

Memorandum of Agreement
Between
Powell County Schools
and
Midway University Department of Teacher Education

This Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) is for the purpose of creating an Option 9 program for P-5; Middle Grades 5-9 in English, mathematics, science, or social studies; and Secondary 9-12 in English or mathematics, and for specific candidates an LBD certification in partnership between Powell County Schools and the Midway University Department of Teacher Education in accordance with 16 KAR 9:110 and KRS 161.048. The MOA beginning **August 1, 2023** and ending **July 31, 2026** hereby contains the following provisions.

- The new Option 9 program called Powell County Schools/Midway University Option 9 Program will be exclusively available to classified employees who work in the Powell County School District. Candidates will complete the EPSB approved P-5, Middle School, or Secondary Certification Program for Midway University. Candidates who successfully complete the program and pass the licensure exams will earn a bachelors degree and certification to teach students in grades P-5; Middle School 5-9 in English, mathematics, science, or social studies; or Secondary 9-12 in English or mathematics, and for specific candidates in LBD P-12, in three years.
- **All candidates shall meet the admission requirements established in 16 KAR 5:020.** Option Nine candidates will meet the admission requirements for an undergraduate, initial certification educator preparation program. [16 KAR 5:020, Section 1(2)]:
 - A cumulative grade point average of 2.75 on a 4.0 scale; or a grade point average of 3.00 on a 4.0 scale on the last 30 hours of credit completed.
 - Successful completion of one or a combination of the following assessments of basic knowledge:
 - ACT with a composite score of 22 or the corresponding minimum scores:
 - Reading: 20
 - Writing: 18
 - Math: 19
 - Praxis Core Academic Skills for Educators (CASE):
 - Reading (5713): 156
 - Writing (5723): 162
 - Mathematics (5733): 150
- Midway University will offer all 120 credit hours of coursework online or in a hybrid/evening online format. Some synchronous education courses will be offered in the evenings during the regular academic year with the remaining courses offered online. Asynchronous general education courses will be offered not only during the regular academic year, but also during three summer terms. Candidates will be required to take classes year-round in order to complete the 120 hours within a three-year time period. Candidates will also be required to complete the same 200 field experience hours that traditional candidates complete as per 16 KAR 5:040 within the first two years of residency. Powell County Schools will maintain electronic records of field experiences

that confirm that all residents have fulfilled the field experience requirements and share these records with the Midway University Department of Teacher Education.

- In addition to admitted candidates signing the professional code of ethics and practicing in an ethical manner according to the code of ethics, candidates will receive training on the professional code of ethics through coursework provided by Midway University and professional development provided by Powell County Schools.
- Powell County Schools will employ candidates admitted to the program either part-time or full-time for three years in a classified position. During the third year, residency, the candidate will be employed full-time in the area of certification sought. The resident will not have responsibility for the supervision or instruction of students without the direct supervision of a certified educator.
- During the year-long residency, a Powell County Schools cooperative teacher and MU university supervisor will follow the EPSB approved Midway University protocols for observing and evaluating student teachers including a minimum of four observations. Powell County Schools will maintain electronic records that ensure and confirm that all third-year residents meet the student teaching requirements and will share them with the Midway University Department of Teacher Education.
- If Powell County Schools ends the program, they will not accept new candidates but will continue the partnership until the candidates currently in the program complete the program or are no longer employed by Powell County Schools.
- This program is offered with the realization that Powell County Schools is not obligated to offer employment as a P-5, Middle School, Secondary, or LBD teacher to a candidate upon program completion and/or the candidate may choose to seek employment outside of the district upon completion of the program.
- This program shall not negatively impact the accreditation of the Midway University Department of Teacher Education.
- This program will be under the immediate supervision of the Chair of the Department of Teacher Education, Dr. Faye Deters, (859) 846-5445, faye.deters@midway.edu.

Hereby agreed upon by,

_____ Date: _____
Powell County Schools Superintendent

_____ Date: _____
Powell County Schools Board of Education Chair

_____ Date: _____
Midway University Vice President for Academic Affairs

_____ Date: _____
Midway University President