

Consortium Agreement Cross-District High School Course Access

This Cross-District High School Course Access Agreement (the “Agreement”) is entered into by and between the following entities, collectively referred to as “the Parties”:

Independent School District No. 484, Pierz, MN
Independent School District No. 181, Brainerd, MN
Independent School District No. 186, Pequot Lakes, MN
Independent School District No. 182, Crosby, MN
Independent School District No. 116, Pillager, MN
Independent School District No. 2174, Pine River, MN

Purpose

The purpose of this Agreement is to establish a framework that enables the Parties to share access to approved concurrent enrollment courses, across district boundaries. This cooperative effort is designed to expand educational opportunities for students, particularly in specialized, advanced, or low-enrollment courses that may not be feasible for a single district to offer independently.

The Parties agree as follows:

Process

1. The courses outlined in this agreement are online asynchronous concurrent enrollment classes (“the classes”).
2. High School Principals will fill the classes with students from their own school district prior to offering the class to students from other districts.
3. At an agreed-upon date, if the classes still have room for enrollment, they will be open to students from other districts.
4. Students will enroll in the class on a first-come, first-served basis until the capacity is met.
5. All courses will be online using D2L and offered through Central Lakes College.

Reimbursement

1. The deadline for the add/drop period for the classes is the Friday after the second week of class.
2. At the conclusion of the add/drop period, the host district will bill the students’ home district \$250 per semester class.

Credit Recognition and Transcription

1. Credits earned by a student through an approved shared course shall:
 - a. Be recorded on the student's official transcript by their home district;
 - b. Count toward the student's graduation requirements as equivalent to an in-district course.

Data Sharing and Confidentiality

1. The Parties agree to comply with all applicable federal and state laws governing student privacy, including the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA).
2. Any exchange of student information necessary to support enrollment, instruction, or credit recording shall be conducted securely and only to the extent necessary.

Individual School District Termination

1. Any district may terminate its participation in this Agreement, for any reason, with 90 calendar days' written notice to all other participating parties.
2. Termination by one district shall not affect the rights or obligations of the remaining parties.

Duration

1. This Agreement is effective from January 1, 2026, through June 30, 2026.
2. The Agreement shall not automatically renew.
3. Continuation or renewal requires a written agreement signed by all participating parties.

Governing Law

1. This Agreement shall be construed and interpreted in accordance with the laws of the State of Minnesota.

Severability

1. If any provision of this Agreement is found to be illegal or unenforceable, that provision shall be severed or modified to the extent necessary to make it enforceable, and the remainder of this Agreement shall remain in full force and effect.

Complete Agreement

1. This document constitutes the entire agreement among the Parties regarding cross-district high school course access.
2. Any amendments or addenda must be made in writing and signed by all Parties.

Signatures

By signing below, each Party acknowledges that it has read this Agreement, has had the opportunity to consult with legal counsel, is school board approved, and agrees to the terms and conditions set forth herein.

Independent School District No. 484, Pierz, MN

Superintendent: _____ Date: _____

Independent School District No. 181, Brainerd, MN

Superintendent: _____ Date: _____

Independent School District No. 186, Pequot Lakes, MN

Superintendent: Kurt Slung Date: 10/20/25

Independent School District No. 182, Crosby, MN

Superintendent: _____ Date: _____

Independent School District No. 116, Pillager, MN

Superintendent: _____ Date: _____

Independent School District No. 2174, Pine River, MN

Superintendent: _____ Date: _____

