

**Dual Credit Memorandum of Agreement
between
Northern Kentucky University
and
Beechwood Independent Schools**

I. Purpose

This Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) establishes a collaborative relationship between Northern Kentucky University (NKU) and Beechwood Independent Schools to establish an Early College program for Beechwood High School students who meet the requirements for admission into NKU's School-Based Scholars Program (SBS). By creating this Early College program, Beechwood students would have the option to attend four dual-credit classes on NKU's Highland Heights Campus over the course of two semesters.

Presently, NKU and the SBS program offer one dual-credit class each semester at Beechwood High School. With the implementation of this Early College program, NKU would continue to offer a dual-credit course at Beechwood each semester, but could expand its headcount and enrollment by bringing an additional cohort of students to campus for two dual-credit courses per semester.

Since NKU and Beechwood Independent Schools are participatory institutions in the Kentucky Dual Credit Scholarship Program (Executive Order 2016-378), nothing established in this document shall supersede the MOA concerning the Kentucky Dual Credit Scholarship Program.

II. Registration Procedures

All students must be admitted to NKU and complete the SBS application. To be admitted into NKU's SBS program, the students must meet the following criteria:

- Applicants must be a high school junior or senior.
- Applicants must have a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher.
- Applicants must have a composite ACT score of 20 or higher. Students who do not have an ACT score may also submit an equivalent SAT or PSAT score. If a student does not have an ACT, SAT, or PSAT score, they may be admitted with a 3.0 or higher GPA and recommendation from their high school guidance counselor.
- Applicants must meet any prerequisites for individual courses.

Once in the program, students must earn a grade of C or higher in each class to take courses in the next semester.

III. Program Implementation and Expectations

In the past, Beechwood students have had the option to attend classes on campus; however, the Early College will open the pathway for more students to attend classes on campus. By implementing this

program, students would come to campus for two classes between 8a and 9:50a on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday OR between 8a and 10:40a on Tuesday and Thursday.

Through this agreement, NKU commits to:

- Provide advising support to admitted Beechwood Early College students through Norse Advising on campus each semester. During this time, students and advisors will discuss prior AP coursework and future post-secondary and career plans in order to determine rigorous and appropriate classes for students to take on NKU's Campus during the allocated blocks of times.
- Provide each students' midterm and final grades to Beechwood Independent Schools
 - At the time of midterms, students who are maintaining a grade of C or lower will be contacted by the School-Based Scholars program in an effort to provide strategies to boost their academic success.
- Continue to evaluate the Early College program with Beechwood Independent Schools as the program grows, possibly allowing for designated seats or courses based on changes in student interest and enrollment.

Through this agreement, Beechwood Independent Schools commits to:

- Allow its seniors to have the option to attend the Beechwood Early College program at NKU.
- Provide transportation for any students who are interested in participating in the Beechwood Early College program.
- Have any student who signs up to participate in the Beechwood Early College program enroll in both the fall and spring semesters, provided that they meet the grade requirements outlined in the SBS Handbook (each grade must be a C or better to continue to the next semester).

By implementing this program, NKU and Beechwood Independent Schools will:

- Collaborate to provide information to Beechwood High School students and their parents regarding the Beechwood Early College program, this will include Beechwood High School hosting an annual Dual-Credit Informational Meeting whereby the School-Based Scholars Program will present and answer questions about the Beechwood Early College program and dual-credit course offerings.

IV. Enrollment Expectations

By implementing this Early College model with Beechwood High School, the SBS program will set a goal of recruiting 20 students to participate in the Early College program. In turn, this will bring an additional 40 enrollments to the SBS program and NKU.

V. Approvals

The agreement is effective with signatures below.

Mike Stacy

Date

**Superintendent
Beechwood Independent Schools**

**Geoffrey S. Mearns
President
Northern Kentucky University**

Date