

**Linking Talent with Opportunity Program ("LTO") Dual Credit
Memorandum of Understanding between
Rock Valley College and Harlem School District**

This Memorandum of Understanding ("MOU" or "Agreement") is entered into this ____ day of _____, 2021 between Harlem School District ("School District"), located at 8605 N. 2nd Street, Machesney Park, Illinois 61115 and Rock Valley College, located at 3301 N. Mulford Road, Rockford, Illinois 61114 (collectively, the "Parties").

WHEREAS, School District and Rock Valley College have come together and would like to offer high school students enrolled in School District an opportunity to receive dual high school and college level credit through the "Linking Talent with Opportunity" Program (hereinafter "LTO"); and

WHEREAS, the Parties desire to enter into this Agreement to facilitate the transition of students from secondary coursework into Rock Valley College; and

WHEREAS, the Parties herein desire to enter into an Agreement setting forth the services and guidelines to be provided and followed by each Party.

NOW, THEREFORE, it is hereby agreed by and between the Parties as follows:

1. School District and Rock Valley College will make available to eligible students participating in the LTO Program certain agreed upon "dual credit courses" and "articulated credit courses," as listed in Appendix A which is attached hereto and incorporated herein.
2. All dual credit courses shall be taught by qualified and approved School District instructors ("School District Dual Credit Instructors") during the academic year.
3. All dual credit and articulated credit courses shall be taught at the School District's campuses.
4. It is further agreed upon by the Parties that School District will:
 - a. Designate a District point-of-contact for all dual credit and articulated credit course offerings.
 - b. Follow the procedures outlined in Appendix B which is attached hereto and incorporated herein, regarding Curriculum Development, Feedback, and Approval;
 - c. Verify that School District Dual Credit Instructors meet Rock Valley College's minimum qualifications to teach:
 - i. Dual credit instructors submit a *Rock Valley College Dual Credit at the High School Instructor Application*.
 - ii. School District completes *Instructor Verification* form to verify official transcripts and formal identification are on record at District office for ICCB and HLC auditing purposes.

- d. Follow the procedures outlined in Appendix D for articulated credit courses which is attached hereto and incorporated herein;
- e. Collaborate with Rock Valley College Early College Department on a shared Google Sheet to track students' completed Enrollment Forms and submit course rosters for each dual credit and articulated credit course. Dual credit course rosters will be used for Rock Valley College course registration and articulated credit course rosters will be used to track students' articulated credit eligibility;
- f. Send Rock Valley College initial dual credit course rosters via the shared Google Sheet, in May for the fall semester and October for the spring semester, and verify final rosters within 2 weeks after the high school start date;
- g. Send verified articulated credit course rosters via the shared Google Sheet within 30 days after the high school start date;
- h. Ensure that School District Dual Credit Instructors follow Rock Valley College's master course syllabus with identified learning outcomes for each course, and utilize appropriate textbooks for each course as agreed upon by School District and Rock Valley College;
- i. Ensure that School District Articulated Credit Instructors submit high school course syllabus with identified learning outcomes and samples of class assignments, projects, and exams to Early College Department for review, and utilize the approved syllabus, appropriate textbooks, resources, and RVC approved final project or exam (if necessary) for each course as agreed upon by School District and Rock Valley College;
- j. Be responsible for School District Dual Credit Instructors submitting a final instructor course syllabus to the Rock Valley College Early College Department by the end of the first week of class each semester;
- k. Be responsible for School District Dual Credit Instructors collaborating with Early College department to submit, throughout the course term, samples of assignments, projects, and tests being used within the classroom to ensure student learning outcomes are met and the ability of the instructor to deliver quality, rigorous college credit coursework;
- l. Require all first-time School District Dual Credit Instructors to attend Dual Credit Instructor bootcamps and other related meetings hosted by Rock Valley College to discuss dual credit processes and procedures;
- m. Require all School District Dual Credit Instructors to complete the following steps in Rock Valley College Online Services, in accordance with the calendar dates determined by Rock Valley College and as outlined in Appendix C, which is attached hereto and incorporated herein: Rock Valley College Enrollment Verification ("EVR"), midterm grades, and final grades, which become part of each student's official college record;
- n. Distribute on the first day of class, the instructor course syllabus to each student registered in a dual credit section;

- o. Ensure that all students enrolled in dual credit sections meet Rock Valley College course prerequisites and placement requirements or are concurrently enrolled in transitional courses, remedial courses, or receiving a mutually agreed upon academic intervention;
5. It is further agreed upon by the Parties that Rock Valley College will:
- a. Provide courses from Illinois Community College Board ("ICCB") approved programs;
 - b. Provide the School District with copies of all official college credit master course syllabi which contain course descriptions, prerequisites, learning outcomes, course requirements, and methods of evaluation for courses referenced in Appendix A;
 - c. Follow the Curriculum Development, Feedback and Approval procedure outlined in Appendix B;
 - d. Provide the School District with a list of the current approved textbooks for dual credit courses being taught at the School District;
 - e. Review the resume and transcripts of any School District Dual Credit Instructor recommended by the School District to teach a dual credit course to ensure compliance with Illinois Community College Board and Rock Valley College qualifications to teach dual credit requirements;
 - f. Provide the School District with all appropriate forms, including but not limited to a copy the academic calendar, registration forms, certified class lists, and final grade reports;
 - g. Provide guidance on appropriate placement of students using multiple measures;
 - h. Award appropriate college credit and record student grades on a permanent college transcript which will be maintained by Rock Valley College;
 - i. Award appropriate college credit and record a 'T' grade on students' permanent college transcripts for students who earn a final grade of 'A' or 'B' in an articulated credit course listed in Appendix A and following the procedures outlined in Appendix D;
 - j. Review this MOU annually for accuracy and pricing; and
 - k. Host an annual meeting in March between the School District and College to discuss dual credit matters and renewal of agreements.
6. School District will provide at their cost a School District Dual Credit Instructor who is qualified to deliver dual credit instruction in compliance with the Illinois State Board of Education ("ISBE"), ICCB, and the Higher Learning Commission ("HLC") and will provide at its cost appropriate academic support to participating students to ensure delivery of quality instruction.
7. School District will provide associated instructional costs such as instructional materials and supplies, as needed.

Appendix A Dual Credit Courses

The following Rock Valley College courses will be offered at Harlem School District as dual credit effective during this agreement: BIO 103 Introductory Life Science, BIO 104 Introductory Life Science Lab, BUS 101 Introduction to Business, HLT 110 Medical Terminology, MGT 270 Principles of Management, MKT 260 Principles of Marketing, PCT 110 Network Essentials and PCT 262 A+ Essentials.

Articulated Credit Courses

The following Harlem School District courses are eligible for Rock Valley College articulated credit: Credit for ATM 105 and ATM 106 earned upon successful completion of ATM 140; credit for BUS 101 earned upon successful completion of MKT 260 or MGT 270; credit for CIS 102 earned upon successful completion of PCT 110 or PCT 262 or BUS 101.

Appendix B Curriculum Development, Feedback, and Approval

Upon being notified of intent to offer a new dual credit course in the School District, the Dean of Early College will initiate a meeting with the District contacts to discuss course logistics including the master course syllabus and text(s) and materials to be used by the dual credit instructor for course design. First-time School District Dual Credit Instructors will then submit the *Application to Teach a Dual Credit at High School Course*, and upon approval, the course offering will be confirmed and added to Appendix A of the MOU. First-time dual credit instructors will be asked to participate in Dual Credit Instructor Bootcamps where they will meet with RVC faculty and connect with other dual credit instructors to review course specific learning outcomes, college curriculum, and department assessment methods, as well as receive information from Early College about RVC EAGLE, Online Services, and dual credit policy and procedures. Returning dual credit instructors will also be invited to attend the bootcamps, if desired. All Instructors will submit their final course syllabi to Early College within the first week of their dual credit courses beginning, and throughout the course, they will provide samples of assignments, projects, and tests to demonstrate student learning outcomes are being met through quality and rigorous college coursework.

Appendix C Dual Credit Roster & Grading Procedures for Dual Credit Instructors

1. School District Dual Credit Instructors set up their Rock Valley College network account and password to complete the following processes in RVC Online Services. Individual notices will be sent to each instructor at the start of each course with EVR, midterm, and final deadline dates*. Reminder emails will also be sent prior to each deadline date.
2. Instructors complete the Enrollment Verification ("EVR") process by the assigned **drop date** to the high school roster **matches** the Rock Valley College course roster of registered students.
 - a) Drop any student who has never attended the course.
 - b) Contact the RVC Early College Office if a student who has been attending is not on the RVC roster so that they can be added.
3. Instructors submit Midterm Grades in Online Services by the assigned **midterm date**.
 - a) Mark "S" for each student who is currently passing the course with a 'C' or better.
 - b) Mark "D" for each student who is currently earning a 'D' in the course.
 - c) Mark "F" for each student who is currently earning a 'F' in the course.
 - d) Mark "W" for each student who should be withdrawn from the course – students who stopped attending or have no chance of passing. RVC Early College Office must be notified prior to marking 'W' for any student.
4. Instructors send Early College notice of a student's intent to withdraw from a course by the assigned **Withdrawal** deadline. Student receives a 'W' grade on their Official RVC Transcript.
5. Instructors submit Final Grades in Online Services by the assigned **final grading deadline**, and the final grade is reported on students' Official RVC Transcripts.

*Missed deadline dates for EVR, midterm grades, and final grades will result in manual processes for the instructor and RVC.

Appendix D Articulated Credit Policy & Procedures

1. School District communicates intent to offer articulated credit course approximately 18 months prior to offering, but no later than 6 months before start of intended school year, and adds course information to the shared District and RVC Google Sheet.
2. High school instructor submits syllabus, textbook, and samples of assignments, tests and projects to Early College for review. Updated information must be submitted annually.
3. Rock Valley College will determine approval of the course and it will be added to Appendix A of the MOU.
4. District verifies high school rosters within 30 days from the start of the high school class via the shared Google Sheet between School District and College.
5. Students in articulated courses complete a Rock Valley College Enrollment form immediately following the high school roster verification.
6. High School provides official, verified high school final grading roster to Early College upon completion of the course.
7. Students who earn an 'A' or 'B' in the high school course will be eligible for articulated credit upon the successful completion ('C' or better) in the subsequent course(s), as indicated in Appendix A.
8. Subsequent course(s) must be enrolled in and successfully completed within two years of completing the articulated course; not to exceed one year after high school graduation.
9. Students register for subsequent course(s) as part of dual credit offerings at the School District or in classes offered at Rock Valley College campuses.
10. RVC will transcript articulated credit upon successful completion of subsequent course(s) within timeframe given above.