuss program strengths, areas for improvement, and future programs.

Reporting

Per the MIF's grant agreements, MIF staff will collect data from pre- and post-program student surveys for inclusion in funding reports. MIF will share the reports with AUSD upon request.

Funding

This MOU is not a commitment of funds on behalf of Alvord Unified School District. Outreach programs are provided free-of-charge to Alvord Unified School District by the Mission Inn

Foundation, and supported by local grants awarded to the Mission Inn Foundation's youth programs.

Duration

This MOU is at-will and may be modified by mutual consent of authorized officials from Alvord Unified School District and Mission Inn Foundation. This MOU shall become effective upon signature by the authorized officials from the Alvord Unified School District and Mission Inn Foundation and will remain in effect until modified or terminated by any one of the partners by mutual consent. In the absence of mutual agreement by the authorized officials from Alvord Unified School District and Mission Inn Foundation. This MOU shall end on June 30, 2020, with opportunity for renewal.

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