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<u>Consent Agenda Item (Action Item):</u> Approve the MOU between the University of Kentucky, and Floyd County Schools that will enable FCS to participation in Next Generation Leadership Academy and Graduate School cohorts.

Applicable Statute or Regulation: KRS 162,90 Powers and duties of the local board.

Fiscal/Budgetary Impact: None

<u>History/Background:</u> The partnership will incorporate the Next Generation Leadership academy into the existing CIA program. Floyd County will help identify teachers to apply to be candidates for the program and will support course work as part of the CIA program.

**Recommendation:** Adopt as recommended.

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Date: June 13, 2017

Director of District Wide Services

#### UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY

# Education Specialist (EdS) in Educational Leadership Studies with Principal Certification

#### School District Memorandum of Understanding

This Memorandum of Understanding is designed to serve as the foundational partnership document between the University of Kentucky (UK) and Floyd County Schools, the employing district of candidates enrolled in the EdS program in Educational Leadership Studies with Principal Certification. This memorandum of understanding outlines the admission requirements, the curriculum requirements, and the responsibilities of each party in execution thereof.

## **Program Overview and Curriculum Requirements**

The UK EdS in Educational Leadership Studies with Principal Certification is a unique program in the commonwealth leading to Professional Licensure for School Principal, all grades, by the Kentucky Education Professional Standards Board (EPSB). In addition, candidates will complete the core courses for the UK EdS program. Elements of the principal-certification program include the following.

- a. A program based on the Educational Leadership Policy Standards: ISLLC 2008, the Technology Standards for School Administrators (ISTE), and the Dispositions, Dimensions, and Functions for School Leaders specified in the Kentucky Cohesive Leadership System Continuum for Principal Preparation and Development.
- b. A curriculum consisting of 30 credit hours of educational leadership or related courses.
- c. An ePortfolio and Capstone defense at the end of Level II coursework, defended before a panel of UK faculty and designated district personnel.
- d. A variety of clinical experiences integrated throughout Level I and Level II coursework.
- e. A faculty comprised of nationally and internationally renowned scholars and local practitioners.

Principal candidates who participate in this UK-Floyd County partnership will also receive registration for the Next Generation Leadership Academy at no cost (a \$1500 per-person value).

#### **Admission Requirements**

The UK EdS in Educational Leadership Studies with Principal Certification will admit only highly qualified candidates throughout the commonwealth that have evidenced leading positive change in schools. The admission requirements for this program include the following:

- Qualify for or hold a Kentucky teaching certificate,
- Have successfully completed at least three years full-time teaching in P12 setting,
- Have successfully completed a Master of Education degree with cumulative grade point average of at least 3.0 on a 4.0 scale,
- Be recommended by a superintendent or other district-level administrator who attests to applicant's educational leadership and professionalism, and
- Aspire to serve as a principal in a P12 school.
- Highly recommended, but not mandatory: Have completed a graduate-level basic statistics course

## with a grade of B higher

Additionally, applicants must provide the following supporting documents with their application for admission to the UK EdS program:

- A Personal Statement and Writing Sample as specified by the UK EdS application
- Statement of dispositions for educational leadership
- Evidence of improving student learning
- Evidence of advanced knowledge of curriculum, instruction and assessment
- Evidence of leadership at the building level within a school
- Four total recommendation forms from persons (e.g., principal, supervisor, superintendent or designee) who have direct knowledge of the applicant's skills/abilities related to (a)leadership; (b)curriculum, instruction and assessment; and (c)improving student learning – Two recommendations required for the principal program and two required for the EdS.
- A copy of the applicant's valid K12 teacher certificate.

## **District Responsibilities**

As required by the EPSB in 16 KAR 3:050, the minimum responsibilities of the applicant's employing school district include:

- a. Identifying personnel to assist in screening and selecting program applicants.
- b. Identifying qualified and interested personnel to assist in delivery of courses and related course activities that have been co-designed.
- c. Providing personnel to mentor and coach the candidates.
- d. Identifying qualified and interested personnel to assist in the evaluation of students' capstone projects and ePortfolio defense.
- e. Allowing candidates access to school and district information and data.
- f. Allowing candidates to participate in a continuum of school-based experiences ranging across observing, participating, and leading.
- g. Allowing candidates to participate in appropriate school and district leadership activities.

# Additional District Responsibilities include:

- h. Helping recruit and identify high-quality candidates for the program within the district.
- i. Providing opportunities for UK EDL personnel to promote the program within the district.
- j. Assisting UK EDL personnel in tracking the progress of candidates who have completed the program and are pursuing leadership positions.

EDL Chair/Dir of Graduate Studies	Date	Superintendent	Date
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