

**2023-2024 Dual Credit
Memorandum of Agreement
between
Elizabethtown Community and Technical College
(ECTC)
and
Jefferson County Public Schools (JCPS)**

I. Purpose

Providing secondary students with dual credit opportunities is a proven educational strategy with the capacity to complement and maximize the chance of success of our educational initiatives. Effective dual credit systems have an impact both at the secondary and postsecondary levels and provide an opportunity for collaboration. This agreement serves as an addendum to the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Kentucky Community and Technical College System (KCTCS) and the Kentucky Department of Education (KDE). **All policies established in the MOU shall be followed at all times.** Dual Credit, Dual Credit Scholarship policies, and Work Ready Kentucky Scholarship policies shall be followed at all times. Participants are expected to know and follow current policies as well as all future versions thereof. The purpose of this Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) is to allow for local decision making, to permit customization, and to provide flexibility within the constraints of the MOU.

II. Dual Credit Courses

A dual credit course is a college-level course of study developed in accordance with KRS 164.098 in which a high school student receives credit from both the high school and postsecondary institution in which the student is enrolled upon completion of a single class or designated program of study. Developmental education and remedial courses are not eligible dual credit courses (in accordance with KRS 164.098). First Year Experience Courses are not eligible dual credit courses as they are not covered in the general education transfer policy and are not transferable between institutions.

It is up to ECTC to determine the dual credit courses it will offer, as well as the location and/or the modality in which they are offered. Dual credit courses are ECTC catalogued courses and approved through the regular course approval process. These courses have the same departmental designation, course number, title, and credits, and adhere to the same course description and course content as those delivered on the ECTC campus.

Faculty liaison site visits will take place to ensure that courses offered at the high school are offered with the same rigor as those offered on the ECTC campus. ECTC will submit student final letter grades (standard college letter grades – A, B, C, D, E, W, F) to the appropriate high school personnel for the dual credit courses offered. No numeric grade data will be submitted.

Dual Credit courses should be meaningful to students and the pathway in which they are enrolled. Dual credit courses should be useful for a student when they transfer to postsecondary institutions and count towards the credential they are working towards.

Dual credit courses offered by ECTC are listed on the college's Dual Credit Course list. Students will only receive dual credit for courses included on the list. The deadline for the college to submit the course list to the System Office is March 1 in order to meet the fall semester priority deadline for enrolling in courses and October 1 to meet the spring semester priority deadline for enrolling in courses. ECTC is required to submit the

course list to KCTCS in order for the courses to be programmed into PeopleSoft to allow students to be enrolled. New technical courses which require KHEAA's approval for the Work Ready Dual Credit Scholarship must be submitted by June 30, 2023. Courses that have already been approved can be added to the ECTC course list up until the CPE snapshot. The snapshots are as follows: November 1, March 30, and August 15. Students will not be able to enroll in a dual credit course until KCTCS receives this signed MOA and the initial college course list.

Per Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges policy, ECTC must maintain control over dual credit classes. This includes:

- Determining student eligibility for admission to dual credit courses
- Managing and overseeing the registration process
- Determining which courses are offered as dual credit
- Ensuring students follow college admissions and academic policies
- Selecting qualified instructors based on an evaluation of credentials
- Ensuring appropriate syllabi, curriculum, and student learning outcomes are used
- Determining the textbook and learning resources for the dual credit class
- Providing the student the opportunity to evaluate the instructor

III. Student Fees and Payments

Tuition for a dual credit course is set by KRS 164.786. Colleges cannot charge eligible dual credit students anything more than the dual credit tuition rate ceiling per credit hour, including fees.

While the tuition rate for dual credit and prevention of charging fees is non-negotiable, other expenses are appropriate for negotiation with JCPS concerning dual credit students. These include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Cost of textbooks, digital content, and/or eResources;
- Liability or insurance charges;
- Barnes and Noble charges; and
- Classroom consumables.

The college and school district should identify the expenses that support course instruction and identify which party is responsible for covering the costs in Appendix A. Textbooks, digital content, or eResources are required for most courses. Additionally, there are charges associated with operating a college course (e.g. Professional liability insurance, KNAT testing charges, etc.). Dual credit Professional Development costs for district faculty is the responsibility of the district.

IV. Payment of Unsuccessful Completion of the Kentucky Dual Credit Scholarship

The Kentucky Higher Education Assistance Authority (KHEAA) is the agency responsible for administering the Dual Credit Scholarship (DCS) program. Students are eligible to receive the DCS for two successfully completed dual credit courses in their junior and senior year. KCTCS is required to return fifty percent (50%) of the dual credit tuition rate for students who do not successfully complete a DCS course to KHEAA. A student is unsuccessful if they do not receive a D- or higher in the college course **and** the secondary course. Postsecondary grades of I, E and W are not considered successful completion. In the event KCTCS must return 50% of the dual credit tuition rate for an unsuccessful course completion, KCTCS cannot charge students to recover the cost of the returned tuition.

Indicate who is responsible for negotiated costs related to unsuccessful students:

☒ College: Elizabethtown Community and Technical College

☐ Secondary Institution: Jefferson County Public Schools

V. Approvals

Any additional negotiated items that do not conflict with the state MOU must be included in this MOA between ECTC and JCPS. The contact and signatory person for negotiations and MOA is the college president/CEO.

The agreement should be signed by September 27, 2023 and is effective with signatures below for the 2023-2024 academic year. A copy of the executed MOA shall be submitted to the KCTCS Chancellor's office in order to allow students to enroll in dual credit courses at the college.

Local School District Signature Authority
[Local School District Signature Authority Title]

Date

Juston C. Pate

Digitally signed by Juston C. Pate
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CEO, email=juston.pate@kctcs.edu, c=US
Date: 2023.09.13 15:21:42 -0400

9/13/2023

[Signatory's Name]
President/CEO or Designee
College Name

Date

Appendix A

Expenses

Use the table below, to indicate who will be responsible for what expense. Add columns and rows as needed.

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Appendix B

IEP Statement

Per Federal Guidelines, students with an Individual Education Plan will receive documented services when taking Dual Credit courses on the high school campus with a high school instructor. Students taking courses at ECTC will be connected to the Office of Student Accessibility.

Appendix C

Digital Resource Statement

As ECTC maintains control over dual credit classes, and digital resources for dual credit classes, ECTC is responsible for JCPS student information enrolled in dual credit courses while using ECTC chosen digital resource vendor(s), including maintaining the security of that information. To the extent permitted by Kentucky law, ECTC shall indemnify and defend JCPS from any claims related to unauthorized access to JCPS student information through ECTC system or through any digital resource vendor or software provider required for any ECTC courses.