



UNITED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT AGENDA ACTION ITEM

TOPIC: Approval of the Dual Credit Partnership Agreement with Laredo Community College and United ISD

SUBMITTED BY: Pamela R. Juarez

OF: Instruction Department

APPROVED FOR TRANSMITTAL TO SCHOOL BOARD: _____

DATE ASSIGNED FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION: April 20, 2011

Recommendation:

It is recommended that the USD Board of Trustees approve the Dual Credit Partnership Agreement with Laredo Community College and provide provisions for the payment of student textbooks for economically disadvantaged students.

Rationale:

Budgetary Information:

Board Policy Reference and Compliance:



Laredo Community College and
United Independent School District
Dual Credit Partnership Agreement

PURPOSE

This Dual Credit Partnership Agreement (“Agreement”) will serve as the instructional partnership between Laredo Community College (LCC) and United Independent School District (UISD) to facilitate the provisions of Dual Credit college courses as mandated by House Bill 1 of the 79th Texas Legislature.

1) DUAL CREDIT COURSES

- (a) Dual credit courses are courses in which a high school student enrolls in a college course and receives simultaneous academic credit for the course from both the college and high school. Courses offered for dual credit must be identified by LCC as college level academic courses or workforce courses.
- (b) LCC will teach dual credit course sections where at least a minimum of 20 students are enrolled per course section.
- (c) UISD will assume all responsibility for providing and paying for supplemental materials, text books, and equipment required by students taking the dual credit courses Agreement by UISD.
- (d) UISD will assume all responsibility for payment of tuition and fees due for matriculation for UISD high school students participating under this Agreement.
- (e) LCC is not required under this Agreement to offer dual credit courses for UISD high school students if prevailing conditions at the college prohibit LCC from doing so such as financial exigency.

2) STUDENT ELIGIBILITY

- (a) To be eligible for enrollment in dual credit courses high school students must meet the college’s admission criteria. This includes requiring students to have a processed admission application and the proper permission forms approved by the district and the college.
- (b) High school students must demonstrate eligibility to enroll in dual credit courses in the eleventh and/or twelfth grade by meeting (1) Texas Success Initiative and dual credit standards; (2) LCC’s course placement requirements; and (3) high school grade average of 85.

- (c) Students must meet all the college's regular academic prerequisite requirements for each designated dual credit course.
- (d) High school students shall not be enrolled in more than two dual credit courses per semester.

3) LOCATION OF CLASS AND SCHEDULE

- (a) Dual credit courses will be taught on the college campus, at the High School, as a hybrid or on-line course in accordance with the LCC instructional calendar. The method and location will be determined by both entities which will be mutually agreed upon.
- (b) LCC will offer dual credit courses for the district based on a mutually agreed upon location, schedule and calendar which will be conveyed in writing and revised as needed.

4) COMPOSITION OF CLASS

- (a) Dual credit courses will be composed of dual credit students who have met the eligibility requirements for dual credit and whose course is required for completion under either the Recommended or Distinguished Achievement High School graduation plan.
- (b) Dual credit courses may be composed of dual credit students or dual and college credit students.

5) FACULTY, SUPERVISION, AND EVALUATION

- (a) LCC will select instructors for college level dual credit courses.
- (b) Instructors must be regularly employed faculty members of LCC or must meet the same standards (including minimal requirements of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools) and approval procedures used by LCC to select faculty responsible for teaching the same college level courses at the college.
- (c) Dual credit students will evaluate their instructors using the same evaluation instruments and procedures that are used for faculty at LCC.
- (d) High school teachers selected to teach dual credit courses must meet the same approved criteria that LCC uses for adjunct faculty and will be evaluated using the same evaluation instruments and procedures that are used for faculty at the college.

6) COURSE CURRICULUM, INSTRUCTION, AND GRADING

- (a) LCC dual credit courses are equivalent to any other college level courses with respect to curriculum, instruction, and grading criteria.
- (b) Dual credit courses will meet and exceed Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS) for the courses they replace. Reinforcement of these TEKS will be the responsibility of the school district.
- (c) Textbooks used in dual credit courses will be the same as those used in the regular college course taught by LCC. Textbooks will be adopted for a minimum period of three (3) years, whenever possible.
- (d) Students enrolled in a dual credit course, offered under this Agreement, will have access to all available instructional resources at LCC.
- (e) LCC will report student progress, grades, and attendance to the UISD designees.

7) ACADEMIC POLICIES AND STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES

- (a) Regular academic policies applicable to college level courses taught by LCC will also apply to dual credit courses offered under this Agreement. These policies include the appeal process for disputed grades, drop policy, the communication of grading policy to students, distribution of course syllabus and any pertinent policies or guidelines associated with the dual credit courses.
- (b) Students in dual credit courses will be eligible to use the same or comparable support services that are afforded to LCC students. LCC will be responsible for ensuring timely and efficient access to such services as counseling, academic support services and other benefits for which the student may be eligible.

8) TRANSCRIPTION OF CREDIT

LCC will be responsible for maintaining the dual credit student college transcript and dual credit courses will be identified as college level. UISD will be responsible for maintaining the high school student's transcript.

9) FUNDING

Applicable tuition and fees will be charged to UISD for the number of students participating under this Agreement. Tuition and fees are subject to change based on Laredo Community College Board of Trustees action.

10) INDEMNITY

To the extent permitted by Article XI, Section 7 of the Texas Constitution, and with the mutual understanding that LCC is a political subdivision of the State of Texas and that an indemnity obligation cannot be paid from current revenues and that no order, resolution, tax nor interest and sinking funds has been set, adopted or established for payment of this indemnity obligation, and without expanding LCC's liability beyond the statutory limits of the Texas Tort Claims Act or under existing law, and furthermore, without waiving LCC's immunity beyond the scope of that allowed by the Texas Tort Claims Act or existing law, LCC shall indemnify and hold harmless UISD and UISD's officers, agents, and employees, and assigns from all suits, actions, damages, demands or other claims of any character brought for or on account of injury to a person or property arising solely from LCC's own acts of negligence in carrying out its obligations under this Agreement.

To the extent permitted by Article XI, Section 7 of the Texas Constitution, and with the mutual understanding that UISD is a political subdivision of the State of Texas and that an indemnity obligation cannot be paid from current revenues and that no order, resolution, tax nor interest and sinking funds has been set, adopted or established for payment of this indemnity obligation, and without expanding UISD's liability beyond the statutory limits of the Texas Tort Claims Act or under existing law, and furthermore, without waiving UISD's immunity beyond the scope of that allowed by the Texas Tort Claims Act or existing law, UISD shall indemnify and hold harmless LCC and LCC's officers, agents, and employees, and assigns from all suits, actions, damages, demands or other claims of any character brought for or on account of injury to a person or property arising solely from UISD's own acts of negligence in carrying out its obligations under this Agreement.

11) TERMS OF AGREEMENT

- (a) LCC and UISD reserve the mutual right to terminate this Agreement through a written notice given within ninety (90) days prior to the termination date.
- (b) Students enrolled in dual credit courses at the time the notice is given will be permitted to complete the course(s) until the end of the semester in which the notice is first given.
- (c) An amendment to this Agreement is not effective until approved in writing by an authorized representative from LCC and UISD.

12) GENERAL PROVISIONS

- (a) Each party acknowledges that the other is obligated to strictly comply with the Public Information Act, Chapter 552, *Texas Government Code*, in responding to any request for public information pertaining to this agreement.
- (b) This Agreement is performable in Webb County, Texas. Further, the validity of this Agreement and all matters pertaining to this Agreement, including by not limited to,

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matters of performance, non-performance, breach, remedies, procedures, rights, duties, and interpretation or construction, shall be governed and determined by the constitution and the laws of the State of Texas.

- (c) Neither party is required to perform any term, condition, or covenant of this Agreement, if performance is prevented or delayed by a natural occurrence, a fire, an act of God, an act of terrorism, or other similar occurrence, the cause of which is not reasonably within the control of such party and which by due diligence it is unable to prevent or overcome.
- (d) Any notice required or permitted under this Agreement must be in writing, and shall be deemed to be delivered (whether actually received or not) when deposited with the United States Postal Service, postage prepaid, certified mail, return receipt requested, and addressed to the intended recipient at the address set out below. Notice may also be given by regular mail, personal delivery, courier delivery, facsimile transmission, email or other commercially reasonable means and will be effective when actually received. Each party can change its respective notice address by sending to the other party a notice of the new address. Notices should be addressed as follows:

LCC: Laredo Community College
Attn: Dr. Juan L. Maldonado
West End Washington Street
Laredo, Texas 78040
Phone: (956) 722-0521
Fax: (956) 721-5381
Email: president@laredo.edu

UISD: United Independent School District
Attn: Mr. Roberto J. Santos
201 Lindenwood
Laredo, Texas 78041
Phone: (956) 473-6100
Fax: (956) 728-8691
Email: rsantos@uisd.net

This Agreement shall become effective upon approval by the governing board of UISD, upon signing by the Board President of UISD or his/her designee, and upon signing by the President of Laredo Community College. This Agreement shall remain in effect for 5 years unless amended or terminated by either party with ninety (90) days written notice. Termination by either party is effective upon ninety (90) days written notice by either party to the other.

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Dr. Juan L. Maldonado
LCC President

Mr. Roberto J. Santos
UISD Superintendent

Date

Date



UNITED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

Roylin B. Wilson
Executive Director for Secondary Education

Dual Credit Textbooks 2011-12

<i>Book</i>	<i>Price</i>
History American National Vol. 2	90.00
History American National Vol. 2 a la Carte	63.50
College Algebra	126.00
College Algebra a la Carte	90.45
English 1301	62.00

2011-2012 Dual Credit

Book Proposal Projection for Identified
Economically Disadvantaged Students
Presented by Christina Uribe Flores, Director of
Guidance and Counseling

April 12, 2011

Students who are currently enrolled in English 1301 who will continue with English 1302

School	# of students who economically disadvantaged	# of students projected to enroll	Percentage	Estimated Cost of Book \$65.00
AHS	42	98	43%	\$ 2,730.00
LBJHS	54	60	90%	\$ 3,510.00
UHS	92	180	51%	\$ 5,980.00
USHS	92	123	75%	\$ 5,980.00
Total	280	461	61%	\$ 18,200.00

Projected number of students who will enroll in Math 1314

School	# of students who are economically disadvantaged	# of students projected to enroll	Percentage	Estimated Cost of Book \$216.45
AHS	17	40	43%	\$3,679.65
LBJHS	36	40	90%	\$7,792.20
UHS	38	75	51%	\$8,225.10
USHS	34	45	75%	\$7,359.30
Total	125	200	63%	\$27,056.25

Projected number of students who will enroll in U.S. History 1302

School	# of students who are economically disadvantaged	# of students projected to enroll	Percentage	Estimated Cost of Book \$153.50
AHS	57	130	44%	\$8,749.50
LBJHS	75	80	94%	\$11,512.50
UHS	106	180	59%	\$16,271.00
USHS	109	130	84%	\$16,731.50
Total	347	520	67%	\$53,264.50

Projected number of students who will enroll in English 1301

School	# of students who economically disadvantaged	# of students who are enrolled in Eng 1301	Percentage	Estimated Cost of Book \$65.00
AHS	40	90	44%	\$ 2,600.00
LBJHS	64	68	94%	\$ 4,160.00
UHS	86	145	59%	\$ 5,590.00
USHS	108	129	84%	\$ 7,020.00
Total	298	432	69%	\$ 19,370.00

Summary

- In accordance with the Memorandum of Understanding with Laredo Community College the books required for the dual credit courses will remain in effect for the next three years.
- The projected amount of the cost of books for those students who are identified as economically disadvantaged is \$117,890.75.