

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING AND ARTICULATION AGREEMENT

Between
The
University of Texas of the Permian Basin
And
The
Ector County Independent School District

July 10, 2007

The University of Texas of the Permian Basin and The Ector County Independent School District, hereby voluntarily enter into this articulation agreement effective upon signing for ECISD students who qualify and wish to enroll in Dual Credit Courses through UTPB while attending secondary school as provided in the Texas Education Code and the rules and regulations of the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board and State Board of Education.

Dual credit is defined under the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board as a process by which a high school student enrolls in a college course and receives simultaneous academic credit for the course from both the college and the high school. While dual credit courses are often taught on the secondary school campus to high school students only, applicable sections of these rules, §4.84(a) and §4.85(a), (b), (g), (h), (i) of this title (relating to Dual Credit Partnerships), also apply when a high school student takes a course on the college campus and receives both high school and college credit. Dual credit is also referred to as concurrent course credit; the terms are equivalent. However, dual (or concurrent) enrollment refers to a circumstance in which a student is enrolled in more than one educational institution (including a high school and a college).

The purpose of this agreement is to:

1. Encourage students who are attending Ector County ISD secondary schools to further their careers by enrolling at the University of Texas of the Permian Basin.
2. Eliminate repetition and unnecessary duplication of academic experiences already acquired while enrolled in their secondary school program and aid in a more appropriate placement in an undergraduate curriculum of their choice.

3. Encourage increased dialogue between administrators, staff and teaching faculty of both institutions in order to promote academic and occupational awareness, information exchange, and the understanding of working with the spirit of House Bill One and "Closing the Gaps" P-16 Initiative.

Eligible Courses:

UT Permian Basin courses offered for dual credit must be in the approved undergraduate course inventory of the university.

Remedial and developmental courses may not be taken for dual credit.

Students will be limited to a maximum of six semester credit hours of dual credit courses per semester.

Student Eligibility:

To take dual credit courses an ECISD student must be in the eleventh and/or twelfth grade if the student:

(A) completes the UT Permian Basin application process and

(B) demonstrates college readiness by achieving the minimum passing standards under the provisions of the Texas Success Initiative as set forth by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board or

(C) demonstrates that he or she is exempt under the provisions of the Texas Success Initiative as set forth §4.54 of this title (relating to Exemptions/Exceptions).

The Texas Success Initiative standards in reading, math, and writing are the following minimum scores on one of the following:

(1) ASSET: Reading Skills - 41; Elementary Algebra - 38; Writing Skills (objective) - 40; and Written Essay - 6.

(2) COMPASS: Reading Skills - 81; Algebra - 39; Writing Skills (objective) - 59; and Written Essay - 6.

(3) ACCUPLACER: Reading Comprehension - 78; Elementary Algebra - 63; Sentence Skills - 80; and Written Essay - 6.

(4) THEA: Reading - 230; Mathematics - 230; Writing - 220.

(b) The minimum passing standard for the written essay portion of all tests is a score of 6. However, an essay with a score of 5 will meet this standard if the student meets the objective writing test standard.

(c) Students will also need to take the required UT Permian Basin placement tests for writing and mathematics placement.

An eleventh grade high school student is also eligible to enroll in dual credit courses under the following conditions;

(A) a student achieves a score of 2200 on Mathematics and/or a score of 2200 on English Language Arts with a writing subsection score of at least 3 on the tenth grade TAKS relevant to the courses to be attempted. An eligible high school student who has enrolled in dual credit courses in the eleventh grade under this provision shall not be required to demonstrate further evidence of eligibility to enroll in dual credit courses in the twelfth grade; or

(B) the student achieves a combined score of 107 on the PSAT/NMSQT with a minimum of 50 on the critical reading and/or mathematics test relevant to the courses to be attempted. An eligible high school student who has enrolled in dual credit under this provision must demonstrate eligibility to enroll in dual credit courses in twelfth grade; or

(C) the student achieves a composite score of 23 on the PLAN with a 19 or higher in mathematics and English. An eligible high school student who has enrolled in dual credit under this provision must demonstrate eligibility to enroll in dual credit courses in twelfth grade

(D) Met the Texas Success Initiative standards and taken the appropriate UT Permian Basin placement test.

Location of Class:

Dual credit courses may be taught on the UT Permian Basin campus or on the high school campus. Initial offering will be on the UT Permian Basin campus. For dual credit courses taught exclusively to high school students on the high school campus and for dual credit courses taught electronically, public colleges shall comply with applicable rules and procedures for offering courses at a distance of the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board. In addition, dual credit courses taught electronically shall comply with the Coordinating Board's adopted Principles of Good Practice for Courses Offered Electronically.

Composition of Class:

Dual credit courses may be composed of dual credit students only or of dual and college credit students. Exceptions for a mixed class, which would also include high school credit-only students, may be allowed only under one of the following conditions:

- (1) If the course involved is required for completion under the State Board of Education Recommended or Distinguished Achievement High School Program graduation requirements, and the high school involved is otherwise unable to offer such a course
- (2) If the high school credit-only students are College Board Advanced Placement students.

Faculty Selection, Supervision, and Evaluation:

- (1) The UT Permian Basin shall select instructors of dual credit courses. These instructors must be regularly employed faculty members of the UTPB or must meet the same standards (including minimal requirements of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools).
- (2) UTPB shall supervise and evaluate instructors of dual credit courses using the same or comparable procedures used for faculty at the main campus of the college.
- (3) UTPB shall be responsible for determining and providing the compensation for instructors teaching the courses.

Course Curriculum, Instruction, and Grading:

UT Permian Basin shall ensure that a dual credit course and the corresponding course offered at its campus are equivalent with respect to the curriculum, materials, instruction, and method/rigor of student evaluation.

Academic Policies and Student Support Services:

Dual credit courses are conducted under UT Permian Basin's regular academic policies applicable to courses taught on its campus or other locations. Students in dual credit courses are eligible to utilize the same support services that are afforded to other UTPB students including library services, computer services, academic support programs, and student affairs programs.

The UT Permian Basin Registrar shall provide to the principal of a dual credit student's school the grades earned in dual credit courses.

Transcripting of Credit:

For dual credit courses, high school as well as college credit should be transcribed immediately upon a student's completion of the performance required in the course.

Funding:

The state funding for dual credit courses will be available to both ECISD and UT Permian Basin on the current funding rules of the State Board of Education and the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board.

The student will be responsible for paying the appropriate UT Permian Basin tuition and fees at the time of registration.

Other Provisions:

The University of Texas of the Permian Basin will make available to students a description of all college level courses that are offered through an articulation agreement and identify when these courses will be available throughout the school year.

The Ector County Independent School District and the University of Texas of the Permian Basin will identify and publicize this opportunity in an appropriate manner for all potentially eligible students.

The Ector County Independent School District agrees each year to routinely coordinate and review the course syllabus with the appropriate University of Texas of the Permian Basin representative.

All parties understand that any changes made in the course syllabus, in instructional contact, or in instructional equipment or laboratory experiences afforded to the student need to have approval of the respective UTPB Dean.

This agreement will become effective upon approval by The Ector County Independent School District and The University of Texas of the Permian Basin for all students who complete the course(s) during academic year 2007-2008 and thereafter. The agreement will continue on an annual basis until one of the parties shall notify the other of its termination. Articulation agreements, however, are not retroactive prior to specified period.

Either party may cancel this articulation agreement by submitting a written letter at least 60 days prior to the effective date of the cancellation. In a case where an articulation agreement exists and no students from the secondary school have enrolled at UTPB for a period of at least two years, the articulation agreement will be reviewed and may be cancelled.

Ector County Independent School District

University of Texas of the Permian Basin

Superintendent or Designee
Name _____

President University of Texas of the Permian Basin
Dr. David Watts

Date

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