



UNITED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

AGENDA ACTION ITEM

TOPIC: Overview and possible approval of the Laredo College and United ISD Dual Enrollment

MOU (2026-2031)

SUBMITTED BY: M. Rosales

OF: Advanced Academics

APPROVED FOR TRANSMITTAL TO SCHOOL BOARD: _____

DATE ASSIGNED FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION: August 19, 2026

RECOMMENDATION:

This item is for informational purposes only.

This item is presented for informational purposes to update the Board of Trustees on the renewal of our instructional partnership with Laredo College, effective August 2026 through May 2031. The updated Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) aligns with the latest state legislation—including SB 12 and SB 412 parental consent requirements and SB 1277 academic advising mandates—while integrating the state's Financial Aid for Swift Transfer (FAST) program to provide full tuition and fee waivers for eligible students.

Additionally, the agreement enhances district flexibility by lowering minimum class section sizes from 15 to 12 students and expanding postsecondary pathways to include new College Connect and Continuing Education workforce programs. This update ensures our dual enrollment program remains fully compliant, financially advantageous, and aligned with district college-and-career readiness goals.

RATIONALE:

To update and align the United ISD Dual Enrollment instructional partnership with Laredo College for the 2026–2031 academic years. This agreement expands college-and-career readiness opportunities by incorporating new College Connect and Continuing Education pathways, lowering minimum course section sizes from 15 to 12 students to increase scheduling flexibility, and ensuring strict compliance with recent state legislative mandates.

BUDGETARY INFORMATION:

No Impact. (Under Laredo College's participation in the state's Financial Aid for Swift Transfer (FAST) program, all applicable tuition and fees are fully waived for eligible dual credit students.)

POLICY REFERENCE & COMPLIANCE:

Texas Education Code (TEC): §28.009 (College Credit Programs) and §28.025 (High School Diploma Program and Endorsements). **Texas Administrative Code (TAC):** Title 19, Part 1, Chapter 4, Subchapter D (Dual Credit Partnerships Between Secondary Schools and Public Colleges, including §4.84 and §4.85); and Title 19, Part 2, Chapter 74, Subchapter C (§74.25). **State Legislation Compliance:** House Bill 1638 (Statewide Dual Credit Goals), House Bill 3650, Senate Bill 1276, Senate Bill 1277 (Academic Advising), and Senate Bills 12 & 412 of the 89th Texas Legislature (Parental Consent & Materials Access). **Federal Compliance:** Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA); Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972; Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973; and the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). **Local District Policy:** TASB Policy EHH (ATTENDANCE / ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT - COLLEGE CREDIT PROGRAMS) and TASB Policy EHBH (SPECIAL PROGRAMS - OTHER INSTRUCTIONAL INITIATIVES).