



# Brownsville Independent School District

Agenda Category: General Function  
Contracts/MOU Board of Education Meeting: 06/10/25

Item Title: 2025-2026 Good Samaritan Community  
Youth Development Services MOU

X Action  
 Information  
 Discussion

## BACKGROUND:

The Good Samaritan Community Services (GSCS) out of San Antonio, TX would like to continue servicing Brownsville Independent School District students in the 78520 zip code. This is their 6th year of operation and will benefit over 600 students from September 2025 to July 2026 at the following schools: Pace ECHS, Brownsville ECHS, Lopez ECHS, Garcia MS, Stell MS, Oliveira MS, Stillman MS, Martin Elementary, Sharp Elementary, Russell Elementary, Putegnat Elementary, Yturria Elementary and Skinner Elementary. This program targets 5<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade, but will serve students in other grade levels should they be interested in the program. Services include working with students in achieving their academic goals and staying on track, participate in district and school sponsored events, especially in regards to parent and family engagement, partner with after school programs to provide recreation and leadership services to youth already participating in a after school program. It will also provide opportunities for students to volunteer and develop leadership skills during the year and in one or more summer day camps.


## FISCAL IMPLICATIONS:

NONE

## RECOMMENDATION:

Recommend approval of the MOU between BISD and Good Samaritan Community Youth Development Services to provide support services, including after-school programs, recreation and leadership services to BISD students for the 2025-2026 school year at no cost the district.

Approved for Submission to Board of Education:

  
Beatriz Hernandez/Diana E. Barron  
Submitted by: Grant Coordinator

  
J.J. Deleon  
Recommended by: Dir. of Support Programs

  
Miguel Salinas  
Reviewed by: Staff Attorney

  
Approved by: Chief Officer

  
Dr. Jesus H. Chavez, Superintendent

When Necessary, Additional Background May Follow This.

## Miguel Salinas

---

**From:** Priscilla Lozano <plozano@808West.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 1, 2025 8:00 AM  
**To:** Roxanne Eckstein; Lea Ohrstrom  
**Cc:** Miguel Salinas; Minerva Almanza  
**Subject:** Re: 2025-2026 Good Samaritan Community Youth MOU

**CAUTION:** This email originated from outside of Brownsville ISD. Do not click links or open attachments unless you recognize the sender and know the content is safe.

Good morning,

Approved as to form.

Sincerely,  
Priscilla

---

**From:** Roxanne Eckstein <reckstein@bisd.us>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 29, 2025 5:15 PM  
**To:** Kevin O'Hanlon <kohanlon@808West.com>; Lea Ohrstrom <lohrstrom@808West.com>; Priscilla Lozano <plozano@808West.com>  
**Cc:** Miguel Salinas <miguelsalinas@bisd.us>; Minerva Almanza <malmanza1@bisd.us>  
**Subject:** 2025-2026 Good Samaritan Community Youth MOU

Ms. Lozano,

Please see the attached board agenda for the June board meeting.

Thank you! Should you have any questions or comments, please contact me at (956) 698-6379.

Sincerely,

*Roxanne Eckstein*



AN EARLY COLLEGE DISTRICT  
**BROWNSVILLE**  
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

**Roxanne Eckstein**

Paralegal  
Staff Attorney Office

1900 E. Price Road, Suite 302 • Brownsville, Texas 78521  
Office: (956) 698-6379 • Fax: (956) 714-6400  
E-mail: [reckstein@bisd.us](mailto:reckstein@bisd.us)

**Roxanne Eckstein | Paralegal to Miguel Salinas & Administrative Support | Staff Attorney |  
Chief Academic Officer | Chief Operations Officer | Phone: 956.698.6379 | Fax: 956.714.6400  
Brownsville Independent School District | 1900 East Price Road, Suite 302 | Brownsville, TX 78521**



**Good Samaritan Community Services  
Youth Development Services**

Amended Memorandum of Understanding Regarding  
Cooperative Services Agreement with Brownsville I.S.D.

It is proposed that Good Samaritan Community Services (GSCS) and Brownsville I.S.D. (BISD) enter into the following Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) regarding certain cooperative services agreements:

**Purpose:** The purpose of the cooperative services is to provide supportive services to BISD students that would further their academic and personal success.

Both parties agree to maintain a cooperative, interactive, and supportive relationship for the 2025-2026 school year. Either party may terminate the services described in this MOU at any time, with thirty (30) days written notice to the other party.

**A. Good Samaritan Community Services agrees to:**

1. Work with BISD students in an attempt to aid BISD in achieving its students' academic goals.
2. Provide reasonable accommodation to those students with special needs.
3. Support and participate in district and school sponsored events, especially in regard to parent and family engagement.
4. Provide opportunities for students to engage in learning during out-of-school time hours and offer support services, if possible, that ensure students remain on track academically.
5. Provide opportunities such as Camp Good Sam for students to engage in learning during out-of-school time hours, in particular during the summer months when BISD schools are not in session, and offer support services, if possible, that ensure students remain on track academically. When such programs are offered, GSCS:
  - Will provide a Program Manager and program staff to deliver program services;
  - Will host recruitment activities and parent enrollment meetings in accordance with school availability prior to delivering services; and
  - Will provide all instructional and support materials for the successful delivery of services;
6. Partner with the school and staff at which summer programming may be held to provide Camp Good Sam and other academic, recreation and leadership services to youth participating in the Camp.
7. Partner with select schools after-school program to provide recreation and leadership services to youth participating in the after-school programs.
8. Provide BISD and key personnel with program reports upon request.

9. Deliver the Asset Building for Clients (ABC) program, a juvenile justice prevention program, to select students attending school in the 78520 zip code.
10. Conduct annual background checks for all staff, interns and volunteers involved with direct service delivery and make results available to BISD upon request.
11. Have all GSCS staff wear clearly identifiable wear such as polo's or other identifying clothes.
12. Provide general liability insurance for program operations.

**B. More specifically, GSCS will:**

1. From August to May, deliver services to over 860 students at select schools agreed upon between GSCS and BISD. From August to May, engage youth 13- 17 years old in the Youth Advisory Committee. This committee focuses on empowering youth via leadership skills development and aids them in completing service-learning projects to support community involvement. Students who have joined this initiative come from select BISD middle schools and high schools.
2. Target students in 5<sup>th</sup> and 8th grade but serve students in other grades should they be interested in the program.
3. Provide weekly class lessons for the duration of the school year.
4. Provide at least one trained instructor to deliver the ABC curriculum instruction.
5. Provide all instructional and support materials needed for the successful delivery of program services.
6. Provide opportunities for students to volunteer and develop leadership skills.
7. Recruit youth from select middle and high schools to participate in various leadership initiatives during the out-of-school time program.



**C. Brownsville I.S.D. agrees to:**

1. Provide a school calendar and other general information to GSCS staff regarding school course offerings, class schedules and course requirements, as well as campus activities and family engagement events
2. Identify prospective participants in GSCS programs via a roster and/or other means and provide them with program contact information
3. Provide opportunities for GSCS staff to deliver recruitment activities before, during or after the school day.
4. Involve GSCS staff in parent engagement and other campus events.
5. Provide access to campus resources, including space for large group gatherings or activities both indoor and/or outdoor, access to the Internet and other forms of technology to enhance the quality of services delivered, storage space and other resources to enhance program delivery.
6. Will serve as a summer feeding site for children provided by BISD.
7. Provide the following to support the ABC and Camp Good Sam programs:
  - Identify and offer classrooms and/or other adequate space for students to participate in the Asset Building for Clients program (ABC).
  - Identify and offer classrooms and/or other adequate space for staff to prep for Camp Good Sam from June 8 to June 10 and for students to participate in Camp Good Sam from June 11 to July 26.
  - Two holidays will be recognized: June 19th and July 4th; no youth or staff will be present on host site.
  - Offer cafeteria space to Camp Good Sam staff and participants to provide daily meal service.
8. Identify those Brownsville ISD staff who will serve as support when GSCS delivers programs on the school campus.
9. Provide custodial support, as needed.

**CI. FERPA Compliance**

Both parties agree and understand that this MOU requires that GSCS will strictly comply with FERPA at all times. At a minimum, the following terms and conditions will apply to all FERPA data disclosed by BISD to GSCS:

1. Data will be collected and managed by GSCS staff and administrators.
2. Data to be collected will include but not be limited to student attendance records, grades, test scores and transcripts, including identifying information on students in order to evaluate the program's success.
3. GSCS shall ensure that FERPA data is accessed by GSCS staff only for the purposes of conducting GSCS work related to services discussed in this MOU.

4. GSCS shall ensure that GSCS staff obtain access only to student records for which a School Records Release Form has been secured.
5. GSCS shall securely destroy all FERPA data, in paper or electronic format, once the FERPA data is no longer needed for the staff's work and program evaluation, based on appropriate federal guidelines.

Accepted by:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Dr. Jesus H. Chavez  
Superintendent – Brownsville I.S.D.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Simon G. Salas  
Simon G. Salas  
CEO - Good Samaritan Community Services

4/22/2025

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date





# Brownsville Independent School District

Agenda Category: General Function  
Contracts/MOU

Board of Education Meeting: 05/07/24

Item Title: 2024-2025 Good Samaritan Community  
Services- Youth Development Services

X Action  
Information  
Discussion

## **BACKGROUND:**

The Good Samaritan Community Services (GSCS) out of San Antonio, TX would like to continue servicing Brownsville Independent School District students in the 78520 zip code. This is their 8th year of operation and will benefit over 860 BISD students from August 2024 to July 2025 at the following schools: Stell Middle School, Stillman Middle School, Manzano Middle School, Sharp Elementary, Russell Elementary, Putegnat Elementary School, Yturria Elementary, Garden Park Elementary and Skinner Elementary. Services may be provided to additional school campuses upon school request and staff availability. This program targets 5th and 8th grade students, but will serve students in other grade levels should they be interested in the program. Services include working with students in achieving their academic goals and staying on track, participate in district and school sponsored events, especially in regards to parent and family engagement, and partner with after-school programs to provide recreation and leadership services. It will also provide opportunities for students to volunteer and develop leadership skills during the year and in one or more summer camps. The GSCS Youth Advisory Committee consists of Pace ECHS, Brownsville ECHS, Lopez ECHS, Veterans ECHS, Oliveira MS, and Faulk MS. students.

## **FISCAL IMPLICATIONS:**

**There is no cost to the district.**

## **RECOMMENDATION:**

Recommend approval of the Memorandum of Understanding between BISD and Good Samaritan Community Services to provide supportive services, including after-school programs, recreation and leadership services to BISD students that would lead to further academic and personal success for the 2024-2025 school year at no cost to the district.

J.J. Delcon/Diana E. Barron

**Submitted by: Principal/Program Director**

Alejandro Cespedes

**Recommended by: Asst. Supt./CFO**

Miguel Salinas

**Reviewed by: Staff Attorney**

Alejandro Cespedes

**Approved by: Chief Financial Officer**

**Approved for Submission to Board of Education:**

Dr. Jesus H. Chavez, Superintendent

**When Necessary, Additional Background May Follow This.**

## Roxanne Eckstein

---

**From:** Priscilla Lozano <plozano@808West.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, April 12, 2024 11:59 AM  
**To:** Roxanne Eckstein; Kevin O'Hanlon; Lea Ohrstrom  
**Cc:** Miguel Salinas; Minerva Almanza  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL]Re: 2024-2025 Good Samaritan MOU

CAUTION: This email originated from outside of Brownsville ISD. Do not click links or open attachments unless you recognize the sender and know the content is safe.

---

Good afternoon,

Approved as to form.

Sincerely,

Priscilla

**From:** Roxanne Eckstein <reckstein@bisd.us>  
**Sent:** Friday, April 12, 2024 10:46 AM  
**To:** Kevin O'Hanlon <kohanlon@808West.com>; Lea Ohrstrom <lohrstrom@808West.com>; Priscilla Lozano <plozano@808West.com>  
**Cc:** Miguel Salinas <miguelsalinas@bisd.us>; Minerva Almanza <malmanza1@bisd.us>  
**Subject:** 2024-2025 Good Samaritan MOU

Ms. Lozano,

Please see the attached for your review and approval for the May board meeting.

Thank you! Should you have any questions or comments, please contact me at (956) 698-6379.

Sincerely,

*Roxy Eckstein*

Roxanne Eckstein | Paralegal to Miguel Salinas | Staff Attorney | Phone: 956.698.6379 | Fax: 956.714.6400  
Brownsville Independent School District | 1900 East Price Road, Suite 302 | Brownsville, TX 78521



Go Green! Please do not print unless completely necessary.

**CONFIDENTIALITY STATEMENT:** This message and all attachments are confidential and may be protected by the attorney-client and other privileges. Any review, use, dissemination, forwarding, printing, copying, disclosure or distribution by persons other than the intended recipients is prohibited and may be unlawful. You must delete this message and any copy of it (in any form) without disclosing it. Unless expressly stated in this e-mail, nothing in this message should be construed as a digital or electronic signature.

This email and any files transmitted with it are the property of the Brownsville Independent School District, are confidential, and are intended solely for the use of the individual or entity to whom this email is addressed. If you are not one of the named recipient(s) or otherwise have reason to believe that you have received this message in error, please notify the sender and delete this message immediately from your computer. Any other use, retention, dissemination, forwarding, printing, or copying of this email is strictly prohibited.



## Good Samaritan Community Services

### Memorandum of Understanding Regarding Cooperative Service Arrangement with Brownsville I.S.D.

It is proposed that Good Samaritan Community Services (GSCS) and Brownsville I.S.D. (BISD) enter into the following cooperative services agreement ("Agreement"):

**Purpose:** The purpose of this Agreement is to provide supportive services to BISD students that would further their academic and personal success.

Both parties agree to maintain a cooperative, interactive, and supportive relationship for the 2024-2025 school year. Either party may terminate the services described in this Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) at any time, with thirty (30) days written notice to the other party.

Good Samaritan Community Services agrees to:

- Work with BISD students in an attempt to aid BISD in achieving its students academic goals.
- Support and participate in district and school sponsored events, especially in regards to parent and family engagement.
- Provide opportunities for students to engage in learning during out-of-school time hours and offer support services, if possible, that ensure students remain on track academically.
- Partner with the after school program provided at Skinner Elementary to provide recreation and leadership services to youth participating in the Skinner Elementary after school program. Services may be provided to additional school campuses upon request by BISD and staff availability.
- Provide BISD and key personnel with program reports upon request.
- Pay for use of transportation services provided by BISD, when they are used to serve students to meet program needs outside of the regular school day or schedule.
- Deliver the Asset Building for Clients (ABC) program, a juvenile justice prevention program, to select students attending school in the 78520 zip code. As part of this program, GSCS will:
  1. From August to May, deliver services to over 860 students at schools agreed upon between GSCS and BISD, including: Stell Middle School, Stillman Middle School, Manzano Middle School, Sharp Elementary, Russell Elementary, Putegnat Elementary School, Yturria Elementary, Garden Park Elementary and Skinner Elementary.
  2. From August to May, engage youth 13-17 years old in the Youth Advisory Committee. This committee focuses on empowering youth via leadership skills development and aids them in completing service learning projects to support community involvement. Students who have joined this initiative come from: Pace ECHS, Veterans ECHS, Lopez ECHS, Porter EHCS, Brownsville ECHS, Stell Middle School, Stillman Middle School, Oliveira

Middle School, and Faulk Middle School.

3. Target students in 5<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade, but serve students in other grades should they be interested in the program.
4. Provide weekly class lessons for the duration of the school year.
5. Provide at least one trained instructor to deliver the ABC curriculum instruction.
6. Provide all instructional and support materials needed for the successful delivery of program services.
7. Provide opportunities for students to volunteer and develop leadership skills.
8. Recruit youth from Stillman Middle School, Stell Middle School, Manzano Middle School, Pace ECHS, BECHS and Veterans ECHS to participate in various leadership initiatives during the out-of-school time program.

GSCS also agrees to provide general liability insurance necessary for program operations. In addition, GSCS will conduct annual background checks for all staff, interns and volunteers involved with direct service delivery and make results available to BISD upon request.

Brownsville I.S.D. agrees to:

- Provide a school calendar and other information to GSCS staff regarding campus activities and family engagement events.
- Identify prospective participants via a roster and other means and provide them with GSCS program contact information so that they can learn more about the program
- Identify to GSCS staff the names of those Brownsville ISD staff who will serve as support during ABC instruction in the classroom.
- Provide opportunities for GSCS staff to deliver recruitment activities before, during or after the school day.
- Involve GSCS staff in parent engagement and other campus events.
- Provide access to campus resources, if available, including access to connection to the Internet and other forms of technology to enhance the quality of services delivered.
- Provide the following to support the ABC program:
  1. Identify and offer classes and/or other adequate space for students to participate in the Asset Building for Clients program (ABC).
  2. Share general information regarding school course offerings, class schedules, and course requirements with GSCS staff, to help determine the most effective instructional schedule.

## FERPA Compliance

Both parties agree and understand that this MOU requires that GSCS will strictly comply with FERPA at all times. At a minimum, the following terms and conditions will apply to all FERPA data disclosed by BISD to GSCS:



- Data will be collected and managed by GSCS staff and administrators.
- Data to be collected will include but not be limited to student attendance records, grades, test scores and transcripts, including identifying information on students in order to evaluate the program's success.
- GSCS shall ensure that FERPA data is accessed by GSCS staff only for the purposes of conducting GSCS work related to services discussed in this MOU.
- GSCS shall ensure that GSCS staff obtain access only to student records for which a School Records Release Form has been secured.
- GSCS shall securely destroy all FERPA data, in paper or electronic format, once the FERPA data is no longer needed for the staff's work and program evaluation, based on appropriate federal guidelines.

Accepted by:

*Jesus H. Chavez*

*5/9/24*

Dr. Jesus H. Chavez  
Superintendent - Brownsville I.S.D.

Date

*Simon G. Salas*

Simon G. Salas  
CEO - Good Samaritan Community Services

Date March 27, 2024