

SAMPLE FORMAT

Interinstitutional Articulation Agreements

The Interinstitutional Articulation Agreement, as required by section 1007.235, Florida Statutes, should begin with an introductory section that clearly identifies the parties involved, the term (a beginning and ending date) of the agreement, the make-up of the Articulation Committee involved in negotiating and drafting the agreement, and a description of the process by which the agreement is renewed or terminated. Following the introductory information, consider these required components:

1. Please provide contact information for district and college staff preparing the agreement.

Please provide the name, title, telephone number, and e-mail for staff members involved in the preparation of the agreement including one from the district and the other for the college.

2. Please provide a brief introduction to the agreement and a description of the process by which the agreement is renewed and terminated (including the role and composition of your Articulation Committee).

Please provide a brief description of your dual enrollment program. Specifically, state the role and composition of your Articulation Committee; and how you renew and terminate your interinstitutional articulation agreement.

3. Please list the courses and programs that are available to students eligible to participate in dual enrollment.

In addressing the courses and programs available to students, the *Dual Enrollment Course – High School Subject Area Equivalency List* is a great starting point, but should not be viewed as the limits of dual enrollment course offerings. Each district's agreement should take into consideration local needs including magnets, academies, workforce demands, and access to other acceleration mechanisms. Courses offered beyond the equivalency list (along with their locally designated high school subject/credit equivalencies) should be clearly delineated at this point in the agreement. In addition, this section should include a listing of the dual enrollment courses that are offered by the local college and, therefore, available to students as part of the Major Areas of Interest.

4. Please provide your plan for providing guidance services.

The college is responsible for providing guidance services to participating students on the selection of courses in the dual enrollment program. Please state the process by which these services will be provided should be outlined in this section. Each student, preferably through the use of FACTS.org, should develop a plan that includes a list of courses that will result in an Applied Technology Diploma, an Associate in Science degree, or an Associate in Arts degree, OR, if the student identifies a baccalaureate degree as the objective, the plan must include courses that will meet the general education requirements and any prerequisite requirements for entrance into the selected baccalaureate degree program. Advising is the key to students making appropriate selections, and the advising practices that support student course selection should be clearly articulated in this section.

5. Please describe the process by which students are notified of the option to participate.

Please state whether college and/or partnering school district will notify students about the option to enroll in dual enrollment courses. How and when will this be done? Be specific.

6. Please describe the process by which parents are notified of the option to participate.

Please state whether college and/or partnering school district will notify parents about the option for their children to enroll in dual enrollment courses. How and when will this be done? Be specific.

7. Please describe the process by which students and parents exercise their right to participate.

Please state the procedures that are in place for participation, along with firmly established deadlines. Your agreement should contain specific information regarding the following: application/forms for admission to the program; the recommendations/signatures required for participation; the person to whom students and parents should submit their paperwork; the process by which students register and withdraw from courses; maximum course loads; grade forgiveness; weighting of dual enrollment course grades; and the process by which grades are distributed.

8. Please describe eligibility criteria for student participation in dual enrollment courses and programs.

1. College-credit Dual Enrollment (Includes College-credit ATD, College Credit Certificate, AAS, AA and AA)

Per [section 1007.271\(3\), Florida Statutes](#), students must have an unweighted GPA of 3.0 and demonstrate readiness for college coursework through scores on the Common Placement Tests (as established in State Board of Education Rule 6A-10.0315) to

2. Career and Technical Certificate Dual Enrollment (Postsecondary Adult Vocation, PSAV)

Per [section 1007.271\(3\), Florida Statutes](#), participation in career and technical certificate dual enrollment requires a 2.0 unweighted GPA. Any exception to the GPA requirement and/or any additional program admission requirements (such as high school grade level) must be clearly delineated at this point in the agreement.

3. Early Admission

Per [section 1007.271\(7\), Florida Statutes](#), early admission is described as full-time dual enrollment. Consequently, the eligibility criteria for college-credit dual enrollment also apply to students who enroll as 'early admit' in a postsecondary institution on a full-time basis.

9. Please describe the institutional responsibilities for student screening prior to enrollment and monitoring enrolled students.

A. Describe how students are screened for dual enrollment eligibility prior to enrolling in a dual enrollment course

Please state the requirements for initial eligibility prior to student enrolling in dual enrollment courses. Be specific about college credit, and career and technical dual enrollment courses. Please state if there are additional eligibility requirements for early admits.

In addition to initial eligibility requirements, eligibility for continued participation in the program must be addressed including a clear identification of which GPA is being considered (the college or high school), and how often the GPAs are reviewed.

B. Describe how students' progress is monitored in dual enrollment courses for continued

The delineation of responsibility for ongoing monitoring of participants must be included in the agreement at this point.

In addition to outlining the academic criteria for continued enrollment in the program, this section is a good place to identify behavioral expectations in dual enrollment courses. For example: which entity's code of conduct and consequences will be enforced? Maturity/discipline issues arise regularly, and addressing them in the agreement leaves less room for dispute when these incidents occur.

Legislative Note: Senate Bill 1908, passed during the 2008 Legislative Session, includes a provision requiring the IAA (pursuant to s. 1007.235, F.S.) to stipulate that the college granting the postsecondary credit for a dual enrollment course is responsible for assigning grades for those courses. School districts are prohibited from changing any grade (once assigned by the college) when posting it to the high school transcript.

10. Please describe the criteria by which the quality of dual enrollment courses and programs are to be judged and maintained.

Dual enrollment courses are college courses both in content and outcomes. Dual enrollment instructors must meet the teaching credentials established by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS). This agreement must outline the procedures for maintaining the teaching and content integrity of courses. Such procedures should include a plan for recruiting, selecting and evaluating faculty and monitoring of course content. This is the section of the agreement that should make reference to the *Dual Enrollment Statement of Standards*. It is recommended that a copy of the *Statement of Standards* be incorporated into the agreement as an attachment.

11. Please describe institutional responsibilities for the cost of dual enrollment courses and programs.

The financial challenges associated with dual enrollment can be overcome with a strong agreement that employs cost-sharing and cost-saving measures. Combining resources is a realistic way to cover the costs associated with the program. Specific instructional cost arrangements should be delineated in this section of the agreement. For example, who pays for the instructor(s)?

While school districts are responsible for the purchase of their students' textbooks, there are a variety of ways to handle the textbook process. How textbooks are selected, the length of time for use, the manner in which students obtain their books, book return policies, etc. should all be specifically delineated in the agreement.

Students with disabilities must be accommodated as required by law in dual enrollment classes. Several issues related to this topic should be negotiated and spelled out in this agreement. Which entity covers the cost of accommodations? Whose criteria are adhered to when determining the need for accommodations (school district or college)?

12. Please describe the responsibilities for providing student transportation.

This section should clearly outline who is responsible for the cost of transportation for courses taught at locations other than the high school campus. If it is the student's responsibility to provide his or her own transportation, this should be stated in the agreement.

13. Please describe the mechanisms and strategies for reducing the incidence of postsecondary remediation in math, reading, and writing for the first-time enrolled recent high school graduates.

This section should specify the process by which the local articulation committee will: analyze the unique problems that have been identified in this district and develop corrective actions; measure and communicate outcomes; collaborate on the development of strategies for better preparation of students upon graduation from high school; analyze the costs associated with the implementation of postsecondary remedial education and secondary-level corrective actions; and identify the strategies for reducing such costs.

Senate Bill 1908, passed during the 2008 Legislative Session, requires that assessments be used by high schools in evaluating the college readiness of selected students prior to 12th grade (beginning in 2008-09). High schools are also required to provide 12th grade students who score below the minimum cut scores with remedial instruction prior to graduation. New high school math, reading, and writing courses were added to the Course Code Directory during the 2008-09 school year to address this requirement. Specifics relating to the process for testing students and the course offerings available at the high school must be outlined in the agreement. In addition, as data becomes available, it should be utilized to assess the effectiveness of the testing program and the associated high school instruction intended to reduce remediation at the college level.

14. Please describe the mechanisms and strategies for promoting career and technical programs of study.

Many districts have a separate “tech prep” articulation agreement in place that thoroughly addresses a plan to make students aware of the program, promotes enrollment, and articulates students through a sequential program of study leading to a postsecondary career or technical education degree or certificate and, when appropriate, an industry credential. If such an agreement exists, it should be referenced in this section and provided as a hyperlink or Web page to this agreement.

Many districts and colleges have separate “Career Pathway” articulation agreements in place that address the transition from secondary career and technical education (CTE) programs to postsecondary CTE programs. These agreements detail specific programs of study available to high school students seeking to continue in the field by enrolling in a linked postsecondary certificate or degree program and indicate the number of articulated credits available for each program of study.

15. Please provide a plan that outlines the mechanisms and strategies for improving the preparation of elementary, middle, and high school teachers.

This section of the agreement must outline a plan for the school district and college to address the ongoing preparation of teachers in the district. The plan should cover both pre-service and in-service activities developed with the intent of improving teacher preparation at all levels and addressing local critical teacher shortages.

16. Please address additional policies and provisions not captured in previous questions.

If you wish to attach information in addition to what is requested in this IAA submission system, please insert hyperlinks to the relevant documents here. In the event that you do not have additional information to add to your agreement, you must enter N/A. This submission system is designed such that you must respond to each item before you can submit your IAA successfully.

17. Review agreement.

18. Please upload a copy of your signature page.

The final section of this agreement is the execution, which includes the appropriate signatures of Florida college and school district representatives. This submission system is designed such that you must upload the signature page before you can submit your IAA successfully.

For additional information or assistance in completing your interinstitutional articulation agreement, contact Dr. Shruti Graf at Shruti.graf@fldoe.org or 850-245-7820.