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Issue Paper

DATE:

4/10/2026

AGENDA ITEM (ACTION ITEM):

Consider/Approve The Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Murray State University to provide Dual Credit courses to qualifying Kenton County School District students for the 2026-2027 school year.

APPLICABLE BOARD POLICY:

01.1 Legal Status of the Board

HISTORY/BACKGROUND:

Murray State University provides dual credit courses to Dixie Heights, Scott, and Simon Kenton High School students to enhance agriculture pathway opportunities. The primary purpose of a Dual Credit Program is to increase the educational options and opportunities for high school students and increase the overall quality of instruction and learning available through secondary schools. Dual Credit Programs allow students to earn credit at the secondary and post-secondary levels simultaneously. This MOU with Murray State University seeks to establish a framework that facilitates proper and effective implementation of Dual Credit Programs at the district and building levels.

FISCAL/BUDGETARY IMPACT:

No cost to KCS D

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Murray State University to provide Dual Credit courses to qualifying Kenton County School District students for the 2026-2027 school year

CONTACT PERSON:

Matt Moore, Director of District Wide Programs

Principal/Administrator

District Administrator

Superintendent

Use this form to submit your request to the Superintendent for items to be added to the Board Meeting Agenda. Principal –complete, print, sign and send to your Director. Director –if approved, sign and put in the Superintendent’s mailbox.



**Murray State University
Racer Academy Dual Credit Partnership Agreement
Kenton County School District
2026 – 2027 Academic Year**

- Status as a Postsecondary Partner in the dual credit scholarship program
 - When a high school student enrolls in a Murray State University (MSU) dual credit course through Racer Academy, the high school enters into a partnership with the university.
- Costs involved in Racer Academy
 - 2026 – 2027 tuition will be available at www.murraystate.edu/raceracademy. The cost could increase based on legislation.
 - Textbooks are not included in the tuition cost. The student is responsible for any materials needed for the course.
 - Billing questions should be directed to the Bursar's Office at (270) 809-4227 or msu.bursar@murraystate.edu.
- Security
 - MSU IT security information and policies can be found at <https://sites.google.com/a/murraystate.edu/information-security/policy>. The Knowledge Base can be found at <https://murraystate.teamdynamix.com/TDCClient/2049/Portal/KB/>. Note: Students will be required to use cell phones for Duo log-in to their MSU accounts. If they do not have access to a cell phone, they will be given a special access code.
- Admission requirements
 - Be high school juniors or seniors. Sophomores can take only agriculture (AGR) courses.
 - Have a minimum unweighted GPA of 3.0.
 - Submit the following:
 - Racer Academy Application for Admission on www.murraystate.edu/raceracademy.
 - High School transcript.
 - Registration Request form.
 - ACT/SAT and/or KYOTE test scores for courses with prerequisite requirements.
 - Student must be a resident of Kentucky and attend a Kentucky high school.
- Course delivery

There are multiple ways dual credit courses can be offered.

 - High school classroom with a high school instructor or Murray State instructor.
 - Online. A course may be combined with a college course or designated only for dual credit students.
 - Zoom
 - Murray Campus. Students may take a course with college students. Permission from the Dual Credit Coordinator, department chair, and instructor must be given before registering the student for the course. Sometimes, a specific course will

be created for dual credit students only. Students who travel to campus must call Parking Services with their vehicle information. Dual credit students are not charged for parking.

- The following information and more can be found on the Murray State University Racer Academy web page <http://www.murraystate.edu/RacerAcademy>
 - How to apply for admission
 - Admission requirements
 - Admission checklist
 - A list of Racer Academy course offerings
 - How to use Canvas
 - How to find your password
 - Racer Academy forms
 - Racer Academy Student Handbook

- Dates and Deadlines
 - Dates and deadlines for the semester will be posted on www.murraystate.edu/raceracademy.

- **Important:** Students who stop attending class (or who never attended a class in which they were enrolled) without withdrawing/dropping the class will earn a failing grade in that class. This failing grade will remain on their permanent college transcript and could keep them from receiving college scholarships.

- Distribution of grades:
 - Grades for MSU courses taught by high school teachers will be submitted to the high school and Murray State by the teachers.
 - Grades for MSU courses taught by MSU faculty/adjuncts will be distributed to the high school counselor listed on the Registration Request form.
 - Agriculture grades will be distributed by David Black, dblack3@murraystate.edu

- Faculty Requirements:
 - Instructors of record must have either:
 - a master's degree in the content area or
 - a master's degree in another area and a minimum of 18 graduate credit hours in the content area.

- FERPA regulations
 - Once a high school student begins taking college classes, FERPA regulations apply to that student. If a guardian needs to discuss a matter directly with Murray State, the student must complete the Consent to Release form on myGate. Note: Under FERPA regulation, Murray State is not required to release information to those who have been given consent by the student.) Students can find instructions on how to provide this consent here: <https://www.murraystate.edu/academics/RegistrarsOffice/ferpa.aspx>



- **Academic Honesty**

Murray State University takes seriously its moral and educational obligation to maintain high standards of academic honesty and ethical behavior. Instructors are expected to evaluate students' academic achievements accurately, as well as ascertain that work submitted by students is authentic and the result of their own efforts, and consistent with established academic standards. Students are obligated to respect and abide by the basic standards of personal and professional integrity.

Violations of Academic Honesty include:

- **Cheating** - Intentionally using or attempting to use unauthorized information such as books, notes, study aids, or other electronic, online, or digital devices in any academic exercise; as well as unauthorized communication of information by any means to or from others during any academic exercise.
- **Fabrication and Falsification** - Intentional alteration or invention of any information or citation in an academic exercise. Falsification involves changing information whereas fabrication involves inventing or counterfeiting information.
- **Multiple Submission** - The submission of substantial portions of the same academic work, including oral reports, for credit more than once without authorization from the instructor.
- **Plagiarism** - Intentionally or knowingly representing the words, ideas, creative work, or data of someone else as one's own in any academic exercise, without due and proper acknowledgment.

If the disciplinary action results in the awarding of a grade of *E* in the course, the student(s) may not drop the course.

Faculty reserve the right to invalidate any exercise or other evaluative measures if substantial evidence exists that the integrity of the exercise has been compromised. Faculty also reserve the right to document in the course syllabi further academic honesty policy elements related to the individual disciplines.

A student may appeal the decision of the faculty member with the department chair in writing within five working days. Note: If, at any point in this process, the student alleges that actions have taken place that may be in violation of the Murray State University Non-Discrimination Statement, this process must be suspended and the matter be directed to the Office of Institutional Diversity, Equity and Access. Any appeal will be forwarded to the appropriate university committee as determined by the Provost.

- **NON-DISCRIMINATION POLICY AND STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES:**

Neither party shall discriminate against any student, instructor, employee or other person because of race, color, national origin, age, religion, marital or parental status, political status, political affiliation or beliefs, sex, sexual orientation, gender, gender identity, gender expression, veteran status, genetic information, or disability.



MSU Non-Discrimination Statement

Murray State University endorses the intent of all federal and state laws created to prohibit discrimination. Murray State University does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, gender identity, sexual orientation, religion, age, veteran status, or disability in employment or application for employment, admissions, or the provision of services and provides, upon request, reasonable accommodation including auxiliary aids and services necessary to afford individuals with disabilities equal access to participate in all programs and activities.

In particular and without limiting the preceding and pursuant to and consistent with the requirements of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and its regulations 34 CFR 100 et seq.; Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and its regulations 34 CFR 104; Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, 20 USC 1681 et seq., and its regulations 34 CFR 106 et seq; and the Age Discrimination Act of 1975 and its regulations 34 CFR 110, Murray State University does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, handicap, or age in its educational programs and activities. This non-discrimination in education programs and activities extends to employment and admissions and to recruitment, financial aid, academic programs, student services, athletics, and housing. Murray State is required by Title IX and 34 CFR part 106 not to discriminate on the basis of sex and the prohibition against sex discrimination specifically includes a prohibition of sexual harassment and sexual violence. Examples of prohibited sexual harassment and sexual violence can be found in the "Policy Prohibiting Sexual Harassment" which can be accessed via the link referenced in Appendix I.

Inquiries concerning the application of these provisions may be referred to: 1) the Executive Director of Institutional Diversity, Equity, and Access/ Murray State University Title IX Coordinator, Murray State University, 103 Wells Hall, Murray, KY 42071 Telephone: (270) 809-3155 Fax: (270) 809-6887; TDD: (270) 809-3361; Email: msu.titleix@murraystate.edu; or 2) to the Assistant Secretary of the United States Department of Education, U.S. Department of Education, Office for Civil Rights, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW, Washington, D.C. 20202-1100; Telephone: 1-800-421-3481 FAX: 202-453-6012; TDD: 1-800-877-8339; Email: OCR@ed.gov

For more information, contact the Executive Director of Institutional Diversity, Equity and Access, 103 Wells Hall, (270) 809-3155 (voice), (270) 809-3361 (TDD).

- **Students with Disabilities**

Students requiring special assistance due to a disability (temporary or permanent) should contact the MSU Office of Student Disability Services immediately for assistance with accommodations. For more information, students with disabilities should contact the Office of Student Disability Services, Ken Ashlock, 423 Wells Hall, Murray, KY 42071. Telephone: 270-809- 2018 (Voice) 270-809- 5889 (TDD).

Students with an Individual Education Plan will receive documented services when taking Dual Credit courses on the high school campus with a high school instructor.



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High School Official (Signature)

Superintendent

Board Chair

Lisa Schmidt

Racer Academy Representative
Lisa Schmidt, Dual Credit Coordinator
Murray State University