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Dear Ms. Nannette Johnston,

Congratulations! Alison Cox, Laura Dennis, Colleen Gavin, Nathan Griffin, Dalton Hubble, and Lauren Schlabach from your district have been accepted for the inaugural year of the Academy of Mathematics and Science in Kentucky. The opening day for the Academy is upon us. With a wonderful sense of accomplishment and anticipation, we will bring the 120 students to campus on August 22, 2007. We are pleased to partner with your district in helping to provide this outstanding opportunity. As you may already be aware, the legislation that cleanly defines the diploma process is on hold until the next session in 2008. Based on this delay, we contacted the Kentucky Department of Education and received confirmation that we can work jointly with each district to grant the high school diploma for these students.

You will find an enclosed contract that utilizes the dual credit and performance-based credit guidelines established by KDE. This will enable the students to be dually enrolled in your district and the Academy. This means that the home district retains the ADA funding, the test scores a student earns, as well as any honors the student may achieve. The Academy will provide attendance information, test scores, and grades at the appropriate times to facilitate this process.

It may be necessary for your board to approve policies on dual credit and performance-based credit before signing the enclosed contracts. Upon approval by your Board of Education, return the contract so our Board of Regents may approve it. We will then send a signed copy to you. In the meantime, we will establish communication lines with the principal and guidance counselor to provide a smooth transition in this process. We realize that with anything new, there will be some questions that may arise. Feel free to contact me at any time if you have questions or concerns at 270.745.3605 or by email at tim.gott@wku.edu. I look forward to working with you as we embark on this incredible educational journey.

Sincerely,

Tim Gott
Director

Contract for Students Attending the Academy of Mathematics and Science in Kentucky 2007-2008 School Year

The board of education of the **Hardin County** school district (district of legal residence of pupils) enters into a contract with Western Kentucky University (the Academy of Mathematics and Science in Kentucky) to educate students of **Hardin County** school district who are attending the Academy.

Performance Based Credit for Students Attending the Academy of Mathematics and Science in Kentucky

In addition to Carnegie units, students may earn credit through a performance based credit system that complies with requirements of Kentucky Administrative Regulation, 704 KAR 3:303.

> Students shall receive credit toward graduation requirements by successfully completing performance-based credits at the Academy of Mathematics and Science in Kentucky.

College Credit/Dual Credit

To differentiate/accelerate the curriculum to meet the needs of students, the District shall recognize course from the Academy of Mathematics and Science in Kentucky. Students will receive one (1) high school credit for every three (3) semester hours of college work. Failure to complete the course shall be recorded according to school policy. Credit may be earned in accordance with the following requirements:

1. The high school must receive an official record of the final grade before credit toward graduation will be recognized; and
2. Students taking such courses must be enrolled in the District.

This contract must be executed below by the board of education where the pupil(s) legally reside:

_____, Chairman_____School District

_____, Secretary_____Date

This contract must be executed below by Western Kentucky University (Academy of Mathematics and Science in Kentucky)

_____, President_____WKU

_____, Board of Regents, Chair_____Date

Academy/Sending School Attendance Guidelines

Sending School Responsibilities

In order for a school to receive the ADA funding and the CATS test scores, each school should do the following:

- Keep the student enrolled through STI or the present school attendance software;
- Count the student as present, beginning with the sending school's first day for students;
- Count the student present each day unless notified by the Academy via email;
- Create a class schedule based on the school's dual credit policy; and
- Report the student on the LEAD report as being taught by a "third party".

Academy Responsibilities

The Academy will do the following:

- Notify if students are unable to attend classes so that attendance records will be accurate;
- Send transcripts as soon as they are available after each semester; and
- Answer questions or concerns anytime