



AGREEMENT TO PROVIDE REGIONAL INSTRUCTIONAL SERVICES FY 2023-2024

Members of South Central Service Cooperative collaborate to provide regional opportunities for instruction.

Programming available to students includes course and other instructional options through:

- SOCRATES Online and Northern Star Online, state-approved supplemental online learning programs
- High-STEP Health Science Technology, SourceCode Information Technology, and Education cooperative career pathway academy programs
- Other regional instruction and experiences which may include direct instruction, blended and online learning, clinical site experience, and work-based learning opportunities.

The School District will be deemed a member of SOCRATES Online, eligible for direct billing of supplemental online learning options for secondary students. Direct billing provides substantial savings to the district. Per MN Statute for Online Learning Options (124D.095), Subd. 4(3) students are permitted to enroll with a state-approved online learning provider under this separate agreement that includes terms for paying any tuition or course fee.

By signing this document, the School District agrees:

1. To pay the agreed upon price, established at \$526.32 per student per high school semester credit.
 - a. Students who withdraw from a course within 21 calendar days after enrollment will be assigned a “drop with grace” status and incur no obligation for payment.
 - b. After 21 calendar days, student drops will require full payment of the registered credit.
2. To counsel potential students concerning available programming and preparation for blended and online learning.
3. To review and follow parameters, requirements, and expectations of SOCRATES Online members (Attachment 1).

(Signature) Glenn Morris

Executive Director _____

(Title)

July 1, 2023 _____

(Date)

(Superintendent Signature)

(Name)

(Date)

(School District) Name and ISD Number



PARAMETERS, REQUIREMENTS, AND EXPECTATIONS OF SOCRATES ONLINE MEMBERS (Attachment 1)

Enrolling district or agency agrees to:

- Include selected course information for students in district registration materials as it pertains to local district interest and needs.
- Make available upon request information about SOCRATES Online/Northern Star Online (NSO) courses and programs to students and families.
- Publish the SOCRATES Online website links in relevant district information: mnscsc.org/teaching-learning/socratesonline.
- Communicate benefits of students' access to SOCRATES/NSO courses with students, parents, staff, and community.
- Support student enrollment in SOCRATES/NSO courses.
- Assign a staff member as the District Contact to follow the Student Support Plan guidelines below.
- Collaborate with SCSC to provide technical assistance and support to students working on their courses at school.
- Communicate with the teacher, learning facilitator and support staff regarding student progress and needs.
- Accept the course curriculum and award credit in alignment with state academic standards.

SOCRATES Online will:

- Work with Northern Star Online to provide students access to online curriculum.
- Provide the enrolling student's District Contact access to online curriculum and student progress information.
- Provide member and student support services including principal and counselor technical and advisory assistance, learning coach support for online students and their parents, and direct billing to school districts.
- Provide Online Advisory Committee options for members to help determine programming and policy.

Student Support Plan

Parameters and requirements:

- The state requires a contact person when schools work with an approved online provider. Unless otherwise indicated, SOCRATES Online will consider the counselor signing the enrollment form the District Contact.
- The agreement assumes students are MARSS-reported by the local district for their attendance in SOCRATES Online/NSO courses.
- When students are withdrawn, they are reported back to the local contact person.
- Unless withdrawn students are assigned to an enrolling district study hall or class, they cannot be MARSS reported.
- Training will be provided for local contacts in tracking and following up on student activity.

Expectations for local contact support:

- Assist the student and parent in completing the registration process.
- Make sure the student understands expectations for the online learning program.
- Complete, review and sign enrollment forms.
- Provide opportunities for online students to work at school or receive guidance from the local contact.
- Monitor and promote regular online attendance.
- Assist students in getting back on track when they fall behind.
- Require students who are behind to come into school to work on their online assignments until they are caught up.
- When students are withdrawn, ensure there is a process for being reassigned to a study hall or other class.
- Assist in communication with SOCRATES Online staff and local school grade reporting.