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Date: May 18, 2023

**Consent Agenda Item (Action Item):** Approve Memorandum of Agreement between Floyd County Board of Education and Big Sandy Community and Technical College, and Morehead State University.

**Applicable State or Regulations:** BOE Policy 01.11 General Powers and Duties of the Board

**Budget/Financial Issues:** General Fund- half of one Media Arts teacher's salary, Big Sandy Community and Technical College pays the other half

**History/Background:** Big Sandy Community & Technical College (Big Sandy) and the Mountain Arts Center (MAC) are strengthening transfer pathways to Morehead State University (MSU) by dedicating an executive, Greta Slone, to create educational pathways in Big Sandy's service region.

An arts pathway is proposed for the fall of 2023 that teaches essential skills necessary for academic and career success. More specifically, the program provides dual credit for general education requirements, media arts classes (videography, audio engineering, website design), and theatre (acting and stagecraft) for students who seek these skills.

This initiative's core is an entrepreneurial spirit supporting tourism and local economic development in Eastern Kentucky. A premier leadership course will also be a core course for the program.

The formal transfer pathways from high schools to Big Sandy and on to MSU include:

- Convergent Media
- Strategic Communication & Leadership
- Art Entrepreneurship
- Visual Communication
- Communication
- Theatre
- Education
- English
- Creative Writing

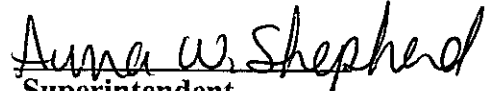
Music pathways are currently being established for Spring 2024

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**Recommended Action:** To approve the Memorandum of Agreement.

**Contact Person(s):** S. Denise Isaac, Chief High School Instructional Officer

  
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Superintendent

**2023-2024 Dual Credit  
Memorandum of Agreement  
between  
Big Sandy Community and Technical College  
and  
Floyd County SCHOOL Districts**

**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 Big Sandy Community & Technical College 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 Big Sandy Community & Technical College 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 Big Sandy Community & Technical College 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 Big Sandy Community & Technical College campus. Big Sandy Community & Technical College 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 Big Sandy Community & Technical College 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. Big Sandy Community & Technical College 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 [College] 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, Big Sandy Community & Technical College 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 Floyd County Schools 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:

☐ Big Sandy Community & Technical College: BSCTC follows the stated 50% return policy explained above for DC scholarships. See chart on section IV for work-ready dual credit scholarship guidance.

☐ Secondary Institution: \_\_\_\_\_

#### **V. Approvals**

Any additional negotiated items that do not conflict with the state MOU must be included in this MOA between Big Sandy Community & Technical College and Floyd County Schools. The contact and signatory person for negotiations and MOA is the college president/CEO.

The agreement should be signed by March 1, 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.

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**Anna Shepherd, Superintendent**  
**Floyd County Board of Education**

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**Date**

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**Dr. Telly Sellars**  
**President/CEO**  
**Big Sandy Community & Technical College**

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**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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