



Dual Enrollment Partnership Agreement between
Grand Valley State University
and
Kent Intermediate School District

Grand Valley State University (GVSU) and Kent Intermediate School District (Kent ISD) have agreed to establish a cooperative dual enrollment program for qualified Kent ISD students. This pilot agreement will be effective from Fall 2026 through the end of the Winter 2028 semester.

Program Rationale: This dual enrollment pathway programs allows Kent ISD students interested in professional health and science careers to enroll in college -level courses on the Health Campus at Grand Valley State University.

This partnership program significantly contributes to the future health and science professions workforce by allowing students to explore careers in the health and science professions. It assists in transitioning the gap for students from a high school format to college readiness.

This agreement has been developed to create an affiliation between GVSU and Kent ISD. Its goal is to strengthen student opportunities to enroll in four college -level Cell and Molecular Biology and Allied Health Science courses over one academic year and earn ten college credits on a GVSU transcript.

In the fall semester, GVSU will offer CMB 155 – Introduction to Cell and Molecular Biology (3 credits) and CMB 156 – Discoveries in Cell and Molecular Biology: A Research-based Laboratory Course (1 credit). One section of each course will be offered exclusively to Kent ISD students on the GVSU Health Campus. CMB 155 will be offered in-seat and in-person on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, from 12:30 – 2:00pm. CMB 156 will be offered in-seat and in-person Tuesdays and Thursdays, from 12:30 – 2:00pm.

In the winter semester, GVSU will offer AHS 110 – Introduction to Health Care (3 credits) and PH 222 – Public Health Concepts (3 credits). One section of each course will be offered exclusively to Kent ISD students on the GVSU Health Campus. AHS 110 will be offered entirely in-seat and in-person on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, from 12:30 – 2:00pm. PH 222 will be offered entirely in-seat and in-person on Tuesdays and Thursdays, from 12:30 – 2:00pm.

GVSU and KISD have agreed on the following:

- Communicate and work through the dual enrollment application process prior to the beginning of each term.
- Assist students in applying as non-degree seeking dual enrolled students at GVSU and enrolling in the appropriate courses.
- Fill to the cohort capacity of 20 students.
- Connect Kent ISD students to GVSU support resources.

- Assist in making Kent ISD students aware of postsecondary options available at GVSU.
- Students must attend the full duration of their courses, with no early release permitted.
- Dual Enrollment courses follow GVSU's academic calendar; Exceptions can be made at the faculty discretion.

To implement the goals of this agreement, the parties agree to assume the following responsibilities:

Kent Intermediate School District agrees to:

- Submit signed dual enrollment forms and official high school transcripts for each applicant to GVSU each semester before enrollment (November 1st for the winter semester; May 1st for the fall semester).
- Promote the partnership through various means, including, but not limited to, social/printed media, staff communication, Kent ISD open houses, and other measures to actively recruit qualified students for enrollment in health and science career courses.
- Assist students with obtaining a GVSU student ID and parking permit.
- Provide a staff assistant to support the faculty members and students during the academic year.
- Have their IT available and responsive to challenges that arise while using the attendance tracking platform.
- Pay GVSU the lower division tuition rate (AY 2026-27 = \$692/credit hour) plus any associated lab fees for that respective term by the third week of each semester. The rate is subject to periodic adjustment based on GVSU's tuition schedule.
- Pay GVSU a fee of \$3,500 per semester per Structured Learning Assistance (SLA) facilitator assigned to the program. Ratios to be at most one SLA facilitator per 25 Kent ISD students. The SLA facilitator fee is subject to periodic adjustment based on GVSU's policies and procedures.
- Pay GVSU for any associated textbook or course material costs.

Grand Valley State University agrees to:

- Review and process the non-degree seeking dual enrollment applications; no application fee is required.
- Invoice Kent ISD for the total cost of tuition (AY 2026-27 = \$692/credit hour) plus any associated lab fees, textbook fees, and fees for the Structured Learning Assistance (SLA) program. These rates are subject to periodic adjustments based on GVSU's tuition schedule and its policies and procedures.
- Assign a faculty member for each course as the instructor of the course (Instructor of Record). The GVSU faculty member will be responsible for teaching the course, assigning grades, and assessing the course.
- Track daily attendance of students through Kent ISD's attendance tracking platform.
- Invite a GVSU Admissions representative into the classroom each semester to speak with the students.
- Provide academic support and peer mentoring each semester through the GVSU Structured Learning Assistance (SLA) program, with ratios to be at most one SLA facilitator per 25 Kent ISD students.
- Provide Kent ISD administrators with a copy of each course syllabi prior to the start of the semester for their use only and not to be distributed to faculty working in other institutions.
- Provide Kent ISD students with curriculum pathways to assist in navigating future health and science programs.
- Assist Kent ISD students with obtaining GVSU student IDs to exercise the same rights and privileges as current GVSU students (e.g., access to the Rec Center, libraries, athletic events, theatre performances, esports center, etc.).

- Provide parking permit for each student in this partnership program for the AY 2026-27 academic year.
- Work with Kent ISD staff to provide additional GVSU on-campus visit opportunities.

Both institutions agree to the following eligibility criteria for students:

- Students must complete the GVSU non-degree dual enrollment application form.
- Students must submit a GVSU dual enrollment form signed by a parent or guardian and their high school counselor or principal.
- Students must have a high school cumulative grade point average of 3.0 or higher.
- Students must earn at least a 2.0 in each GVSU course in order to continue taking any future dual enrollment courses at GVSU.

Program Publicity:

Both institutions agree that all program materials, media releases, and interview comments concerning the Program shall be mutually approved before publication, release, or comment.

Equipment:

Kent ISD will provide GVSU with the equipment described in Appendix A for use in GVSU's educational spaces. Title to the equipment shall always remain with Kent ISD. Each party shall accept responsibility for damage, loss, or theft of the equipment on a care, custody, and control standard. The equipment shall be valued on an Actual Cash Value or Cost to Repair basis, whichever is both applicable and lower at the time of the loss.

Program Review:

This Program partnership shall be reviewed by representatives of both institutions annually. The Program may be suspended or revoked only upon written request by either institution with sixty (60) days advance notice to the Superintendent of Kent Intermediate School District or the Provost at Grand Valley State University. Adjustments to the schedule are made as needed. The College reserves the right to cancel courses due to low enrollment. Course cancellation decisions are made before the first day of class.

Indemnity:

Each party, as a governmental agency, cannot indemnify the other. Therefore, each will rely on the insurance provisions listed herein. This Agreement does not and is not intended to impair, divest, delegate, or contravene any constitutional, statutory, and/or other legal right, privilege, power, obligation, duty, or immunity of Kent ISD or GVSU, its board members, employees, agents or assigns and shall not be construed to waive the defense of sovereign, governmental or official immunity held by KISD or GVSU. If either party becomes aware of a claim involving the other within the relationship, the party with knowledge of the claim shall inform the other party in writing within ten (10) days of receiving knowledge of the claim, demand, or other loss.

Insurance:

Each party shall procure and maintain, at all times during the term of this contract, at their sole cost and expense, the following minimum insurance coverages. Commercial General Liability and Professional or Educators Legal Liability, each for at least \$1,000,000 per occurrence and \$2,000,000 annual aggregate. None of the insurance policies may have affirmative Sexual Abuse or Molestation exclusions.

Upon request, each party shall provide the other with a Certificate of Insurance evidencing the required coverage. Failure to request or provide a Certificate shall in no way amend either party's obligations under this section.

APPENDIX A

Description of Equipment, including all relevant or available identifying information for each piece or each set. Examples include name, make, model, serial number, year, value, etc.

Intended Use of Equipment:

Code of Conduct, Access to Supports, and Jurisdiction:

Dual Enrolled Students shall be subject to GVSU's Policies and Procedures while on GVSU property and/or otherwise engaged in a curricular activity relating to this Agreement. Dual Enrolled Students shall be subject to the Policies and Procedures of their K-12 institutions at all other times. Both institutions will coordinate in situations where jurisdiction overlaps to ensure a thorough and fair resolution.

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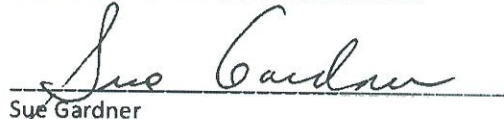


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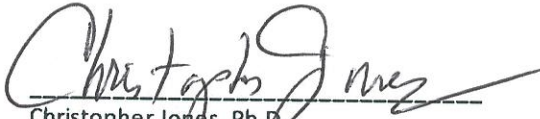
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