



# Chávez Educational Services, LLC

## Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)

Between

Chavez Educational Services, LLC

and

Alvord Unified School District

2020-2021 School Traditional Calendar

**This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) sets for the terms and understanding between Chavez Educational Services, LLC and Alvord Unified School District to facilitate STEP UP classes to the Alvord student population.**

### **Background:**

Chávez Educational Services, LCC (CES) was founded in an effort to provide guidance and support to the minority communities. The focus of CES is to empower students to achieve lifetime success through education, cultural awareness, and self-development. The four main components of CES are academics, parent education, culture, and sports. CES provides students with the tools necessary to achieve their academic potential. Motivational counseling, cultural awareness and self development are conducted using its curriculum STEP UP program.

Chavez Educational Services, LLC has worked with over 3600 students since 2007. The STEP UP program has been used as a motivational tool to encourage students to promote leadership, cultural awareness, self-accountability, and academic/career success.

### **Purpose:**

The purpose of the program is to provide students from Alvord Unified School District motivational workshops using the STEP UP program. The STEP UP program was co-authored by Alex Chávez, who holds a M.S. in Educational Counseling along with a Pupil Personnel Services Credential. The program aims to reduce violence, promote social awareness and increase academic achievement among at-risk youth. These workshops will be conducted by Dr. Alondo Campbell, who holds a Ph.D. of Sociology.

The STEP UP experience helps every willing participant:

1. To better plan ways to achieve the basic skills required of adults in this society.
2. To know clearly when he/she is acting as a child AND when he/she is making decisions as a young adult.
3. To become the person people, want to help reach their goals.

Every participant who experiences the STEP UP program and follows the planning charts in the STEP UP Workbook will be:

- Better able to map out a real plan to achieve dreams.
- Better able to interact in a world to achieve their dream—not become a barrier to other’s achieving theirs.
- Better able to serve others in every community in which they are a part of.
- Better able to ask for the assistance needed to achieve short and long-term goals.
- Better able to see how their behaviors have a direct impact on basic freedoms all Americans are trained to enjoy.
- Better able to determine where their efforts will produce the shortest and long-term rewards.

The STEP UP program is aligned with the Social Emotional Learning Wheel that covers:

- \*Self-Awareness \*Self-Management \*Responsible Decision-Making
- \*Social Awareness \*Relationship Skills

**Reporting:**

Participants will complete an online pre/post survey conducted by West Ed. To maintain confidentiality, participants will be assigned an ID number to complete the surveys.

**Funding:**

Chavez Educational Services, LLC is currently funded through the Juvenile Justice Crime Prevention Act (JJCPA) to provide STEP UP services to Riverside County youth, so there will be no charge to the Alvord Unified School District.

**Duration:**

Each STEP UP class consists of approximately ten hours of workshops including an hour of an outdoor workout session (optional) that aligns to our STEP UP curriculum.

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