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ACES/NMCCS Collaboration

As you may have recently noticed, ACES and NMCCS are working more closely to complement the services we each provide to charters. Each organization has a distinctly different mission, (ACES-saving schools money; NMCCS-advocacy) but the vision is essentially the same. That vision is to support and assist charter schools in providing the very best educational opportunities for New Mexico students. The bottom line for both organizations is to help students succeed!

Recently, the two organizations have been meeting together and outlining a strategy for greater collaboration between the two. In the future, you will see joint ventures on trainings, discounts on good and services for schools, joint communications, and other initiatives to support schools and students.

Both organizations thank each of you for your continued support.

What is ACES and why become a Member?

Many folks mistakenly think of ACES as a vendor. In reality the Association for Charter School Educational Services, or ACES, is a public entity approved by the New Mexico Department of Finance and Administration, to provide services and support to New Mexico charter schools.

Operating through a Joint Powers Agreement (JPA), charter schools that are members of ACES can take advantage of cooperative purchasing of goods and services. By joining together, charter schools can lower their operating costs and put those savings back into their classrooms.

Currently, 80 of the 100 charter schools in New Mexico are member of ACES. There is not a cost to become a member and there are not any dues or fees to being a member. There is absolutely no obligation of any kind to utilize any of the services or contracts ACES provides.

The benefits of membership are discounts and savings on many goods and services that have been negotiated on the behalf of schools. Using our competitively bid contracts saves schools time and money and are in compliance with the NM Procurement Code. The greater our membership, the more leverage we have with vendors in negotiating prices.

ACES also has a cadre of professionals on staff that can assist schools with interim personnel; all types of training; technical assistance in many areas; and customized services. If your school has a need, give us a call and let us help you meet that need by utilizing our vast experience and network of experts.

Thus, membership in ACES is free and without obligation, and helps all charter schools in NM. For more information on membership, please contact Bruce at bruce.h@nmaces.org.



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Our Vendor Directory

The following companies offer discounts to ACES members.

Food Services

[Canteen-NM](#)

Financial Services

[AptAbility](#)

Instructional Technology

[EnvisionIT](#)

[Harris Technologies](#)

[LDD Consulting](#)

Transportation

[Herrera Coaches](#)

Ancillary

[AmAble Therapies](#)

[TheraWeb \(online\)](#)

Curriculum

[Edgenuity](#)

Public Relations/Strategic Communications

[The Waite Company](#)

Online Professional Development

[Global Compliance Network](#)

Links and Contact information for each of these companies can be found at www.nmaces.org or by contacting Bruce at bruce.h@nmaces.org or Max at max.l@nmaces.org

If you know of a vendor that is interested in working with and supporting New Mexico's charter schools, please have them contact us.

Facilities Maintenance

One of the many services provided by ACES is taking care of the maintenance of charter schools. ***This allows charter leaders to focus on educating students.*** While this initially takes care of minor repairs that need to be made, it quickly evolves into developing a preventative maintenance plan, providing a data base to track maintenance activities, and provides a single point of contact available to coordinate routine, emergency and preventive maintenance services. It can also include facility upgrades. Monthly meetings with ACES and charter school staff make certain there is a smooth coordination of efforts. All purchase orders and payments to contractors are made by ACES with monthly billings to the charter schools, reducing much of the paper work. All work meets the re-

Looking for Staff Members?

ACES is now offering the New Mexico Charter Schools Employment Service. The Employment Service is a one-stop online recruiting, application, and applicant tracking service for New Mexico Charter Schools and ACES members.

Linked to the ACES Employment Webpage (www.nmaces.org/employment), Charter leaders can now quickly, easily, and effectively, post notices of vacancies and search a database of applicants interested in working in New Mexico Charter Schools.

For less than the cost of advertising in local media, a posted vacancy notice will be advertised on several national job boards, thus expanding the reach of your search to attract more highly qualified and experienced staff. Contact Bruce for more information on this service.