



SOUTH SAN ANTONIO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

Agenda Item Summary

Meeting Date: July 20, 2026

Agenda Section: Consent

Agenda Item Title: San Antonio Council on Alcohol and Drug Awareness (SACADA)

From: Dr. Jennifer Gutierrez, Deputy Superintendent

Additional Presenters if Applicable: Rosemary Morales, Director of Guidance and Counseling

Description: SACADA will provide educational presentations to our students, parents, and staff on substance abuse and prevention. SACADA staff are available to participate in health fairs, back to school events, career days, Red Ribbon events, and mental health awareness activities. SACADA will also provide the following services: Tobacco Prevention, Mental Health Training, and Intervention Treatment and Recovery Services.

Historical Data: SSAISD has approved a contract with SACADA since 2025.

Recommendation: Approve the agreement with SACADA.

Purchasing Director and Approval Date: N/A

Funding Budget Code and Amount: N/A

Goal 3: SSAISD will create a safe, structured, and nurturing environment where all stakeholders feel supported and valued to foster a culture of care.

Goal 4: SSAISD will build strong partnerships with families, communities, and businesses to advance student success.



MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT

The **San Antonio Council on Alcohol and Drug Awareness (SACADA)** offers health promotion, as well as substance use prevention and intervention services for children, adolescents, families, and adults in San Antonio, Bexar County, and neighboring areas.

The purpose of this MOU is to establish a formal collaboration between

SACADA

and

South San Independent School District

to deliver evidence-based substance use prevention services

SACADA agrees to provide the following prevention services:

- **Evidenced Based Curricula** - Facilitating one of the following curricula:
Too Good for Drugs or Positive Action, based on the needs of the participants. Case management assistance available for qualifying individuals participating in *Positive Action*.
- **Educational Presentations**- provide educational presentations to youth, parents, and staff on substance use prevention.
- **Community Awareness** - SACADA staff are available to participate in health fairs, back-to-school events, career days, Red Ribbon events, mental health awareness activities, and spring break events on campus.
- **Circles of San Antonio Community Coalition** - The Coalition works on increasing community participation and commitment in community mobilization activities that work to prevent negative outcomes associated with substance use and promote behavioral health.
- **Prevention Resource Center- Region 8** - The PRC serves as the primary resource for substance use and behavioral data for the Region through collection efforts and sharing of information.
- **Mental Health Awareness Training (MHAT)** - This program is dedicated to increasing mental health awareness, mental health, and mental health resources to the 28 counties of HHS Region 8. Strategies include providing Mental Health First Aid (Adult and Youth) training to school personnel, emergency first responders, law enforcement, and other community members who can provide referrals to mental health services.
- **TREE Project (Adolescent Treatment Program)**- Provide a substance use disorder (SUD) outpatient treatment program for youth grades 9th-12th and transitional aged youth (up to age 25). This program will provide case management services to participants with identified SUD and their families, facilitate evidence-based prevention curricula to participants who do not need early intervention or SUD treatment services and provide a Peer Recovery Support group.

The School District agrees to provide the following:

- Utilize **SACADA** to provide any of the services listed above as needed;
- Provide guidance to **SACADA** on working with individual schools for implementation of the prevention services.
- Contact **SACADA** for necessary training and education for parents, families, and staff;
- Contact **SACADA** to learn about **SACADA** intervention, treatment, and recovery support services that are available to the **School District**



Subject to availability of personnel and resources of the **School District** and **SACADA** agree to the following requirements of cooperative service delivery.

1. Each will operate under applicable State, Local, and Federal Laws and Ordinances; and each is duly licensed or certified as appropriate.
2. Each will conduct all services under this agreement in compliance with the Policies of their individual policies and procedures; Title IV of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended, ensuring that no person, on the basis of race, color, national origin, religion, sex, age, or political affiliation, will be excluded from participation in, be denied, the benefits of, or be subject to discrimination under any of the policies of the Age Discrimination Act; the American Disabilities Act (ADA), of 1990; the INS regulations that requires all providers of service to be authorized to work in the United States; and all other federal rules and regulations, state laws and executive orders as applicable.

SACADA and the **District** agree to:

1. Confidentiality.
 - a. Both Partners shall maintain the privacy and confidentiality of students and employees of the **School District** and protect against disclosure of confidential information and records, including but not limited to information and records protected by the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 ("HIPAA") which mandates the protection and privacy of health information, and the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act ("FERPA") which protects student records and information. Both Partners acknowledge and agree not to disclose any confidential information, other than as specified herein, or otherwise permitted by law, related in any way to any student.
 - b. Both Partners may, with appropriate parent/guardian consent, share student information. The **School District** may also share general, disaggregated data, or information related to the services pursuant to this agreement.
 - c. Both Partners shall communicate and cooperate as appropriate for public awareness efforts related to this Memorandum, only with the express written consent of the other Partner.
 - d. Not with standing any provision of this Memorandum to the contrary, nothing herein may be construed as a limitation on the **School District's** obligations under the Texas Open Meetings Act and Texas Government Code Chapter 551. Further, notwithstanding any provision of this Memorandum to the contrary, nothing herein may be construed as a limitation on the **School District's** obligations under the Texas Public Information Act, Texas Government Code Chapter 552.
 - e. Upon termination of this Agreement for any reason, within ten (10) calendar days of the effective date of termination, **SACADA** shall return to the **School District** any data delivered to or collected by **SACADA** or their employees, agents, representatives, and/or subcontractors providing services subject to this Agreement.



2. Liability.

Each Partner shall be liable for its own personnel, equipment, and facilities as necessary to implement the efforts described herein. The allocation of responsibilities is made on an as-available, as-funded, best-efforts basis, without any warranties and without any consideration being given or received by any Partner. This Memorandum does not constitute a binding or exclusive obligation on any Partner except for those provisions regarding Confidentiality.

3. Responsibilities of the Partners.

Both Partners shall comply with processes required by law, as reasonable and in alignment with processes generally adopted by school districts in Texas, for personnel and staff. All persons who perform duties where students are regularly present, are required to complete a criminal history authorization form prior to performing the services described herein:

- a. Unless otherwise exempt from providing such information by any provision Texas Education Code, Section 22.0834 (the "Statute"), **SACADA** agrees, that prior to commencement of the services provided under this Memorandum, using the form promulgated by the **School District** or such other form approved by the **School District**, that **SACADA** will arrange with the **School District** to obtain any national criminal history record information ("CHRI") required pursuant to the Statute on all of the **SACADA's** employees, independent contractors, agents, or Subcontractors, of every tier ("Subcontractors"), Subcontractors' employees, independent contractors, agents or sub-subcontractors, if any of these persons has or will have direct contact with students and has or will have continuing duties related to the services pursuant to this Memorandum.
- b. **SACADA** understands and agrees that (1) person(s) who will have continuing duties related to the Services and (2) the services are or will be performed on the **School District's** property and the person(s) will or may have direct contact with students must be screened by the **School District** for disqualifying criminal history as determined

4. Dispute Resolution.

Any disputes or conflicts regarding the interpretation, formalization and execution of this Memorandum shall be resolved by mutual agreement of the Partners in good faith.

Term and Termination.

This Memorandum shall commence on September 1, 2026, and continue through August 31, 2027, unless otherwise terminated by the Parties. This Memorandum may be terminated by either Partner with written notice at any time. Each Partner will, as a courtesy, endeavor to provide ten (10) calendar days prior written notice to the other Partner.



**San Antonio Council on
Alcohol & Drug Awareness**

The San Antonio Council on Alcohol and Drug Awareness will work with partners to facilitate only the highest quality programming provided by professional and trained staff who are dedicated to the mission and values of SACADA.

Abigail G. Moore, CEO
SACADA
Date

Dr. Saul Hinojosa
Superintendent
South San Independent School District
Date