Submitter:
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Representing:
Florida College: Northwest Florida State College

District(s) the Agreement(s) include
- Okaloosa County Schools

Type of Dual Enrollment Articulation Agreement for Submission
- Public Postsecondary Institution – School District

(A) Public Postsecondary Institution Agreement with Public School Districts

Each district school superintendent and each public postsecondary institution president shall develop a comprehensive dual enrollment articulation agreement for the respective school district and postsecondary institution. The superintendent and president shall establish an articulation committee for the purpose of developing the agreement. Each state university president may designate a university representative to participate in the development of a dual enrollment articulation agreement. A dual enrollment articulation agreement shall be completed and submitted annually by the postsecondary institution to the Department of Education on or before August 1.

1. A ratification or modification of all existing articulation agreements.

   Under the dual enrollment program, qualified Okaloosa County public high school students, with the consent of their parent(s)/guardian(s) and the coordination of their school principal/designee, may enroll in college classes through the College. Coordination should be based on the conditions outlined below. The successful completion of the college classes will allow Okaloosa County students to earn college credits, simultaneously counting toward the completion of a high school diploma and a certificate or a college degree. This agreement applies to Okaloosa County students enrolled at the Okaloosa Technical College; Baker, Chocowa, Crestview, Fort Walton Beach, Laurel Hill, and Niceville High Schools; or other students as mutually agreed upon by the District and the College. Dual enrollment opportunities for NWFSC Collegiate High School students are defined by the Collegiate High School Governing Board.

2. A description of the process by which students and their parents are informed about opportunities for student participation in the dual enrollment program.

   Students and parents will be apprised of the opportunity to participate in the dual enrollment program and the availability of related college course offerings through the cooperative effort of the District and the College, to include public news releases, mailings, conferences, and/or announcements made at the schools or on the District or College website (www.okaloosaschools.com and www.nwfsc.edu). The District shall inform all secondary students of dual enrollment as an educational option and mechanism for acceleration, including eligibility criteria, the option for taking dual enrollment courses beyond the regular school year, and the 24 minimum academic credits required for graduation. The information will be provided in a timely manner, prior to student enrollment in dual courses.
3. A delineation of courses and programs available to students eligible to participate in dual enrollment.

Courses available to dual credit students consist of standard college credit courses of three or more semester hours, exclusive of college preparatory and other forms of pre-collegiate instruction and physical education courses that focus on the physical execution of a skill rather than the intellectual attributes of the activity. Courses that will be available shall be those on the Florida Department of Education’s Dual Enrollment Course Equivalency List that are taught by the College. A list of the state approved college courses for dual enrollment can be found online at https://www.fldoe.org/core/fileparse.php/5421/urlt/AcademicList.pdf or on the Dual Enrollment webpage. A variety of courses will be available on the College campuses at Niceville and Fort Walton Beach and all College centers. Dual enrollment students will not be allowed to take online classes without the recommendation of the high school counselor.

For career dual enrollment, both clock hour and college credit courses and programs must lead toward an approved industry certification from an industry Certification Funding List in 1008.44F.S. Course Equivalencies may be found at http://origin.fldoe.org/core/fileparse.php/5421/urlt/CareerTechList.pdf.

Courses may be offered in the high school by invitation and mutual agreement of the District and the College. Courses offered in the high schools may be scheduled on a flexible, rotating, and staggered basis to meet the needs of high school students and to complement the high school curriculum while maintaining the integrity of the College courses; however, these college courses may not be combined with any high school course.

3. The District’s dual enrollment representative may request college courses to be taught on the high school campus using a fully qualified instructor who is employed by the College or District. In accordance with the College’s accreditor approval to offer courses county-wide in Okaloosa County public schools, NWFSC can offer up to 24% of the credits towards any college credit program at any given high school. Online courses do not count as courses at the high school, as long as the students are not required to attend any study, enrichment, and instructional, etc. sessions on the high school campus. The courses that may be requested are MAC1105 – College Algebra, STA2023 – Statistics, ENC1101 – Composition I, and POS1041 – American Government. The College will attempt to meet requests. Exceptions must be mutually approved by the College and the District. Requests for college courses taught on a high school campus should be made to the Director of K-12 Partnerships in the fall semester preceding the academic year in question. The Director will work with the College departments to determine if the requests can be filled. The Director will let the high school know if the class can or cannot be offered. This should be completed before high school students’ sign up for their classes for the 2022-2023 school year. The College will inform the District no later than one term before courses are offered which instructional materials are required for the courses.

4. A description of the process by which students and their parents exercise options to participate in the dual enrollment program.

The dual enrollment program is the enrollment of an eligible secondary student or home education student in a postsecondary course creditable toward high school completion and a career certificate or an associate or baccalaureate degree. A student who is enrolled in postsecondary instruction that is not creditable toward a high school diploma may not be classified as a dual enrollment student.

An eligible secondary student is a student who is enrolled in any of grades 6 through 12 in a Florida public school or in a Florida private school that follows s. 1002.42(2), F.S. and provides a secondary curriculum pursuant to s. 1003.4282, F.S. Students who are eligible for dual enrollment pursuant to this section may enroll in dual enrollment courses conducted during school hours, after school hours, and during the summer term. Students must meet the eligibility requirements – there are no exceptions for dual enrollment. Students that meet the eligibility requirements may register for approved college credit courses.

The total number of college credit hours shall not exceed sixteen (16) in any fall or spring semester or two classes during the summer semester. Students may take up to two online courses in any term.

4. Students must follow these steps:
   a. New students only: Apply Online for Dual Enrollment Admission through the College website. Students will receive an NWFSC email with their identification number indicating their application has processed. Students should anticipate a minimum of three business days for an application to process.
   b. Contact the NWFSC College test center to make arrangements to take PERT if ACT or SAT scores do not establish college readiness.
   c. Consult the College website for course options.
   d. Consult with the high school counselor to confirm that the desired courses will meet graduation requirements and will be posted to the high school transcript.
   e. Complete the electronic Dual Enrollment Registration form that is located on the Dual Enrollment page of the College website https://www.nwfsc.edu/academics/dual-enrollment/. Students will fill out this form with their course selection during the registration period.
   f. Complete all sections of the Dual Enrollment Registration form and obtain the required signatures.
   g. The Dual Enrollment office will notify student, parent, and counselor via email after registration has been processed.
   h. Obtain an NWFSC Student ID Card.
   i. Students will take a paper printout of their NWFSC student schedule or an electronic copy on their phone and their NWFSC Student ID Card to the Niceville campus College store (Barnes & Noble) to pick up textbooks. Allow three business days after confirmation of registration to pick up textbooks.
A list of any additional initial student eligibility requirements for participation in the dual enrollment program.

Dual Enrollment students have the same rights and responsibilities as non-dual enrollment college students. Dual enrollment students and their parents are encouraged to refer to the early college/dual enrollment webpage on the College website at [http://www.nwfsc.edu/Students/Enrollment/Admissions/Dual/](http://www.nwfsc.edu/Students/Enrollment/Admissions/Dual/). A statement of Student Rights and Responsibilities is found in the college catalog. Each student is expected to participate seriously and purposely in college life. These standards apply to behavior in the classroom, academic achievement, and campus behavior. Any act or behavior by a student which tends to interfere or otherwise disrupt the orderly conduct, process, function, or interests of the College is prohibited. Such acts and behaviors included, but are not limited to the following: cheating in any form, including plagiarism; gambling; theft; vandalism, or destruction of college property; falsification of personal or college records; the use, manufacture, distribution, sale, or possession of alcoholic beverages or illicit drugs on campus or at any college-sponsored function; violence; and hazing or harassment. Disciplinary procedures for committing these acts or displaying these behaviors are covered in the college catalog, as is the appeal procedure for a disciplinary action. Dual enrollment students may be withdrawn from a class for disruptive behavior and may become ineligible to participate in the dual enrollment program.

Students must reference the course syllabi which details the requirements and expectations for the course on the first day of class. The syllabi will include the course number, title, and number of credit hours; the required and optional materials; the course objectives; the items that will be graded and how they will be weighted; the method of determining the final grade; and the class policies for attendance, classroom conduct, plagiarism and cheating, student rights and responsibilities, and cell phone use. Per the Florida Board of Education, students enrolled in the Okaloosa County School District who meet the dual enrollment eligibility requirements must be enrolled in college credit courses designated as part of the state and local dual enrollment program. Students may be dismissed from the dual enrollment program for disciplinary reasons, including disruption of learning environment.

Statute states that students must be in grades 6 – 12 and meet the eligibility requirements provided in section 1007.271 (3), F.S. regarding GPA and placement testing. It also states, “Florida College System institution boards of trustees may establish additional, initial student eligibility requirements, which shall be included in the dual enrollment articulation agreement, to ensure student readiness for postsecondary instruction.”

General Dual Enrollment Admissions Guidelines

A student must be in grades ten (10), eleven (11), or twelve (12) to be eligible for Dual Enrollment courses and must maintain a 3.0 or higher high school GPA to remain eligible for enrollment for dual enrollment. Dual enrollment students may take up to two online classes per semester. Both parties recognize that online coursework represents a unique set of challenges for students. It is recommended that a dual enrollment student’s first experience with college-level coursework be in the traditional face-to-face classroom environment when available.

Identification of students who are eligible to participate in the college-credit courses will be made at each enrollment period according to the following criteria:

a. Juniors (11th grade) and seniors (12th grade) are eligible to participate in college-credit courses during school hours, and during the summer term.

b. Sophomore students are eligible to participate in college-credit courses after school hours, during the summer term, or during the regular school day on an exception basis.

c. Rising sophomore (10th grade) students are eligible to participate in college-credit courses during the summer session that begins after the last day of their freshman (9th grade) school year.

d. Students shall have a cumulative, unweighted grade-point average (GPA) of 3.0 or above on high school course work.

e. Students must take one of the approved placement tests. Students must meet the minimum requirement for the appropriate subtest of a State Board approved college placement test if enrolling in a college English, math, Gordon Rule social science or humanities course, or any courses which require English, math or reading prerequisites.

f. Students who have not met the minimum requirement for all areas of a State Board approved college placement test by the time they have accumulated 12 college credit hours will not be able to enroll in additional dual enrollment courses until all areas of the test are passed.

g. Students who have accumulated 12 college credits, but less than 24.99 college credits must have a college GPA of 1.5 or above. Students who have 25 or more college credits must have a college GPA of 2.0 or above.

h. Under the dual enrollment articulation agreement, students are only allowed one attempt per course.

i. Dual enrollment students are limited to a total of three unsuccessful attempts in the dual enrollment program. An unsuccessful attempt is defined as a failing grade (F) or a withdrawal from a course.

j. Due to field experience requirements in the teacher education program, EDF1005 is available only to 12th grade students.

k. College courses offered as part of the technical/core requirements in limited access programs such as Dental Assisting and Radiography, or programs with specific admissions requirements such as the Law Enforcement and Corrections Academies are not available as dual enrollment unless agreed to by the College and the District under separate agreement. Per the College catalog, upper division coursework is restricted to students who have earned their A.A. or A.S. degree.

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6. A delineation of the high school credit earned for the passage of each dual enrollment course.
Students earning passing grades in dual enrollment courses will receive both high school units creditable toward high school graduation and college credits applicable to an associate degree or other college program. For a three or four credit college course, a student will simultaneously earn the appropriate number of hours of college credits and .5 Carnegie units applicable toward high school graduation, except for those courses for which 1.0 Carnegie units are awarded per state guidelines. For Career Certificate clock hour courses taken through dual enrollment, the following methodology must be used for the awarding of high school credits: 0.5 high school credit for each 75 hours in the course rounded down to the nearest 0.5 credits. High school credits are awarded upon completion of the postsecondary course.

The College will provide the principal and the appropriate District office a report of mid-term grades for fall and spring terms and final grades each term for students enrolled under the provisions of this agreement. Dual enrollment students will be able to view their grades online using Raider net. The student’s final grade in the college course shall be posted to the student’s high school transcript. The District will weigh the early college/dual enrollment courses, both general education and clock hour, the same way that they weigh advanced placement and International Baccalaureate courses. Additional information about dual enrollment courses, equivalent high school credits, and high school subject area is included in Appendix A.

Student Transcripts
College credits earned under this program will be duly entered on the student’s College transcript as well as on the student’s high school transcript. Students may review their college courses records through RaiderNet.

Navigating
Students enrolling in courses under this program may have the opportunity to receive academic advising from Student Success Navigators. Students may schedule an appointment with a Student Success Navigator at any point during the semester. A student must contact the college via phone, chat, or in-person to schedule an appointment. The high school counselors are knowledgeable about college curricula and will also provide personalized academic counseling for these students. The plan for College dual enrollment guidance services to participating students will be mutually agreed upon by the District and the College and is included as Appendix B.

Tuition and Fees
Students registering for courses in this program are exempt from paying tuition or fees. Students are eligible for the dual enrollment fee exemption through the last term of their high school enrollment; graduating seniors are not eligible for dual enrollment status and fee exemption during the term immediately following their graduation date, even if the registration period or college classes begin prior to the student’s actual graduation date.

7. Description of the process for informing students and their parents of college-level course expectations.

High School counselors, Student Success Navigators and dual enrollment personnel inform students and parents that dual enrolled students will be expected to participate fully in college courses. The curriculum, content evaluation of performance, and selection of instructional material is the prerogative of the professor in accordance with college-approved syllabi. All courses included in the dual program are subject to the academic standards of the College, including but not limited to qualifications of the faculty, time in the classroom, instructional materials and syllabus content. The College Vice President of Academic Affairs, the College Curriculum Committee and respective divisions or departments of the College monitor the instructional quality of all college courses per institutional guidelines and the Statement of Standards for Dual Enrollment/Early College Programs in the Florida Community College System. Courses offered under the dual program meet or exceed the standards of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. All grades earned will be reported to the appropriate high school and posted to the Northwest Florida State College Transcript; hence, the dual grades are part of the permanent postsecondary academic record.

8. The policies and procedures, if any, for determining exceptions to the required grade point averages on an individual student basis.

Exceptions are not allowed to the required 3.0 unweighted cumulative high school grade point average.

9. The registration policies for dual enrollment courses as determined by the postsecondary institution.

Dual enrollment students must complete the electronic Dual Enrollment Registration form and have obtained the appropriate signatures. Specific term information may be altered for dual classes taught at a secondary school site. General term information is published on the College website www.nwfsc.edu. Section 12 of this document delineates withdrawal options for dual students.

10. Exceptions, if any, to the professional rules, guidelines, and expectations stated in the faculty or adjunct faculty handbook for the postsecondary institution.
It is acknowledged that instructors assigned to teach courses under this agreement work for the College during their teaching assignment. All instructors must submit official transcripts and be vetted by the College hiring process. All instructors must complete training and orientation prior to each semester. While working for the college, the adjunct instructor will be a direct report to the chair/director of their discipline. The College will provide all adjunct faculty-teaching courses exclusively for dual enrollment students with a full-time faculty contact or liaison in the same discipline, information for accessing the faculty and student handbooks online, copies of course plans and objectives for the college courses they are teaching, and information about the end-of-course assessment or a series of assessments of all expected learning outcomes in accordance with the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges’ Principles of Accreditation: Foundations for Quality Enhancement, 2018 Edition.

11. Exceptions, if any, to the rules, guidelines, and expectations stated in the student handbook of the postsecondary institution which apply to faculty members.

Instructors in this program will maintain the same standards and rigor, use the same or comparable approved textbook/instructional materials, work under the supervision of the appropriate College division director or department chair regarding their dual enrollment course objectives, and file a copy of their course syllabus with the director/department chair prior to the start of term. The instructor will provide an end-of-course assessment to the College at least two weeks before the final exam period. The graded assessments will be sent to the appropriate College division or department where they will be kept for one year. Instructors in this program will adhere to the professional guidelines, rules, expectations, procedures, and deadlines of the College. The College director/department chair will consult with appropriate school District personnel as needed. For classes meeting in the high schools, it is recognized that administrative responsibilities of the public-school facility rests with the principal, with whom the College instructor shall cooperate fully.

Instructors teaching dual enrollment classes will be evaluated by the appropriate division director or department chair that will use the same criteria used for non-dual enrollment College instructors.

Administrative Responsibility

The administrative responsibility for activities occurring in the various public school facilities rests with the principal or designee, who will arrange for appropriate classroom space and make every effort to assure that the scheduled courses are able to function as mutually agreed upon between the College and high school without interruption by high school activities.

12. The responsibilities of the school district regarding the determination of student eligibility before participating in the dual enrollment program and the monitoring of student performance while participating in the dual enrollment program.
Students will be screened at each registration period according to the eligibility criteria in section five. The Dual Enrollment Registration Form with signature approval by a secondary school official will confirm eligibility, including cumulative high school GPA and ongoing college GPA requirements. Courses dropped during the schedule adjustment period (drop/add) do not appear on students' transcripts. Withdrawal from a course under the terms outlined in this agreement will be recorded on the college transcript.

Students enrolling in the college course under this program will have all of the rights and responsibilities associated with such enrollments. Students in dual classes must abide by local school policies if the class is held in district school. Their admission to the College will be limited to dual enrollment classes until such time as they become eligible for unconditional admission or another special enrollment category. When/if students in this program become unconditionally admitted to the College or admitted under some other special enrollment category, they will be assessed the standard registration and lab/special tuition fees.

Student's Rights and Responsibilities
All students are considered college students and are required to abide by the College Student Handbook: https://catalog.nwfsc.edu/content.php?catoid=27&navoid=8930. Dual enrollment students may be withdrawn from a class for disruptive behavior and may become ineligible to participate in the dual enrollment program.

Students will be informed on the first day of class of the requirements and expectations for the course. This will include the course number, title, and number of credit hours; the required and optional materials; the course objectives; the items that will be graded and how they will be weighted; the method for determining the final grade; and the class policies for attendance, tardy attendance, make-up work, classroom conduct, plagiarism and cheating, student rights and responsibilities, and cell phone use.

Student Attendance
The attendance of high school students in the dual enrollment college classes will be closely monitored and reported as required, to the district. Regular and prompt attendance in all classes is expected. All instructors are free to establish attendance policies for their classes. It is the student's responsibility to notify the instructor and plan to complete any missed work. Make-up work is offered solely at the discretion of the instructor. In addition, high schools may enforce their own policies regarding number of missed days, etc.

Students Withdrawal from College Classes
Dual students may withdraw no later than the last day of classes as published on the NWFSC Academic Calendar. All required signatures should be obtained and received by the NWFSC Dual Enrollment program by this date. A student who has attempted the final exam is no longer eligible to withdraw from the course, even if the exam is given prior to the traditional exam week. Withdrawals require the student to complete the appropriate College form accessible from the Dual Enrollment webpage or by clicking here https://nwfstatecollege.formstack.com/forms/dual_enrollment_withdrawal_form. Dual enrollment students are limited to one withdrawal per college course. If a student withdraws from a course, he or she may not repeat that course under the dual enrollment program. Students who have three or more withdrawals from dual enrollment courses are no longer eligible to participate in dual enrollment. Withdrawal from a dual enrollment class is posted on a student's transcript and may have impact on future status in colleges or universities. Dual enrollment students are not permitted to register or withdraw online unless mutually agreed upon by the District and the College.

13. The responsibilities of the postsecondary institution regarding the transmission of student grades in dual enrollment courses to the school district.

Progress of dual enrollment students during a semester is monitored primarily at the class level through special software (RaiderNet). In addition, all dual enrollment students will be able to view midterm grades during the fall and spring semesters and final grades at the end of each semester by logging into their student RaiderNet account. The district and each high school will have a midterm and final grades emailed to them. Continued participation in dual enrollment from one semester to the next is determined by the eligibility criteria in section five of this document.

14. A funding provision that delineates costs incurred by each entity.
Instructors assigned to each dual course under this agreement will be employed by the College for the specific College assignment. All instructors, including those teaching classes meeting in the high schools, are paid by the College unless the dual enrollment class is taught as part of the teacher’s regular high school teaching obligations or alternate arrangements are mutually agreed upon by the district and the College. The district will be invoiced $850 per credit hour plus mileage when a College instructor provides a course at a high school. High school faculty instructors deemed qualified and approved by the College to teach a college course at the high school will be compensated by the district. The district will be invoiced $71.98 or as state rule requires per student semester hour for dual students taking college credit hour classes during the fall or spring terms at any College location. The District will be invoiced $2.33 or as state rule requires per student clock hour for dual students taking clock hour courses listed on Appendix C.

On-line, synchronous web conferencing, or other technology-based classes offered by the College are on the College campus. The District will be invoiced by the College and payment should be made to the College within thirty (30) days of the date of the invoice. The College shall provide the standard tuition rate for the upcoming school year to the District. The College will issue an invoice to the District.

Instructional Materials

Instructional materials will be provided to each dual enrollment student by the district for all dual classes in accordance with current legislative provisions with payment to the designated bookstore, Barnes and Noble College, by the district upon receipt of an invoice specifying the materials received by each student. Textbooks and other non-consumable instructional supplies issued to students will be the responsibility of the student and property of the district. Students must pick up textbooks from Barnes and Noble College store on or before the designated time published in alignment with published deadlines for students receiving financial aid. No books will be issued to students beyond this date unless approved by an Okaloosa County School District designee. At the end of the semester all issued books and supplies will be returned to the bookstore and held by the bookstore. The District may reclaim the issued material at any time by written request. Outdated and damaged textbooks will be returned to the District.

Specific to the courses listed in Appendix C, the District is responsible for the instructional materials as denoted above.

13 Use of Facilities

As part of the cooperative efforts between the District and the College, neither the District nor the College will charge the other for any use of their respective classroom facilities for courses offered under this program.

FTE Funding

State revenue for the District and the College will be in accordance with the provisions of Florida statute.

15. Any institutional responsibilities for student transportation, if provided.

Students enrolling for college courses scheduled for locations other than the high school in which they are enrolled will be responsible for providing their own transportation. Parking permits are available at the time of registration and throughout the year at all College locations and must be displayed on the rear-view mirror of the vehicle when parking at the College. Student parking is designated with white lines.

16. For students with disabilities, a postsecondary institution eligible to participate in dual enrollment pursuant to s. 1011.62(1)(i) shall include in its dual enrollment articulation agreement, services and resources that are available to students with disabilities who register in a dual enrollment course at the eligible institution.

The College is committed to providing equal opportunities to all students. The Accommodation Resource Center is able to assist students with disabilities or special needs. Students may request reasonable accommodation and adjustments for courses taken on any NWFSC location by registering with the Accommodation Resource Center on the Niceville campus (850-729-6079). Accommodations for classes taught in district locations will be coordinated by the local high school.