

Belton Independent School District
Board of Trustee Meeting Agenda Item

June 16, 2025

Item: Memorandum of Understanding for Dual Credit Renewal – OnRamps with The University of Texas at Austin

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Presented for: ☒ Action ☐ Report Only

Supporting Documents: ☐ None ☒ Attached ☐ Provided Later

District Goal or Objective Addressed:

Goal 2: Ensure exceptional learning experiences for each and every student.

Background Information:

Belton ISD provides a variety of opportunities for high school students to earn college credit while in high school, commonly referred to as dual credit or dual enrollment. With approval of the attached agreement with University of Texas, this will allow Belton ISD students at the high schools to take dual enrollment courses at Belton High School campuses through the OnRamps program. For the 2025-2026 school year, we will offer Pre-Calculus, US History, and Writing & Rhetoric.

House Bill 1638 (85th Legislature) requires all dual credit and dual enrollment programs to establish a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the institution of higher education (IHE) and ISD that details the terms of the partnership. The MOU or articulation agreement must include the following:

- ☐ A description of how the goals of the dual credit program align with the statewide goals;
- ☐ A course equivalency crosswalk or other method of equating high school courses with college courses that identifies the number of credits that may be earned for each course completed through the dual credit program;
- ☐ A description of the academic supports and guidance that will be provided to students participating in the dual credit program;
- ☐ A description of the ISD and IHE respective roles and responsibilities in providing for and ensuring the quality and instructional rigor of the dual credit program; and
- ☐ A description of the sources of funding for dual credit courses offered under the program including, at a minimum, the sources of funding for tuition, transportation, and any required fees or textbooks for students participating in the dual credit program.

The MOU between Belton ISD and UTA meets these requirements.

Policy EHDD(LEGAL) requires Board approval of all dual credit and dual enrollment agreements. Attached for your consideration is:

- Memorandum of Understanding, The University of Texas at Austin Regarding On-Ramps, 2025-2026

Fiscal Implications:

None

Administrative Recommendation(s):

Approve the agreements as presented.