



READY TO BUILD!

"A success for **SODA** is the sustainability of maintaining and growing enrollment from its inception 16 years ago. As the demand for an alternative learning environment within the community continues to grow, the expansion of grade levels presents both an exciting opportunity and an unintended consequence: the current facilities no longer accommodate the increasing number of students. The overcrowding has highlighted the **urgent need** for a new educational setting to support the growing body while providing a space and resources to offer a broader range of courses and experiences. The current plan to build a new facility will be essential to alleviate the space constraints and align with the school's mission to ensure that students have access to high-quality, diverse education that meets their evolving needs."

- NM PED

HIGHLIGHTS

CTE

- 24-25: 100% Graduation Rate of students that were enrolled and participated in a concentrator or higher level CTE course.
- 1st and only FFA program in a State Charter School (Currently 50 active members in the chapter.
- 2024: 1st Place NM State Greenhand Prepared Public Speaker.
- Shannon Watling National FFA Teacher and Ambassador
- New Mexico State Dairy Judging Champions.

EARLY COLLEGE HIGH SCHOOL (ECHS)

- ONLY Early College High School in Valencia County
- SODA offers Dual Credit classes in conjunction with UNM-Valencia Campus, Central New Mexico Community College, New Mexico Tech, and New Mexico State to its students free of any cost to them.
- 29 ECHS students have earned associate degrees since the program began.
- Hundreds of students have graduated with Dual Credit classes completed.

PREK

- Developmentally Delayed PreK Programs have no enrollment cap.
- Child Find - Children between the ages of 3-5 are eligible for screenings.
- Identified one the youngest gifted children in the state of New Mexico

COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

- 2024: Hired our first Community Schools Director and are following the Community Schools model.
- 2025: Awarded Community Schools Implementation Grant.
- Continue to work with local community partners such as the Community Wellness Council and 100% New Mexico Initiative, to collaborate on services for our SODA community.

S.T.E.A.M

- Highly regarded opportunities in Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics (STEAM) curriculum to all students from Prekindergarten through High School, and even adult community learners.

PROGRAMS

- Dual Language Programs for Preschool - 8th Grade
- Music Classes with a certified music instructor for Preschool - 5th Grade
- SODA Representatives invited to Antigua and Barbuda as STEM ambassadors.

GOALS & KEY OBJECTIVES

OBJECTIVE

- To fund a new PreK through 12th grade school and Career Technology Education (CTE) Center.
- Increase Security
- Expand collaborations with higher education institutions to increase CTE programs.
- Build additional space for our growing PreK programs.

ESTIMATED COSTS

- SODA will be formally requesting funding for a new facility(s) to replace our aging and very compromised all portable campus.
- The new facility is proposed to be 145,000 square feet.

READY FOR

We are now ready to begin the process of designing and building brand new buildings for our students, administration and staff members, and untold numbers of community members that will finally be able to take advantage of every educational opportunity one could desire in a new educational facility.

*"I got to see the capabilities of what **School of Dreams** is able to accomplish and I wanted to be apart of it. It betters the community and I want to support that. I admire the charter school's dedication to student success and what they have been able to accomplish with the resources available to them."*

- Penny Lucero, January 9, 2025

"Momentum continues to grow for SODA's goal of establishing a new building encompassing 20 acres as new facility rankings put out recently by the Public School Facilities Authority lists SODA as No. 1 for schools to be considered for funding of a new facility."

-Valencia County News Bulletin, July 18th, 2024

"School of Dreams Academy senior Mohammad Abdullah has his eyes set on a U.S Military career after gaining acceptance into the prestigious U.S Military Academy at West Point in New York."

-Valencia County News Bulletin, April 29, 2021

OUR MISSION

The MISSION of School of Dreams Academy is to provide state-of-the-art education emphasizing Career and College Readiness and Community Service through a STEAM instructional model for students of the Middle Rio Grande Valley.

OUR VISION

The VISION of School of Dreams Academy is to stand as the Rio Grande's pillar of student achievement, character, and success!

OUR HISTORY

School of Dreams Academy (SODA) is a New Mexico State Authorized Charter School located in Los Lunas, NM. SODA was the inspiration of Avilio (Lefty) Otero & Edna Otero. Teresa Ogas's parents envisioned and dreamed of a school with a different approach that would help students stay in school while providing them opportunities for a successful future. They wanted a school that would meet the needs of all children while providing them an opportunity to realize their dreams. Mr. Otero challenged his daughter, Teresa, her husband Michael, and Kathy Chavez, who was with YDI Valencia, to create a charter school in Valencia County. The school became a reality in August of 2009 in a commercial strip mall with about 55 students from 7th-9th grade. As time went on they eventually added secondary, elementary and PreK grades, due to the demand for these additional grades by the community, and they very quickly outgrew that facility. SODA now has an enrollment of approximately 600 students in grades PreK - 12th.

OUR PARTNERS

Village of Los Lunas

UNM Valencia

New Mexico Tech

New Mexico State University

Central New Mexico Community College

TLC

Sisneros Brothers

Valencia County Community Wellness Council

Hispano Chamber of Valencia County

Antigua & Barbuda

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