

HIGH SCHOOL-TO-COLLEGE ARTICULATION AGREEMENT JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION 3332 Newburg Road, Louisville, Kentucky 40218

(Waggener High School Law Academy and Seneca High School Law Academy)

and

SULLIVAN UNIVERSITY

3101 Bardstown Road, Louisville, Kentucky 40205

I. PURPOSE OF AGREEMENT

The purpose of this articulation agreement ("Agreement") is to set forth procedures for implementing an articulation agreement which provides for transcription of certain credits and competencies from the Jefferson County Board of Education into the Sullivan University Associate of Science degree in Paralegal Studies program. It has been determined and agreed through an Organizational Program Credit Review that students who have graduated from the Jefferson County Board of Education (specifically Waggener High School Law Academy and Seneca High School Law Academy) may receive up to eight (8) quarter credit hours of lower-division paralegal studies related credit to apply to the Sullivan University Associate of Science degree in Paralegal Studies program.

The benefit of this agreement is to provide a seamless transition for secondary students who wish to continue their education following high school graduation into Sullivan University Associate of Science in Paralegal Studies program.

II. TERMS AGREEMENT

This Agreement shall commence on the date of the last signature below and shall last one year from the date of the last signature below unless terminated earlier as provided herein. This Agreement shall be effective for students who apply as graduates of the Jefferson County Board of Education system (effective Fall 2019) to Sullivan University Associate of Science degree in Paralegal Studies. This Agreement may be renewed for additional terms of any length by the mutual written agreement of the parties.

The following courses are the subject of this Agreement and are described within this section:

Sullivan PLS 114 Introduction to Law & the Legal System

This is a 4-credit college course that equates to the Jefferson County Board of Education courses Introduction to Law, JCPSLA #45862041 and #45862042 linked to state code 461051, Civil Law and Procedure, JCPSLA #45860941 and #45860942 linked to state code 461019, and Advanced Legal Practice, JCPSLA #45861941 and #45861492 linked to state code 461047

Sullivan PLS 204 Criminal Law

This is a 4-credit college course that equates to the Jefferson County Board of Education course Criminal Law and Procedure, JCPSLA #45861841 and #45861842 linked to state code 461020

III. RESPONSIBILITIES OF PARTIES

Jefferson County Board of Education Responsibilities:

1. It shall be the responsibility of the Jefferson County Board of Education to provide the appropriate printed material to their students describing the conditions of the Agreement. Lesson plans and curricular material must reflect the competencies and rigor contained in the Sullivan University courses (identified in subpart II, above) that are the subject of this Agreement.

Sullivan University Responsibilities:

- 1. It shall be the responsibility of Sullivan University to provide curriculum assistance and support to the Jefferson County Board of Education faculty for the four Jefferson County Board of Education courses (identified in subpart II, above) that are the subject of this Agreement in the areas of content and course objectives. The Sullivan University Dean, College of Legal Studies or assigned Sullivan University instructor(s) who teach the articulated course(s) will provide this assistance.
- 2. It shall be the responsibility of Sullivan University to provide guidance in the admissions process into Sullivan University Associate of Science degree in Paralegal Studies program.

Responsibilities of Both Parties

- 1. It shall be the responsibility of both parties to notify of major curricular changes, including but not limited to changes of content, credit or contact hours, made by either party to the courses (identified in subpart II., above) that are the subject of this Agreement as soon as practicable once a determination to make the major change has occurred or the change has occurred, whichever is earlier.
- 2. It shall be the responsibility of both parties to ensure that the faculty for the four Jefferson County Board of Education courses (identified in subpart II., above) that are the subject of this Agreement meet the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commissions on Colleges (SACSCOC) faculty credentialing standards.
- 3. It shall be the responsibility of both parties to ensure that the faculty for the four Jefferson County Board of Education courses (identified in subpart II., above) that are the subject of this Agreement meet the ABA Guidelines for Approval of Paralegal Education Programs.

IV. ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

The Jefferson County Board of Education and Sullivan University agree that the performance objectives covered in the courses that are the subject of this Agreement at the Jefferson County Board of Education will be accepted in partial fulfillment of the requirement for the Sullivan University Associate of Science in Paralegal Studies:

Eligibility for Credit

- 1. The student must meet the Sullivan University admissions requirements as stated in the Sullivan University Catalog, and
- 2. The student must submit a completed Sullivan University application form including a copy of the student's high school transcript, and
- 3. A student who is a graduate of the Jefferson County Board of Education Law Academies achieving a grade of C or better in the Jefferson County Board of Education Law Academy

- Criminal Law and Procedure, who then enrolls in the Sullivan University Associate of Science in Paralegal Studies program will receive credit for PLS 204 Criminal Law (4 quarter credits).
- 4. A student who is a graduate of the Jefferson County Board of Education Law Academies achieving a grade of C or better in each Introduction to Law, Civil Law and Procedure, and Advanced Legal Practice, who then enrolls in the Sullivan University Associate of Science in Paralegal Studies will receive credit for PLS 114 Introduction to Law and the Legal System (4 quarter credits).

V. TERMINATION

Either Institution may terminate this Agreement at any time during its term, without cause, by giving 30 days written notice to the other Institution. However, should Jefferson County Board of Education determine that it cannot or will not maintain SACSCOCS and ABA Faculty credential standards/qualifications and academic rigor as agreed, Jefferson County Board of Education must notify the Sullivan University Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs/Provost within 14 days from the date of that determination. In the event of termination (with/without cause), it is understood that Sullivan University will accept for transfer the credits and competencies from the Jefferson County Board of Education seniors who have successfully completed the articulated courses under the instruction of qualified faculty. Jefferson County Board of Education Students' failure to meet course requirements at Sullivan University for academic performance will cause the Agreement to be re-evaluated.

VI. REGULATORY CONCERNS AND ISSUES

- 1. Sullivan University shall have the right to review the Jefferson County Board of Education curriculum and course content to ensure that courses that are the subject of this Agreement and those courses which may become part of this Agreement comply with the University's academic standards.
- 2. The parties expressly acknowledge that nothing in the articulation agreement is intended to limit the authority of Sullivan University in respect of the admission of students to the university or the decision to award an academic credential.
- 3. Nothing in this Agreement shall be interpreted as constituting either a dual degree program or a joint degree program as defined by the *Agreements Involving Joint and Dual Academic Awards: Policy and Procedures* promulgated by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges. Sullivan University agrees to consider certain course work from the Jefferson County Board of Education in partial fulfillment of the academic credits awarded by Sullivan University.
- 4. Sullivan University is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC) to award associate, baccalaureate, masters and doctorate degrees. The Jefferson County Board of Education is not accredited by SACSCOC and the accreditation of Sullivan University does not extend to or include Jefferson County Board of Education or its students. Further, although Sullivan University agrees to accept certain course work from Jefferson County Board of Education in partial fulfillment of academic credits awarded by Sullivan University, that coursework may not be accepted by other colleges or universities in transfer, even if it appears on a transcript from Sullivan University. The decision to accept coursework in transfer from any institution is made by the institution considering the acceptance of credits or coursework.

VII. CHOICE OF LAW

All questions to the execution, validity, interpretation, and performance of this Agreement shall be governed by the laws of the Commonwealth of Kentucky. Furthermore, the parties hereto agree that any legal action which is brought on the basis of this Agreement shall be filed in the Jefferson County Courts of the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

The Jefferson County Board of Education and Sullivan University recognize the importance of providing a seamless coordination between high schools and college enrollment. We, the undersigned, as representatives of the Jefferson County Board of Education and Sullivan University, hereby demonstrate our commitment to full implementation of this Agreement.

Signatures of the principles for this Agreement:

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	EDUCATION
Name: Jay Marr, Ed.D.	Name: Martin A. Polio, Ed. D.
Title: President & CEO	Title: Superintendent
Signature:	Signature:
Date:	Date:
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Name: Diana Lawrence, Ed.D.	Name: Kim Morales
Title: Senior Vice President of Academic	Title: Principal, Seneca High School
Affairs and Provost	Signature: with I Willes
Signature:	Date: 4/5/19
Date: 678/2699	
Name: Jennifer Gaither, J.D.	Name: Sarah Hitchings, Ed. D.
Title: Dean, College of Legal Studies	Title: Principal, Waggener High School
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