

Memorandum of Understanding between NCTC and Denton ISD for College Preparatory Courses

September 24, 2024

SUMMARY:

This item requests approval of the college preparatory courses memorandum of understanding between North Central Texas College and Denton ISD.

BOARD VALUE:

Opportunities for Students...In pursuit of excellence, we value supporting college, career, military, and life readiness and developing academic skills and interpersonal relationships necessary for student success in college, the workplace and for life.

PREVIOUS BOARD ACTION:

- Previous memorandums of understanding with NCTC have been approved for dual credit partnership, but this reflects our first partnership with NCTC for college preparatory courses.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

- TEC 28.014 requires school districts to partner with at least one institution of higher education to develop and provide courses in college preparatory mathematics and English language arts. The college preparatory courses are designed for 12th grade students who have not yet demonstrated college readiness standards.
- The Texas College Bridge course has been our Denton ISD option for this requirement; it has been a no-charge option encouraged by TEA for this purpose. Beginning this school year, however, the flat-rate fee for Texas College Bridge would be \$36,000 for districts with Denton ISD's high school enrollment (regardless of number of student accounts used). Partnering with NCTC for this requirement saves us these fees.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES:

None

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS:

The cost of textbooks and course materials for students taking the College Preparatory courses will be borne through the Instructional Materials Allotment budget, pending IMTA committee approval.

BENEFIT OF ACTION:

The approval of this agreement will allow the District to support students' college, career, military and life readiness through an elective course offered on high school campuses.

PROCEDURAL AND REPORTING IMPLICATIONS:

Successful completion of the college preparatory course will be evidence of students' college, career, military, and life readiness. District will provide NCTC documentation of all students who earned this distinction at the end of each academic year.

PUBLIC COMMENT RECEIVED:

None

ALTERNATIVES:

No alternative actions are proposed.

SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the NCTC College Preparatory Courses MOU be approved.

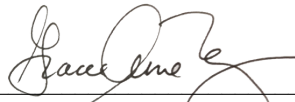
STAFF PERSONS RESPONSIBLE:

- Grace Anne McKay, Director of Advanced Academics
- Dr. Lisa Thibodeaux, Executive Director Secondary Teaching & Learning

ATTACHMENT:

- Attachment A: College Preparatory Courses Memorandum of Understanding, 2024-2025

APPROVAL:

Signature of Staff Member Proposing Recommendation: 

Comments: _____

Signature of Divisional Assistant Superintendent: _____

Comments: _____

Signature of Superintendent: _____

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