

ITEMS FOR CONSENT AGENDA

April 23, 2020

ACTION: **Approve Memorandum of Understanding with Grand Island Public Schools for Wayne State College (AP)**

Per Board Policy 7015 which requires Board action for approval of all academic agreements, Wayne State requests approval of the Memorandum of Understanding with Grand Island Public Schools (GIPS) to support career pathways for high school students through the delivery of dual credit course work through Wayne State College.

The System Office and Wayne State College recommend approval of the Memorandum of Understanding with Grand Island Public Schools for Wayne State College (AP).

ATTACHMENTS:

- WSC- Grand Island Public Schools Dual Credit Partnership Agreement (PDF)

DUAL CREDIT PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT

Between the
BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE NEBRASKA STATE COLLEGES
doing business as
WAYNE STATE COLLEGE
and
GRAND ISLAND PUBLIC SCHOOLS

This Partnership Agreement (herein after “Agreement”) is between the Board of Trustees of the Nebraska State Colleges (NSCS) dba Wayne State College (WSC) and Grand Island Public Schools (GIPS). Both entities are herein after referred to as “Parties.” This Agreement establishes pathways for WSC to offer college-level dual credit courses to GIPS students. Utilizing dual-credit opportunities with high school partners pursuing career academies is an affordable and equitable approach to degree completion.

WSC and GIPS agree to the following conditions:

- 1) This Agreement describing the dual credit partnership between both named Parties above will be effective beginning July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2022 unless renewed or amended in writing and signed by both Parties prior to the expiration date.
- 2) GIPS students will be charged a tuition rate of \$49 per credit hour, and a one-time \$15 matriculation fee for the first course provided by WSC (including ACE scholarship recipients). WSC will invoice GIPS for all tuition and fees within 45 days of the last day to register for classes each semester.
- 3) WSC will reimburse GIPS for instructional costs at the rate of \$40 per credit hour per student enrolled in each dual credit course. WSC will provide payment to GIPS for instructional costs within 45 days of receipt of final grades. The school will not receive reimbursement if the course is taught exclusively by faculty directly compensated by WSC.
- 4) GIPS will work collaboratively with WSC to help build academic calendars, faculty training sessions, and course offerings for the purposes of staffing dual credit courses.
- 5) High school instructors hired to teach dual credit courses must hold a master’s degree with at least 18 hours of graduate-level coursework in the subject being taught.
- 6) GIPS will utilize a course syllabus that is approved by WSC, and must include a course description, course objectives, textbook requirements, explanation of instruction, supporting materials, units and contents, assessment materials, grading system/standards, and a final exam.
- 7) The GIPS guidance counselor will be asked to submit a request for course approval to include: The proposed teacher’s transcripts, current resume, course syllabus, photo-copy of the textbook cover/table of contents, and a letter of support from the high school administration. When complete, the application packet will be submitted to the appropriate WSC academic dean for final approval.

8) The Agreement acknowledges that data sharing between institutions will be necessary for continuous improvement of the program and of the partnership, and, to track student progress and readiness through dual credit. This data may include, but is not limited to, ACT scores, ETS scores, GPA, field experience evaluations, course grades, and course and instructor evaluations. The data gathered will be shared confidentially between the Parties. WSC and GIPS recognize the need to be compliant with the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA).

9) The designated WSC representatives for the purposes of monitoring and oversight of this Agreement are:

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10) The designated GIPS representatives for the purposes of monitoring and oversight of this Agreement are:

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For the Board of Trustees of the Nebraska State Colleges doing business as Wayne State College:

Dr. Paul Turman, Chancellor, Nebraska State College System

Date

Dr. Marysz P. Rames, President, Wayne State College

Date

For the Grand Island Public Schools:

Dr. Tawana Grover, Superintendent

Date