



UNITED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT AGENDA ACTION ITEM

TOPIC: Ratification of University of Texas at San Antonio (UTSA) Dual Credit Memorandum of Understanding between United ISD and The Office for Instructional Outreach at UTSA

SUBMITTED BY: M. Rosales, Director **OF:** Advanced Academics Department

APPROVED FOR TRANSMITTAL TO SCHOOL BOARD: _____

DATE ASSIGNED FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION: November 15, 2023

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended the Board of Trustees approve the Memorandum Of Understanding between United ISD and the office for instructional outreach at UTSA for Spring 2024 (2027 cohort (9th graders)).

RATIONALE: Last March, The University of Texas at San Antonio hosted a meeting at the University of Texas Education and Research Center at Laredo, known as the UT Center at Laredo, to hear directly from our K-12, higher education and community partners about future degree programming that best positions UTSA to fulfill the needs of Laredo students and staff. Since that meeting, UTSA has initiated and is focused on developing additional partnerships to continue to expand its presence in Laredo.

The MOU outlines the parameters of UTSA's (undergraduate) Dual Credit (DC) Program and course offerings.

UTSA will establish a Dual Credit partnership with United ISD to allow high school students the opportunity to take advanced foreign language, dual credit coursework, leading to a minor in Spanish for individuals seeking a degree in the medical healthcare professions. The DC MOU is the foundational document to grow the instructional partnerships like, but not limited to, the medical healthcare program.

Essentially, the MOU sets the stage for all dual credit course offerings and programs that Dr. Martinez will mention briefly. UTSA and United ISD want to capitalize on the UT Education and Research Center in Laredo to engage students earlier than ever before and expand access. In addition, offer United ISD staff an opportunity to earn a Master's degree in programs that are not offered by Texas A & M International through the United College Assistance Now for Educators (UCAN) program.

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BUDGETARY INFORMATION

2023-2024 General Funds (Dual Enrollment and UCAN budget)

BOARD POLICY REFERENCE AND COMPLIANCE:

GNC (LEGAL) Relations with Educational Entities: Colleges and Universities