

ATTACHMENT IX-E

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Suggested Motion:	Move to approve the Running Start Program Memorandum of Understanding
Recommended Action:	Approve as presented

In December 2011, the Board approved an Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement with Rock Valley College to provide a dual credit program referred to "Running Start." Attached is a Memorandum of Understanding to renew the Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement.

To be eligible, the student must meet certain pre-selection criteria as outlined in the Memorandum and complete the following:

- RVC High School Programs Application for Admission
- All three ACCUPLACER placement tests and score at college level
- Submit high school transcripts
- Submit acceptance packet forms
- Meet with a High School Connections RVC staff member

The term of the renewal memorandum is for one year, July 1, 2014 - June 30, 2015. The cost to North Boone will remain the same at \$5,500 per school year for each student. We currently have nine NBHS students participating. That will drop to eight for the second semester.

**Memorandum of Understanding
Between
Rock Valley College, District #511
And
North Boone Community Unit School District #200**

This Memorandum of Understanding establishes a plan whereby eligible students from North Boone High School will be enrolled in dual credit courses in the Running Start Program. Courses will be taught by Rock Valley College instructors during the Academic Year (AY) 2015.

These college courses are offered with the intent of providing instruction for current District high school students who can progress through the educational system at a rate consistent with their abilities.

Upon completion of each course, the student will receive the appropriate number of college credits as listed in the Rock Valley College catalog. Courses will also be applied to meet high school graduation requirements.

Rock Valley College's Role

1. Two-year degree completion: college credit courses that provide dual credit for the District High School junior and senior level students, which means courses meeting the requirements for both a high school diploma and a Rock Valley College Associate's Degree simultaneously.
2. One-year program: college credit courses that provide dual credit for the District High School senior level high school students, which means meeting the requirements for both a high school diploma and one year of Rock Valley College credit courses simultaneously.
3. The Running Start program will be administered through the High School Connections (HSC) office at Rock Valley College in conjunction with the District High School.

Pre-Selection Criteria for District High School Students

1. Meet with the District High School counselor regarding the selection process.
2. Must be in their high school sophomore or junior year to apply for Running Start.
3. Have a minimum 3.0 cumulative high school GPA
4. Be on track for high school graduation by the end of the sophomore year for the 2-year program; junior year for the 1-year program.
5. Completed one year of Algebra, one year of Geometry, and two years of English with a grade of "B" or higher in each course by the end of the sophomore year.
6. In addition, students applying for the 2-year Running Start Engineering program must have completed one year of Chemistry with a grade of "B" or higher.
7. Have a positive recommendation of the School Principal and/or Counselor.
8. Have the permission of a parent or legal guardian.

Admission Steps for District High School Students

1. Complete and submit a Rock Valley College High School Programs Application for Admission.
2. Test at college level on the RVC ACCUPLACER placement test in Reading, English, and Math (one time testing only).
3. Submit high school transcripts.
4. Submit acceptance packet forms.
5. Meet with a HSC staff member for academic advisement and all course scheduling.

District High School Students Must Complete the Following

1. RVC technology account set-up.
2. Attend mandatory Orientation.
3. Complete the course STU 100: "Planning for Success" in the summer prior to full-time fall semester enrollment, earning a "C" or better to continue with the program. No repeats allowed.
4. For Running Start Engineering program, complete MTH 120: "College Algebra" in the summer prior to full-time fall semester enrollment, earning a "C" or better to continue with the program. No repeats allowed.
5. Meet with HSC staff members at least twice a semester.
6. Maintain good attendance, remain in positive academic standing and abide by the policies outlined in the RVC Student Handbook and in the High School Connections Running Start Handbook to remain in the program.

Term

The term of this agreement is for one (1) year beginning July 1, 2014.

Cost

The High School District agrees to pay Rock Valley College \$5,500 per school year, per student. This amount covers the cost of educating each student plus the administration of the program. Students will be attending RVC full-time, averaging 32-42 credit hours per year. The above format will pay for their full-time enrollment as a block-payment per student, not broken down by credit hour or associated course fees. This cost does not include the student repeating a course. Students will be financially responsible for any repeated course, cost of textbooks, and course supplies.

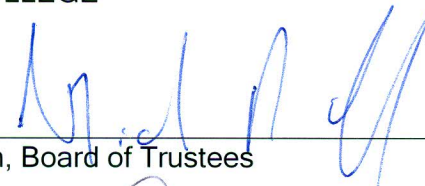
Both Parties

Annually and within sixty (60) days after the end of each fiscal year (June 30), Rock Valley College and the High School District will provide each other reports (shared data) with regard to academic performance data including grades, test scores, and attendance. These shared data can and shall be used for reporting to the State and for publication.

Miscellaneous

1. This Memorandum and the obligations listed are not assignable either in whole or in part by either party without the express written consent of the other party.
2. It is mutually understood and agreed that no alteration or variation of the terms of this Memorandum shall be valid unless made in writing and signed by both Parties.
3. Rock Valley College and the High School District shall each be responsible for their own acts and acts of their own employees and shall indemnify and defend each other for any negligent acts which cause damage to the other or others.
4. This Memorandum will be reviewed each year by both parties.

ROCK VALLEY COLLEGE

By:  November 29, 2013
Chairperson, Board of Trustees Date

By:  11/19/2013
Secretary, Board of Trustees Date

NORTH BOONE DISTRICT #200

By: _____
President, Board of Education Date

By: _____
Secretary, Board of Education Date