



Governing Board Agenda Item

Meeting Date: January 8, 2026

From: Denise Linsalata, Assistant Superintendent

Subject: Maricopa County Community College District Agreement

Priority: To recruit, retain, and support highly effective staff, teachers, and leaders

Consent Action Discussion

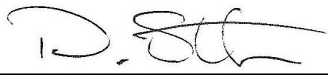
Background:

The District was contacted by Rio Salado College with a request to have a practicum placement in our District, which requires that we establish an Affiliation Agreement. We previously had an agreement with Maricopa County Community College District that included Rio Salado College, but that agreement has expired. Since we view accepting field placement students as a recruiting strategy, we are asking the Governing Board to approve this agreement to allow the field placement of practicum student teachers from Rio Salado College.

This agreement has been approved by District's legal counsel.

Recommended Motion:

I move that the Governing Board approve the Affiliation Agreement and Addendum to the Affiliation Agreement between Maricopa County Community College District for Rio Salado College and Marana Unified School District.

Approved for transmittal to the Governing Board: 
Dr. Daniel Streeter, Superintendent

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AFFILIATION AGREEMENT
Between
MARICOPA COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT
For
RIO SALADO COLLEGE
And
MARANA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

THIS AGREEMENT is made this 3rd day of December 2025 between MARICOPA COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT FOR RIO SALADO COLLEGE (referred to as “COLLEGE” herein) and MARANA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT (referred to as “DISTRICT” herein).

The COLLEGE desires to secure fieldwork experience for its teacher education students, and the DISTRICT is capable of providing support for field experience and student teaching experiences and maintains facilities suitable to provide desired experience for students of the COLLEGE.

IT IS THEREFORE AGREED BETWEEN THE PARTIES AS FOLLOWS:

A. RESPONSIBILITIES OF RIO SALADO COLLEGE:

1. The COLLEGE will instruct its students to abide by all policies, procedures and rules of the DISTRICT. In matters relating to pupil activities, the COLLEGE students will take direction from authorized DISTRICT personnel.
2. The COLLEGE will maintain adequate insurance to provide coverage for liabilities arising from the acts and/or omissions of students and employees participating in the intercept experience with the DISTRICT. The COLLEGE will not be responsible for maintaining insurance coverage for any liability arising from the acts and/or omissions of the employees, representatives or agents of the DISTRICT, and the COLLEGE will not assume any liability arising from the acts and/or omissions of the employees, representatives or agents of the DISTRICT.
3. For student teaching placements, the COLLEGE shall designate a program supervisor to coordinate, consult and collaborate with the DISTRICT classroom teacher, and to supervise and evaluate the student teacher:
 - a) Out of County/Out of State Placements: via video-recorded lesson presentations, as well as phone and/or email communication.
 - b) Maricopa County Placements: via in-person Program Supervisor meetings and reviews, as well as phone and/or email communication.
4. The COLLEGE will pay monetary compensation directly to the mentor or cooperating teacher for the services rendered, as applicable. The stipend amount is determined by the COLLEGE based on the type (field experience or student teaching) and length of the placement.
5. The COLLEGE assures the DISTRICT that all students placed in their schools will have a valid fingerprint clearance card. If requested at the time of service to the DISTRICT, the COLLEGE will provide a copy of the appropriate state documents, and when available an IVP number. The COLLEGE will conduct periodic checks on the IVP card throughout the student’s placement to ensure the continued validation of the fingerprint clearance card. The COLLEGE will immediately remove the student whose card has become invalid.

6. In cases of employment aligned to the Teacher in Residence Program/Alternative Path COLLEGE agrees to provide documentation of academic progress towards meeting the goal of certification.

B. RESPONSIBILITIES OF DISTRICT:

1. DISTRICT will provide qualified personnel for the guidance of students who are placed with the DISTRICT for programs and provide direct guidance, supervision and involvement for those students.
2. DISTRICT will provide appropriate and adequate facilities for learning purposes including sufficient space for teaching purposes and conferences with students.
3. DISTRICT will provide instructional materials, library facilities and other training aids as needed to the faculty/liaison and student of the COLLEGE for training purposes. DISTRICT will inform THE COLLEGE of any change in policy, rules or regulations which will affect the students or faculty of the COLLEGE.
4. DISTRICT will maintain adequate insurance to provide coverage for the liabilities arising from the acts and/or omissions of employees, representatives or agents of DISTRICT who are participating in the internship programs with the COLLEGE.
5. DISTRICT may, for good cause, refuse to accept for placement or may terminate the field experience assignment or student teaching of any student by notifying the COLLEGE in writing. Prior to termination, the DISTRICT shall consult with the COLLEGE about its concerns and proposed course of action.

C. DURATION:

The effective date of this agreement is as of the date signed. It shall continue in force until cancelled by written notice by either party to the other, no less than one semester in advance of the desired date of termination.

D. NON-DISCRIMINATION:

During the period of this agreement, the COLLEGE and the DISTRICT agree to comply with TITLE VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Title IX of the Education Amendments Act of 1972 and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and both parties agree not to discriminate against any person on the basis of race, color, sex, religion, national origin, age or handicap. Executive Order 11246 and Executive Order 75-5 are both incorporated herein by reference and applicable to this agreement.

E. ANNUAL REVIEW:

This agreement will be reviewed annually. It may be altered or modified in writing by mutual consent of the DISTRICT and the COLLEGE.

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| RIO SALADO COLLEGE 2411 W. 14th Street Tempe, AZ 85281 | | MARANA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT 11279 W GRIER ROAD MARANA AZ 85653 | |
| By: | | By: | |
| Title : | | Title: | |
| Date : | | Date: | |

**ADDENDUM TO AFFILIATION AGREEMENT
BETWEEN MARICOPA COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT
FOR RIO SALADO COLLEGE
AND MARANA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**

This is an Addendum (“Addendum”) to the Affiliation Agreement (“Agreement”) between Maricopa County Community College District for Rio Salado College (the “College”) and Marana Unified School District (the “District”) (cumulatively the “Parties,” individually each being a “Party”). The Parties hereby agree as follows:

1. The Agreement may be cancelled if a conflict of interest is present as set out in Arizona Revised Statutes (A.R.S.) § 38-511, the terms of which statute are deemed incorporated herein.

2. To the extent applicable under A.R.S. § 41-4401, each Party warrants compliance with all federal immigration laws and regulations that relate to its Arizona-based employees and, with regard to such employees, agrees to comply with the E-Verify requirements pursuant to A.R.S. § 23-214(A). A Party’s breach of the above-referenced warranty shall be deemed a material breach of the Agreement and this Addendum. To the extent required by Arizona law, the Parties each retain the legal right to inspect the papers and records of the other Party to ensure compliance with this paragraph.

Marana Unified School District

Rio Salado College

By: _____

By: _____

Its: _____

Its: _____

Date: _____

Date: _____