

ATTACHMENT XIII-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 as “Engineering and Science Running Start.” This program was developed for Bachelor Degree candidates in Engineering and Science by which high school juniors and seniors would have the opportunity to earn an Associate Degree in Engineering or Science (and this year an Associates of Arts) at Rock Valley College. Northern Illinois University and Rockford College have collaborated with Rock Valley College (RVC) to accept these credit courses. 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 First Year Experience/High School Connections RVC staff member;
- RVC course *STU 100: Planning for Success*.

The term of the renewal memorandum is for one year, July 1, 2013 - June 30, 2014. The cost to North Boone will remain the same at \$5,500 per school year for each student.

**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: Associate of Arts, Associate in Science, or Engineering Program. Courses will be taught by Rock Valley College instructors during the Academic Year (AY) 2014.

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 for the District High School junior and senior level students that provide dual credit, which means meeting the requirements for both a high school diploma and a Rock Valley College Associate degree simultaneously.
2. One-year program: college credit courses for the District High School senior level high school students that provide dual credit, 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 First Year Experience (FYE) and 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, and a minimum 3.0 GPA in core courses (Math, Science, & English).
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 Geometry, two years of Algebra, two years of English and one year of Chemistry with a grade of "B" or higher in each course by the end of the sophomore year.
6. Have a positive recommendation of the School Principal and/or Counselor.
7. 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 FYE/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 STU100: Planning for Success in the summer prior to full-time fall semester enrollment, with a "C" or better to continue with the program.
4. Meeting with FYE & HSC staff members at least twice a semester.
5. Maintain good attendance, remain in positive academic standing and abide by the policies outlined 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, 2013.

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.

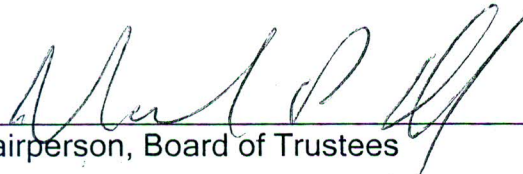
Both Parties


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:  4/2/13
Chairperson, Board of Trustees Date

By:  4/2/13
Secretary, Board of Trustees (pro tem) Date

DISTRICT #200

By: _____
President, Board of Education Date

By: _____
Secretary, Board of Education Date