

**INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN BOARD  
OF EDUCATION OF  
NORTH BOONE COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT  
NO. 200, BOONE COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
AND  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF ILLINOIS COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT NO. 511,  
WINNEBAGO COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
FOR RUNNING START PROGRAM**

This Agreement is made and entered into by and between the Board of Education of North Boone Community Unit School District No. 200, Boone County, Illinois ("DISTRICT") and the Board of Trustees of Illinois Community College District No. 511, Winnebago County, Illinois ("COLLEGE") (together, the "Parties") in the exercise of their intergovernmental cooperation powers under the Illinois Constitution of 1970, and the Illinois Intergovernmental Cooperation Act and their respective powers under the School Code and the Public Community COLLEGE Act.

**WHEREAS**, the Parties are authorized to enter into intergovernmental agreements for cooperative projects and use agreements in any manner not prohibited by law or by ordinance, pursuant to Article VII, § 10 of the Illinois Constitution of 1970, the Intergovernmental Cooperation Act (5 ILCS 220/1 *et seq.*), the School Code (105 ILCS 5/1-1 *et seq.*), and the Public Community COLLEGE Act (110 ILCS 805/1-1 *et seq.*); and

**WHEREAS**, Running Start is a program that allows select, qualified, academically motivated students enrolled in Illinois Community COLLEGE DISTRICT 511 public high schools an opportunity to earn both their high school diploma and associate degree concurrently by attending COLLEGE full-time during their junior and/or senior years of high school; and

**WHEREAS**, the Parties have determined that shared commitment to Running Start goals benefits their constituencies and enhances educational opportunities for the communities they serve; and

**WHEREAS**, the Parties have determined that it is in their respective best interests and that of their constituencies to enter into this Intergovernmental Agreement for Running Start Program (hereinafter "Agreement").

**NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS AGREED** between the Parties, in consideration of their mutual promises and undertakings set forth herein and for other good valuable consideration, as follows:

**Section 1 Incorporation of Preamble Recitals**

The foregoing recitals are hereby found to be true and correct and are incorporated herein by reference.

**Section 2 Implementation of Running Start**

DISTRICT and COLLEGE agree to collaborate to implement Running Start as a joint program,

administered jointly by Rock Valley COLLEGE and North Boone School DISTRICT, subject to the following terms and conditions.

- A. The Parties intend to establish and offer Running Start to provide eligible DISTRICT students with full-time instruction at COLLEGE during their junior and senior years of high school in satisfaction of:
  - 1) DISTRICT's requirements for earning a high school diploma; and
  - 2) COLLEGE's requirements for earning an associate's degree.
- B. Any DISTRICT student interested in Running Start will meet with DISTRICT Counselor to discuss whether he/she meets the pre-selection criteria set forth in the Running Start Program Process Procedures (Appendix A). If an interested DISTRICT student meets said pre-selection criteria, he/she will follow the application process set forth in the Running Start Procedures to Fulfill Qualifications and Admissions (Appendix B).
- C. This Agreement does not cover those students who are not recruited by and identified by the DISTRICT to participate in the Running Start program.
- D. Instruction for DISTRICT students accepted into Running Start shall be provided by COLLEGE, which shall charge the DISTRICT the cost equivalent of in-district tuition and fees for courses taken per student per school year.
- E. The Running Start courses offered pursuant to this Agreement and the respective course locations are attached hereto and incorporated by reference as Appendix D. The courses listed in Appendix D will be mutually agreed upon by both parties no later than March of each year that this Agreement is in effect, and are subject to change based upon availability of eligible instructors, student interest and availability in specific courses, and/or local board policy.
- F. If a DISTRICT student is receiving a D, F or W, or is otherwise not meeting Running Start academic standards, at the midterm grading period, COLLEGE will notify the DISTRICT Counselor within one week after the midterm date. COLLEGE and DISTRICT agree to communicate within seven (7) days and develop a success plan with the student for the remainder of the semester. The success plan will be shared in writing with COLLEGE, DISTRICT and student.
- G. At semester end, COLLEGE will provide the DISTRICT Counselor with transcripts for all students enrolled in Running Start.

### **Section 3 DISTRICT Obligations**

DISTRICT will:

- A. DISTRICT will recruit eligible students to participate in Running Start.

- B. DISTRICT will ensure students who meet the free lunch or breakfast eligibility guidelines pursuant to Section 10-20.13(b) of the Illinois School Code (105 ILCS 5/10-20.13(b)) and who are accepted into Running Start are provided equal access to Running Start consistent with the requirements of the Illinois School Code.
- C. DISTRICT will be responsible for communicating to the COLLEGE the list of eligible and approved students for the Running Start Program by the COLLEGE's annual deadline.
- D. DISTRICT Counselor will be responsible for initiating communication to the Running Start students and a parent or guardian the enrollment and selection of courses defined as Running Start schedules and making any necessary schedule changes through utilizing College Schedule Change Forms.
- E. DISTRICT will be responsible for communicating to Running Start students and their parents or a guardian in regard to resolving disputes within the overall operation of the Running Start program, including the DISTRICT Running Start selection process results and qualifications.
- F. DISTRICT will be responsible for securing COLLEGE placement test scores from students for the selection process (pursuant to Appendix B).
- G. DISTRICT will be responsible for the pre-selection and final selection process (pursuant to Appendix B).
- H. DISTRICT will provide the COLLEGE with no less than one and no more than two points of contact i.e. DISTRICT Counselor to ensure effective and accurate communication.
- I. DISTRICT will provide advising for high school graduation requirements to Running Start students.
- J. DISTRICT will provide all counseling services to Running Start students.
- K. DISTRICT will provide students who successfully complete Running Start with credit towards a high school diploma.
- L. DISTRICT will communicate to the DISTRICT 200 students and their parents or a guardian that they are responsible for covering textbooks and associated instructional material costs.
- M. DISTRICT will calculate the cost equivalent of in-district tuition and fees with the assistance of the COLLEGE for the courses taken per Running Start students and pay the COLLEGE the cost associated with this in-district tuition and fees calculation.
- N. If DISTRICT identifies and recommends instructors for use in the Running Start Program which are then approved by COLLEGE, DISTRICT shall be responsible for hiring and compensating such instructors.
- O. DISTRICT agrees to work with their Running Start students who have an IEP or 504 plan annually. DISTRICT will be responsible for including in the annual transition planning meeting a comprehensive transitional plan for Running Start. Rock Valley College Disability Support Services and Early College Department are available to assist with the transition

planning.

#### **Section 4 COLLEGE Obligations**

COLLEGE will provide participating DISTRICT students with:

- A. COLLEGE will provide technology accounts for Online Services, Eagle, and RVC Mail.
- B. COLLEGE will provide a mandatory orientation, including a review of COLLEGE policies and procedures and a copy of COLLEGE's Student Handbook.
- C. COLLEGE will offer the mandatory STU 100, Planning for Success, during the summer semester preceding their fall semester enrollment. DISTRICT is responsible for the tuition and fees for STU 100 Planning for Success.
- D. COLLEGE will provide instruction opportunities to achieve an Associate of Arts Degree or an Associate in Science degree.
- E. COLLEGE will provide final grades for courses within two weeks of the completion of each semester.
- F. COLLEGE will be responsible for administering COLLEGE placement test with and for students (pursuant to Appendix B).
- G. COLLEGE will ensure that any employee or agent of COLLEGE who has direct and regular contact with participating DISTRICT students undergoes a criminal history records check.
- H. COLLEGE will ensure that instructors for Running Start courses are properly qualified to teach such courses, consistent with the Dual Credit Quality Act, 110 ILCS 27/16(5) and ILCS 27/20. COLLEGE shall approve any instructors which DISTRICT identifies and recommends for use in the Running Start Program. Any DISTRICT-recommended instructors shall be hired and compensated by DISTRICT.
- I. COLLEGE will take appropriate steps to ensure that Running Start courses are equivalent in quality and rigor to other courses offered at the COLLEGE for college credit. COLLEGE will ensure that Running Start student learning outcomes are the same as other courses taught at COLLEGE. In addition, COLLEGE will annually evaluate course content, delivery, and rigor, consistent with COLLEGE policy, in consultation with the DISTRICT'S superintendent.
- J. COLLEGE reserves the right to modify or cancel classes based on instructor availability and/or student interest. COLLEGE will support and implement schedule request changes made by DISTRICT Counselor and commit to ensuring any schedule changes of DISTRICT 200 students are approved by DISTRICT Counselor or DISTRICT Director of Career Readiness before being made. In such circumstances the COLLEGE will notify the DISTRICT counselor of such changes.

- K. COLLEGE will maintain appropriate academic control over the curriculum of all Running Start Program courses, consistent with State and/or Federal law and as required or negotiated by the Higher Learning Commission.

### **Section 5 Participating DISTRICT Students' Obligations**

The DISTRICT will cause participating DISTRICT students to comply with the following requirements (pursuant to Appendix B):

- A. Student will complete information in the COLLEGE Welcome Packet.
- B. Student will attend mandatory COLLEGE Running Start Orientation.
- C. Student will respond to email communication via COLLEGE Mail on a daily basis.
- D. Student will schedule an advising appointment each semester with a COLLEGE advisor and DISTRICT Counselor in advance of assigned priority registration dates.
- E. Student will schedule an appointment each semester with a designated DISTRICT Counselor to ensure each DISTRICT student meets all requirements for Running Start and high school graduation.
- F. Student will keep all scheduled appointments.
- G. Student will adhere to COLLEGE and DISTRICT policies and procedures.
- H. Student will demonstrate qualities of integrity, honesty, civility and respect in their conduct both in and out of the classroom as noted in the COLLEGE Student Handbook.
- I. Student will meet and maintain requirements as set forth in the Running Start Academic Conduct Policies (Appendix C).
- J. Students not meeting the Academic Conduct Policies will be placed on Academic Probation for one semester and be required to develop an Individual Academic Recovery Plan or be dismissed. This plan will be shared with the DISTRICT Counselor and signed by the DISTRICT, COLLEGE, parent/guardian, and student. Students who do not meet the terms of the Academic Conduct Policy after the Academic Probation semester may be dismissed from Running Start.
- K. Student will meet with the DISTRICT and a parent or guardian to ensure the applicable high school graduation requirements are met.

### **Section 6 Shared Obligations and Understandings of the Parties**

- A. The DISTRICT and COLLEGE acknowledge and agree that this Agreement solely

memorializes implementation of Running Start, and that there are no other promises, representations, or agreements between the Parties except as provided in this Agreement.

- B. DISTRICT and COLLEGE agree to comply with all applicable federal and State nondiscrimination and equal opportunity laws, rules and regulations. DISTRICT and COLLEGE shall not engage in unlawful discrimination or harassment against any person based on race, color, ancestry, national origin, religion, pregnancy, sexual orientation, order of protection status, gender identity or expression, age, marital status, disability, genetic information, unfavorable military discharge, veteran status, or sex (including sexual harassment, sexual violence, sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence and/or stalking), or any other legally protected category. The Parties will coordinate regarding an appropriate response to any report of alleged harassment, including sexual harassment, involving students or employees involved in the Running Start Program, taking into consideration the nature of the report, the parties involved and the location and context in which the alleged harassment occurred.
- C. In carrying out its respective obligations under this Agreement, each Party and its employees shall maintain the confidentiality of all personally identifiable information concerning the students enrolled in Running Start courses, and shall adhere to all applicable federal, State and local laws, rules and regulations now in effect or later adopted relating to the confidentiality of student records and information, including but not limited to the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act ("FERPA"), 20 U.S.C. §1232g, and Illinois School Student Records Act ("ISSRA"), 105 ILCS 10/1 et seq. With regard to the education records/school student records and information to which a Party and/or its employees shall be granted access under this Agreement, that Party and its employees shall be deemed "school officials" with legitimate educational interests in such records and information. The Party and its employees shall have the right to access and use such records and information solely for the purpose of performing the Party's obligations under this Agreement. The Party and its employees shall not re-disclose personally identifiable student information that is received under this Agreement to any third party, except as directed or permitted by the other Party, or as required by law. Each Party shall have in place reasonable policies and procedures, which the other Party may monitor or audit upon request and with reasonable notice, to prevent such re-disclosure.
- D. It is understood and agreed that neither party to this Agreement shall be legally liable for any negligent or wrongful acts either of commission or omission, chargeable to the other, unless such liability is imposed by law and this Agreement shall not be construed as seeking to enlarge or diminish any obligation or duty owed by one party against the other party or against third parties.
- E. The Parties agree that their respective representatives shall use their best efforts to

timely communicate with one another as needed to pursue the objectives and implementation of Running Start, and to work cooperatively to resolve any issues which may from time to time arise in the course of their collaboration. The Parties shall, not less than annually, review the provisions of this Agreement and identify any updates, as may be needed. Any such updates are subject to the requirements of Section 8.E, below.

### **Section 7 Participation in Running Start Program by Students with Disabilities**

The Parties will work collaboratively and utilize the following processes to ensure that individual students with disabilities have access to Running Start Program courses, provided that they are able to meet the criteria for entry into such courses:

- A. The DISTRICT will identify all eligible students based upon the requirements as set forth in the Running Start Pre-Selection Criteria (Appendix A) and DISTRICT Procedures to Fulfill Qualifications and Admissions (Appendix B).
- B. The process is established as follows:
  - The DISTRICT will identify students who have a current IEP or 504 Plan on the final and approved DISTRICT Running Start list, as referenced in Appendix B.
  - The DISTRICT will ensure that each student with an IEP or 504 Plan and their parent/guardian is informed of the differences in college ADA accommodations versus high school accommodations.
  - The DISTRICT Counselor and COLLEGE Early College department will assist with connecting students to Disability Support Services so that college accommodations can be developed prior to the start of Running Start coursework.
  - The DISTRICT will assist in providing students a copy of their current IEP or 504 Plan to provide to the COLLEGE Disability Support Services.
- C. A student with a disability shall have access to the supplementary aids and accommodations included in their individualized education program under Article 14 of the Illinois School Code or Section 504 Plan under the federal Rehabilitation Act of 1973 while the student is accessing a Running Start Program course on DISTRICT's high school campus, in accordance with established DISTRICT practices for providing these services.
- D. A student with a disability who accesses a Running Start Program course on COLLEGE's campus shall have access to appropriate supplementary aids and/or accommodations for which the student is eligible through COLLEGE's Disability Support Services office. The Parties agree that the COLLEGE'S Disability Support Services office will coordinate with and involve the District in identifying appropriate supplementary aids and/or accommodations for eligible students.
- E. DISTRICT and COLLEGE shall regularly communicate regarding the progress,

performance and individual needs of students with disabilities who are enrolled in Running Start Program courses.

Nothing contained herein shall be construed as to release DISTRICT from its obligations as the "Resident District" and/or "Local Education Agency," as those terms may be defined in State or federal laws, rules and/or regulations relating to students with disabilities. DISTRICT represents and warrants that, at all times and during all situations governed by this Agreement, it shall remain the Resident District and Local Education Agency for any and all students with disabilities participating in the Running Start Program hereunder.

### **Section 8 Miscellaneous Provisions**

- A. **Effective Date.** This Agreement becomes effective upon the date as of which it has been approved and fully executed by both of the Board of Education of DISTRICT and the Board of Trustees of COLLEGE.
- B. **Term of Agreement; Non-Assignability.** This initial term of this Agreement shall commence on the Effective Date and expire automatically on June 30, 2025. This agreement is applicable for the Running Start Class who begins Summer 2024 and for program applicants and participants who begin the Running Start program in Summer 2025. This Agreement is not transferable or assignable by the Parties. There are no third-party beneficiaries to this Agreement.
- C. **Termination.** Either Party shall have the right to terminate this Agreement at the end of any semester during the initial term and any extension thereof, by in whole or in part upon providing written notice of termination to the other Party at least 30 days prior to the last day of student attendance in any such semester.
- D. **Notices.** All notice required pursuant to this Agreement shall be sent by means capable of providing a confirmation of receipt, including (a) deposit with postage pre-paid in the U.S. mail, certified and return receipt requested, (b) personal service, or (c) facsimile transmittal, to the Parties at their addresses set out below or as otherwise specified in writing to one another. All notices mailed shall be deemed effective three days after mailing.



If to DISTRICT:

North Boone Community  
Unit School District No. 200  
Att'n: Superintendent  
6248 N. Boone School Road  
Poplar Grove, IL 61065  
Facsimile: (815) 765-2053

with a copy to counsel;

Scott Nemanich  
Klein, Thorpe and Jenkins, Ltd.  
15010 S. Ravinia Ave., Suite 10  
Orland Park, IL 60462  
Facsimile: (708) 349-1506  
Email: [senemanich@ktjlaw.com](mailto:senemanich@ktjlaw.com)

If to COLLEGE:

Illinois Community COLLEGE  
DISTRICT No. 511  
Att'n: Chief Academic Officer  
3301 North Mulford Rd.  
Rockford, IL 61114  
Facsimile: (815) 921-6974

with a copy to counsel:

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Robbins-Schwartz  
55 W. Monroe St. – Suite 800  
Chicago, IL 60603-5144  
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E. **Amendments.** No change, modification or amendment to this Agreement shall be valid unless reduced to writing and approved by the Parties' respective governing boards.

F. **Good Faith and Dispute Resolution.** The Parties agree to use their best, good faith efforts to promote and operate the Running Start program. In the event of a dispute arising under this Agreement which cannot be resolved informally by the Parties' designated representatives and the Parties' respective governing boards, the Parties agree to first engage in mediation to resolve the conflict. If mediation is unsuccessful, the Parties may, by subsequent written agreement, elect to engage in binding arbitration pursuant to the procedures of the American Arbitration Association, in lieu of litigation.

G. **Severability.** If for any reason any provision of this Agreement is determined by an arbitrator to be invalid or unenforceable, that provision shall be deemed severed and the balance of the Agreement shall otherwise remain in full force and effect.

The failure of a Party to this Agreement to insist upon strict and prompt performance of the terms and conditions shall not constitute or be construed as a waiver or relinquishment of that Party's right thereafter to enforce any such term or condition, but the same shall continue in full force and effect.

H. **Governing Law.** This Agreement shall be governed by and interpreted according to the laws of the State of Illinois.

- I. **Signature in Counterparts.** This Agreement may be executed in counterparts, each of which shall be an original, but all of which shall constitute on and the same instrument. Counterparts may be exchanged in PDF format by email.

**WHEREFORE**, the Parties by their respective officers have executed this Agreement on the dates set forth below.

**Board of Education North  
Boone School District  
No. 200  
Boone County, Illinois**

**Board of Trustees  
Illinois Community COLLEGE  
District No. 511  
Winnebago County, Illinois**

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**President**

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**President**

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**Secretary**

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**Secretary**

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**Date**

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**Date**

**APPENDIX A**  
**DISTRICT Running Start Program Process Procedures**

**Pre-Selection Criteria for DISTRICT High School Students**

1. Meet with the DISTRICT 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 and one year of Geometry with a grade of "B" or higher in each semester by the end of the sophomore year. Two years of Algebra completed with a grade of "B" or higher is preferred.
6. Completed two years of English with a grade of "B" or higher in each semester by the end of the sophomore year.
7. Completed one year of Chemistry with a grade of "B" or higher in each semester by the end of the sophomore year for the 2-year program; junior year for the 1-year program.
8. Have a positive recommendation from the DISTRICT high school Principal and/or Counselor.
9. Have the permission of a parent or legal guardian.
10. Work with the DISTRICT Counselor to complete steps outlined in Appendix B.
11. DISTRICT may implement additional pre-selection criteria above and beyond the minimum pre-selection criteria given above.

## **APPENDIX B**

### **DISTRICT Procedures to Fulfill Qualifications and Admissions**

Note: "DISTRICT" refers to North Boone DISTRICT 200. "RVC" refers to Rock Valley COLLEGE's Early COLLEGE Office.

1. DISTRICT determines list of students who are qualified.
2. DISTRICT determines who is interested in applying for the Running Start Program.
3. DISTRICT interested students complete an RVC Application for Credit Courses.
4. DISTRICT testing proctors will administer ACCUPLACER testing at DISTRICT campuses, or alternatively schedule a test date at the COLLEGE Testing Center. (Students must complete RVC Applications no less than 1 week prior to testing.)
5. DISTRICT students will take the RVC ACCUPLACER placement test in Reading, English, and Math, or submit ACT/SAT scores for possible waiver of the placement test.
6. DISTRICT students will be allowed one re-test in Reading, English, and Math during the Running Start application process for a cost of \$5 per subject re-test. If testing is proctored at the high school, RVC will waive re-test fees.
7. COLLEGE provides ACCUPLACER scores report to DISTRICT.
8. DISTRICT Counselors review and determine if students are ready for COLLEGE coursework as part of the RVC Running Start Program based on ACCUPLACER scores.
9. DISTRICT staff will place student's data into a shared file that is compatible with MS Excel or Google Sheets format. The file will include the RVC Student ID for each student and specify all students who are qualified based on DISTRICT selection criteria.
10. DISTRICT submits file of fully qualified students to RVC.
11. COLLEGE will verify qualified students and send the confirmed report back to DISTRICT to complete the DISTRICT selection process.
12. After DISTRICT selection process is conducted, DISTRICT will send final and approved DISTRICT Running Start student list to RVC.
13. DISTRICT Counselors notify ALL students of award of placement into DISTRICT Running Start Program OR placement on DISTRICT waiting list.
14. COLLEGE sends welcome packet to DISTRICT students to final and approved DISTRICT Running Start students.
15. DISTRICT students return completed welcome packet forms to COLLEGE.
16. DISTRICT manages DISTRICT Running Start waiting list, if such list exists.
17. DISTRICT sends transcripts to COLLEGE of accepted Running Start students after spring grades are posted to confirm eligibility requirements have successfully been met.
18. Based on transcripts, DISTRICT will determine if a student no longer meets Running Start eligibility requirements and DISTRICT will inform impacted student.
19. Students and DISTRICT Counselors are responsible for ensuring students will meet DISTRICT High School graduation requirements.
20. COLLEGE schedules students each semester and provides student schedules to DISTRICT Counselor for students enrolled in the DISTRICT Running Start Program.
21. DISTRICT Counselors work with students each semester to verify students are on track with their individual COLLEGE Student Academic Master Plan (STAMP) and high school graduation requirements.

22. When a student scheduling change or STAMP change is requested by the DISTRICT or the DISTRICT student, the student submits the "RVC Schedule Change Form" to DISTRICT Counselor for approval.
23. RVC provides students access to COLLEGE advisors to assist with changes to STAMP and scheduling, as needed.
24. If approved, DISTRICT Counselor submits the signed "RVC Schedule Change Form" to RVC for processing.
25. RVC provides student transcripts to DISTRICT Counselor for each semester completed by participating students within two weeks of final grades posting.

## APPENDIX C

### Running Start Student Academic Conduct Policies

All *Running Start* students at Rock Valley College (RVC) are expected to demonstrate qualities of integrity, honesty, civility, and respect in their conduct, both in and out of the classroom. All RVC policies can be viewed in the Student Handbook found on our website: [www.rockvalleycollege.edu/studenthandbook](http://www.rockvalleycollege.edu/studenthandbook). Adherence to all policies is essential and required to remain in the *Running Start* program.

#### **ADVISING & COMMUNICATION**

*Running Start* students are expected to:

- Meet with your high school Program Counselor for high school graduation and semester schedules.
- Only add or drop classes with your high school Counselor.
- Meet with an RVC Advisor for RVC graduation requirements.
- Respond to communication via RVC Mail and EAGLE accounts on a daily basis.
- Keep all scheduled appointments.

#### **ATTENDANCE POLICY**

Students are expected to attend every class meeting and arrive on time. There is no college policy permitting absences. Each faculty member will decide when and how absences affect grades. It is the responsibility of the student to adhere to the course syllabus. If a student needs to miss class, they must contact their instructor and their home high school office.

#### **MAINTAINING ACADEMIC INTEGRITY**

Please refer to page 47 of the Student Handbook: <http://www.rockvalleycollege.edu/studenthandbook>

#### **ACADEMIC EARLY WARNING**

Transitioning from high school to college can be a challenge and students may find it difficult to adjust. The Early Warning System is designed to assist students by alerting the Dean of Students office of any student who misses class or struggles academically within the first few weeks of school. This early intervention is intended to make a difference in the student's academic performance before midterm and set a pattern of success for the rest of the semester. Notification to the Dean of Students is dependent upon faculty report.

#### **ACADEMIC PROBATION & INDIVIDUAL ACADEMIC RECOVERY PLAN (IARP)**

Students must earn a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 2.5 or higher and not receive a "D", "W" or "F" for a course, or they will be placed on Academic Probation for one semester and be required to develop an IARP. If during the probation semester students fail to raise their GPA to 2.5 or higher or they earn an additional "D", "W" or "F", then they **will** be dismissed from the program and be returned to high school. Assistance to improve academic performance is available by taking advantage of the following:

- Meet with instructors to review course expectations and create a plan of action. Instructor office hours can be found on the course syllabus.
- Visit the Tutoring Center, Writing Center, and/or Math Lab for instruction, tutoring, and study skills enhancement. These services are free to RVC students.
- Students will be **required** to meet regularly with their high school program counselor to insure academic recovery.

#### **DISMISSAL FROM PROGRAM**

**All** *Running Start* students will be dismissed from the program as a result of *any* of the following:

- Failure to attend and complete STU 100: Planning for Success in their first summer semester with a grade of "B" or higher. No repeat allowed.
- Failure to raise cumulative GPA to 2.5 or earn "D", "F" or "W" during the Academic Probation semester.
- Demonstration of behavior and/or attitudes that undermine the integrity and privilege of program participation, as deemed by RVC and/or the participating School District.
- Violation of any of the Code of Conduct policies and/or Academic Misconduct policies.
- If high school graduation and/or RVC graduation is in jeopardy. Dismissal is determined by the participating School District in consultation with RVC.

In addition, students in their **first year** of *Running Start* will also be dismissed from the program as a result of *any* of the following:

- Earning a combination of three "D", "F" or "W" grades in a single semester.
- Earning two "F" grades in a single semester.
- Earning a semester or cumulative GPA less than 2.0.
- Needing to recover more than 7 credits by the end of the first year in the program.

**Appendix D**  
**Running Start Program Course Offerings 2024-2025**  
**Running Start Courses Approved to be taken at an RVC Campus**

Allied Health					
RVC Course Code	RVC Course Name	RVC Credits	HS Course Code	HS Course Name	HS Credits
FWS-110	Fitness Walking	1		Physical Education	0.5
FWS-116	Step Aerobics	1		Physical Education	0.5
FWS-119	Cardio Kickboxing	1		Physical Education	0.5
FWS-121	Cardio Fitness & Conditioning	1		Physical Education	0.5
FWS-126	Beginning Weight Lifting	1		Physical Education	0.5
FWS-127	Advanced Weight Lifting	2		Physical Education	0.5
FWS-128	Sports Performance Fitness	1		Physical Education	0.5
FWS-131	Basketball & Touch Football	1		Physical Education	0.5
FWS-133	Power Volleyball	1		Physical Education	0.5
FWS-151	Tae Kwon Do	1		Physical Education	0.5
FWS-220	Intro Career Opportunty in PE	3		Elective	0.5
FWS-231	Contemporary Health Issues	3		Elective	0.5
FWS-233	Community Health	3		Elective	0.5
FWS-235	Alcohol and Drug Education	3		Elective	0.5
FWS-236	Human Sexuality	3		Elective	0.5
FWS-237	Nutrition for Optimum Living	3		Elective	0.5
FWS-243	First Aid/Gen Safety/CPR/AED	3		Elective	0.5
FWS-250	Introduction Sport Management	3		Elective	0.5
FWS-253	Introduction to Coaching	3		Elective	0.5
FWS-254	ASEP Sport First Aid and CPR	3		Elective	0.5
FWS-255	Sociology of Sport	3		Elective	0.5
FWS-256	History of Phy Ed & Sport	3		Elective	0.5
FWS-258	Sport & Exercise Psychology	3		Elective	0.5
FWS-260	Intro to Exercise Science	3		Elective	0.5
FWS-261	Nutrition for Fitness&Sport	3		Elective	0.5
FWS-263	Nutrit, Exercise & Weight Cntr	3		Elective	0.5
FWS-265	Personal Fitness and Wellness	3		Elective	0.5
FWS-266	Personal Trng I-Concepts&Appl	3		Elective	0.5

FWS-267	Persnl Trng II-Concepts&Appl.	3		Elective	0.5
HLT-110	Medical Terminology	2		Elective	0.5

Business					
RVC Course Code	RVC Course Name	RVC Credits	HS Course Code	HS Course Name	HS Credits
ATG-110	Financial Accounting	4		Elective	1
ATG-111	Managerial Accounting	4		Elective	1
BUS-101	Introduction to Business	3		Elective	0.5
BUS-103	Business Mathematics	3		Elective	0.5
BUS-105	Consumer Econ and Prsnl Fin	3		Consumer Education	0.5
BUS-130	Entrepreneurship Principles	3		Elective	0.5
BUS-131	Entrepreneurship Planning	3		Elective	0.5
BUS-170	Intro Organizational Behavior	3		Elective	0.5
BUS-200	Legal Environment in Bus	3		Elective	0.5
BUS-223	Business Statistics	3		Elective	0.5
BUS-230	Entrepreneurship Capstone	3		Elective	0.5
BUS-279	Principles of Finance	3		Elective	0.5
BUS-282	International Business	3		Elective	0.5
MGT-170	Business Communications	3		Elective	0.5
MGT-270	Principles of Management	3		Elective	0.5
MGT-271	Human Resource Manage	3		Elective	0.5
MGT-274	Leadership	3		Elective	0.5
MKT-260	Principles of Marketing	3		Elective	0.5
MKT-265	Salesmanship	3		Elective	0.5
MKT-266	Principles of Advertising	3		Elective	0.5
MKT-288	Customer Relations	3		Elective	0.5
OFF-118	Computer Keyboarding	1		Elective	0.5

Communications					
RVC Course Code	RVC Course Name	RVC Credits	HS Course Code	HS Course Name	HS Credits
COM-113	Intro to Public Relations	3		Elective	0.5
COM-119	News Writing	3		Elective	0.5
COM-120	News Editing	3		Elective	0.5



COM-130	Intro to Mass Communication	3		Elective	0.5
COM-140	Writing for Multimedia	3		Elective	0.5
COM-156	Audio Production I	3		Elective	0.5
COM-157	Video Production I	3		Elective	0.5
COM-208	Screenwriting	3		Elective	0.5
COM-218	Broadcast Performance	3		Elective	0.5
COM-221	Photojournalism	3		Elective	0.5
COM-251	Film History and Appreciation	3		Elective	0.5
COM-252	International History of Film	3		Elective	0.5
COM-256	Advanced Audio Production	3		Elective	0.5
COM-257	Advanced Video Production	3		Elective	0.5
COM-260	Advanced Post-Production	3		Elective	0.5
COM-296	Documentary Production	3		Elective	0.5
COM-297	Motion Picture Production	3		Elective	0.5
ENG-101	Composition I	3		English 11	0.5
ENG-103	Composition II	3		English 12	0.5
ENG-108	Intro Creative Writing	3		English or Elective	0.5
ENG-109	Creative Writing II	3		English or Elective	0.5
ENG-110	Intro to Technical Writing	3		English or Elective	0.5
ENG-200	Language, Power & Public Life	3		English or Elective	0.5
LIT-101	Introduction to Literature	3		English or Elective	0.5
LIT-139	Mythology	3		Elective	0.5
LIT-140	The Bible As Literature	3		Elective	0.5
LIT-141	Film and Literature	3		English or Elective	0.5
LIT-142	Exploring Literature: Poetry	3		English or Elective	0.5
LIT-144	Exploring Literature: Fiction	3		English or Elective	0.5
LIT-152	Multicultural American Lit	3		English or Elective	0.5
LIT-154	Intro Non-Western Literature	3		English or Elective	0.5
LIT-201	American Lit Before 1865	3		English or Elective	0.5
LIT-202	American Literature Since 1865	3		English or Elective	0.5
SPH-131	Fundamentals of Communication	3		English or Elective	0.5
SPH-201	Interpersonal Communication	3		English or Elective	0.5
SPH-202	Intercultural Communication	3		English or Elective	0.5
SPH-211	Group Leadership	3		Elective	0.5

Computers and Information Systems					
RVC Course Code	RVC Course Name	RVC Credits	HS Course Code	HS Course Name	HS Credits
CIS-102	Intro Computer & Info Systems	3		Elective	0.5
CIS-120	Intro to Microsoft Word	1		Elective	0.5
CIS-121	Introduction to Excel	1		Elective	0.5
CIS-124	Introduction to Powerpoint	1		Elective	0.5
CIS-130	Introduction to Access	2		Elective	0.5
CIS-170	Programming Logic & Design	3		Elective	0.5
CIS-180	Intro to Visual Basic Prgrmg.	4		Elective	1
CIS-240	Intro to Java Programming	4		Elective	1
CIS-245	Program Android-Mobile Devices	4		Elective	1
CIS-254	Database Programming	4		Elective	1
CIS-276	Intro to C/C++ Programming	4		Elective	1
CIS-277	Advanced C/C++ Programming	4		Elective	1
CIS-279	Visual C# Programming	4		Elective	1
CIS-280	Program iOS Apple Mobile Dev	4		Elective	1
CIS-290	Special Topics in CIS	1		Elective	0.5
CIS-291	Internship Field Project	1		Elective	0.5
GAT-101	Intro to Graphic Arts Tech	4		Elective	1
GAT-110	Introduction to Photoshop	2		Elective	0.5
GAT-115	Introduction to Illustrator	2		Elective	0.5
GAT-150	Typography	2		Elective	0.5
GAT-178	Fundamentals of Desktop Publis	3		Elective	0.5
GAT-190	Image Generation and Output	2		Elective	0.5
GAT-215	Advanced Illustrator	2		Elective	0.5
GAT-220	Adv Photoshop Grap Arts Indus.	3		Elective	0.5
PCT-110	Networking Essentials	3		Elective	0.5
PCT-111	Windows Active Directory	3		Elective	0.5
PCT-112	Windows Server Fundamentals	3		Elective	0.5
PCT-113	Microsoft Win Infrastructure	3		Elective	0.5
PCT-120	Cisco Networking I	4		Elective	1
PCT-122	Cisco Networking II	4		Elective	1
PCT-124	Cisco Networking III	4		Elective	1

PCT-126	Cisco Networking IV	4		Elective	1
PCT-130	Intro Network Security Fndmntl	3		Elective	0.5
PCT-132	Advanced Network Security	3		Elective	0.5
PCT-140	IP Telephony I	4		Elective	1
PCT-142	IP Telephony II	4		Elective	1
PCT-211	VMWare vSphere:Install/Config	3		Elective	0.5
PCT-262	A+ Essentials	3		Elective	0.5
PCT-270	Introduction to Unix/Linux	3		Elective	0.5
PCT-275	Cisco Firewall Design	4		Elective	1
PCT-290	Special Topic in PC Tech	1		Elective	0.5
WEB-101	Programming Related-Internet	4		Elective	1
WEB-102	Adv Program Related - Internet	4		Elective	1
WEB-111	Introduction to Multimedia	3		Elective	0.5
WEB-225	Digital Photography	3		Elective	0.5
WEB-233	Introduction to Javascript	4		Elective	1
WEB-234	PHP Programming	4		Elective	1

#### Engineering and Technology

<b>RVC Course Code</b>	<b>RVC Course Name</b>	<b>RVC Credits</b>	<b>HS Course Code</b>	<b>HS Course Name</b>	<b>HS Credits</b>
EGR-101	Introduction to Engineering	2		Elective	0.5
EGR-135	Engineering Graphics/CAD	4		Elective	1
EGR-206	Statics	3		Elective	0.5
EGR-207	Dynamics	3		Elective	0.5
EGR-221	Elem Mech of Defmabl Bodies	3		Elective	0.5
EGR-231	Engineering Circuit Analysis	4		Elective	1
EGR-250	Digital Electronics	4		Elective	1

#### Humanities / Fine Arts

<b>RVC Course Code</b>	<b>RVC Course Name</b>	<b>RVC Credits</b>	<b>HS Course Code</b>	<b>HS Course Name</b>	<b>HS Credits</b>
ART-101	Drawing and Composition I	3		Elective	0.5
ART-102	Drawing and Composition II	3		Elective	0.5
ART-103	Design I	3		Elective	0.5
ART-111	Painting I	3		Elective	0.5

ART-121	Ceramics I	3	Elective	0.5
ART-122	Ceramics II	3	Elective	0.5
ART-131	Introduction to Visual Art	3	Elective	0.5
ART-141	Intro Non-Western Visual Art	3	Elective	0.5
ART-201	Life Drawing	3	Elective	0.5
ART-203	Design II	3	Elective	0.5
ART-212	Painting II	3	Elective	0.5
ART-216	Relief Printmaking	3	Elective	0.5
ART-251	History of Art I	3	Elective	0.5
ART-252	History of Art II	3	Elective	0.5
CRM-101	Intro to Criminal Justice	3	Elective	0.5
CRM-102	Intro to Probation & Parole	3	Elective	0.5
CRM-103	Intro to Corrections	3	Elective	0.5
CRM-104	Intro to Private Security	3	Elective	0.5
CRM-105	Police Report Writing	3	Elective	0.5
CRM-120	Criminal Investigation	3	Elective	0.5
CRM-125	Criminal Proced & Civil Rights	3	Elective	0.5
CRM-127	Ethics in Law Enforcement	3	Elective	0.5
CRM-210	Criminal Law	3	Elective	0.5
CRM-225	Juvenile Procedures	3	Elective	0.5
CRM-260	Police Organization & Admin	3	Elective	0.5
CRM-271	Patrol Procedures	3	Elective	0.5
CRM-281	Rules of Evidence	3	Elective	0.5
CRM-282	Interviews & Interrogations	3	Elective	0.5
ECE-100	Intro to Early Childhood Ed.	3	Elective	0.5
ECE-101	The Developing Child	3	Elective	0.5
ECE-103	Health, Safety & Nutrition of Young Child	3	Elective	0.5
ECE-105	Observation and Assessment of Young Children	3	Elective	0.5
ECE-113	Infant and Toddler Curriculum	3	Elective	0.5
ECE-201	Language Development	3	Elective	0.5
ECE-202	Child, Family & Community	3	Elective	0.5
ECE-203	Curriculum Plan-Young Child	3	Elective	0.5
ECE-205	Org & Superv-Early Child Facil	3	Elective	0.5

EDU-202	Children's Literature	3		Elective	0.5
EDU-224	Introduction to Education	3		Elective	0.5
EDU-234	Intro Technology for Teachers	3		Elective	0.5
EDU-244	Students With Disabilities	3		Elective	0.5
FRN-101	Beginning French	4		Elective	1
FRN-102	Continuatn of Begng French	4		Elective	1
GRM-101	Beginning German	4		Elective	1
GRM-102	Continuatn of Begng German	4		Elective	1
HUM-111	Intro to Humanities I	3		Elective	0.5
HUM-112	Intro to Humanities II	3		Elective	0.5
HUM-114	Intro Hum III:Contem West Wrl	3		Elective	0.5
HUM-125	Intro Non-Western Humanities	3		Elective	0.5
HUM-211	War & West Hum Thru Mid Ages	3		Elective	0.5
HUM-212	War & W.Hum-Renaiss to Present	3		Elective	0.5
HUM-250	Leadership Development Stud	3		Elective	0.5
MUS-101	Fundamentals of Music	3		Elective	0.5
MUS-102	Intro to Music Literature	3		Elective	0.5
MUS-104	Intro to American Music	3		Elective	0.5
MUS-106	Intro to Non-Western Music	3		Elective	0.5
MUS-131	Class Piano I	2		Elective	0.5
MUS-132	Class Piano II	2		Elective	0.5
MUS-191	Chorus I	1		Elective	0.5
MUS-194	Instrumental Ensemble I	1		Elective	0.5
MUS-195	Band I	1		Elective	0.5
MUS-198	Orchestra I	1		Elective	0.5
MUS-294	Instrumental Ensemble II	1		Elective	0.5
MUS-295	Band II	1		Elective	0.5
MUS-298	Orchestra II	1		Elective	0.5
PHL-150	Intro to Philosophy	3		Elective	0.5
PHL-151	Intro Non-Western Philosophy	3		Elective	0.5
PHL-152	Environmental Ethics	3		Elective	0.5
PHL-153	Medical Ethics	3		Elective	0.5
PHL-154	Introduction to Religion	3		Elective	0.5
PHL-155	World Religions	3		Elective	0.5

PHL-156	Religion in American Society	3		Elective	0.5
PHL-157	Foundational Religious Texts	3		Elective	0.5
PHL-255	Logic	3		Elective	0.5
PHL-256	Contemporary Moral Issues	3		Elective	0.5
PHL-260	Philosophy of Religion	3		Elective	0.5
SPN-101	Beginning Spanish	4		Elective	0.5
SPN-102	Continuation Beginning Spanish	4		Elective	0.5
SPN-203	Intermediate Spanish	3		Elective	0.5
SPN-204	Continue Intermediate Spanish	3		Elective	0.5
THE-133	Introduction to the Theater	3		Elective	0.5
THE-134	Stagecraft & Theater Lighting	3		Elective	0.5
THE-135	Acting I	3		Elective	0.5
THE-235	Acting II	3		Elective	0.5

**Life Sciences**

<b>RVC Course Code</b>	<b>RVC Course Name</b>	<b>RVC Credits</b>	<b>HS Course Code</b>	<b>HS Course Name</b>	<b>HS Credits</b>
BIO-100	Introductory Human Biology	3		Science or Elective	0.5
BIO-103	Introductory Life Science	3		Science or Elective	0.5
BIO-104	Intro Life Science Lab	1		Science or Elective	0.5
BIO-106	Environmental Science	3		Science or Elective	0.5
BIO-107	Environmental Biology Lab	1		Science or Elective	0.5
BIO-113	Plants and Society	4		Science or Elective	1
BIO-140	Introduction to Evolution	3		Science or Elective	0.5
BIO-150	Microbes and Society	3		Science or Elective	0.5
BIO-152	Microbes & Society Laboratory	1		Science or Elective	0.5
BIO-162	Human Heredity	3		Science or Elective	0.5
BIO-171	Biology of Human Disease	3		Science or Elective	0.5
BIO-185	Foundations Anat & Physiol	5		Science or Elective	1
BIO-201	Fundamentals of Biology I	4		Science or Elective	1
BIO-202	Fundamentals of Biology II	4		Science or Elective	1
BIO-274	Microbiology	4		Science or Elective	1
BIO-281	Anatomy and Physiology I	4		Science or Elective	1
BIO-282	Anatomy and Physiology II	4		Science or Elective	1

Mathematics					
RVC Course Code	RVC Course Name	RVC Credits	HS Course Code	HS Course Name	HS Credits
MTH-115	General Education Math	3		Math or Elective	0.5
MTH-120	College Algebra	3		Math or Elective	0.5
MTH-125	Plane Trigonometry	3		Math or Elective	0.5
MTH-132	College Algebra & Trigonometry	5		Math or Elective	1
MTH-135	Calculus W/Analytic Geom I	5		Math or Elective	1
MTH-164	Computer in Mathematics C/C++	4		Math or Elective	1
MTH-211	Calc for Business & Soc Scienc	4		Math or Elective	1
MTH-216	Math for Elem Teachers I	3		Elective	0.5
MTH-217	Math for Elem Teachers II	3		Elective	0.5
MTH-220	Elements of Statistics	3		Math or Elective	0.5
MTH-235	Calculus W/Analytic Geom II	4		Math or Elective	1
MTH-236	Calculus W/Analyt Geom III	4		Math or Elective	1
MTH-240	Differential Equations	3		Math or Elective	0.5
MTH-250	Modern Linear Algebra	4		Math or Elective	1

Physical Sciences					
RVC Course Code	RVC Course Name	RVC Credits	HS Course Code	HS Course Name	HS Credits
ATS-105	Intro to Atmospheric Science	4		Science or Elective	1
CHM-110	General Organic & BioChem I	4		Science or Elective	1
CHM-120	General Chemistry I	4		Science or Elective	1
CHM-130	General Chemistry II	4		Science or Elective	1
CHM-210	General, Organic & BioChem II	4		Science or Elective	1
CHM-220	Organic Chemistry I	5		Science or Elective	1
CHM-230	Organic Chemistry II	5		Science or Elective	1
CHM-240	General Biological Chemistry	3		Science or Elective	0.5
GEL-101	Introduction to Geology	4		Science or Elective	1
GEL-107	Geology of the Solar System	3		Science or Elective	0.5
GEL-206	Environmental Geology	3		Science or Elective	0.5
PGE-100	Physical Geography	3		Social Studies or Elective	0.5
PGE-102	Physical Geography With Lab	4		Social Studies or Elective	1

PGE-240	Global Climate Change	3		Science or Elective	0.5
PHY-201	Mechanics and Heat	5		Elective	1
PHY-202	Waves/Elec/Light & Modrn Phys	5		Elective	1
PHY-215	Mechanics, Wave Motion, Thermo	5		Elective	1
PHY-225	Electr, Magnetism, Light, Phys	5		Elective	1

<b>Social Sciences</b>					
<b>RVC Course Code</b>	<b>RVC Course Name</b>	<b>RVC Credits</b>	<b>HS Course Code</b>	<b>HS Course Name</b>	<b>HS Credits</b>
ANP-102	Intro Biolo Anthro & Archaeol	3		Social Studies or Elective	0.5
ANP-103	Intro to Cultural Anthro	3		Social Studies or Elective	0.5
GEO-130	World Geography	3		Social Studies or Elective	0.5
HST-140	History of Western Civ I	3		Social Studies or Elective	0.5
HST-141	History of Western Civ II	3		Social Studies or Elective	0.5
HST-142	History of U S to 1865	3		Social Studies or Elective	0.5
HST-143	History of U S Since 1865	3		Social Studies or Elective	0.5
HST-144	Current Hist 1945 to Present	3		Social Studies or Elective	0.5
HST-151	African History Survey to 1600	3		Social Studies or Elective	0.5
HST-152	African Hist Survey Since 1600	3		Social Studies or Elective	0.5
HST-162	History of Latin America I	3		Social Studies or Elective	0.5
HST-163	History of Latin America II	3		Social Studies or Elective	0.5
HST-172	History of Middle East to 1453	3		Social Studies or Elective	0.5
HST-173	History Middle East Since 1453	3		Social Studies or Elective	0.5
HST-182	Hist of Eastern Civ to 1500	3		Social Studies or Elective	0.5
HST-183	Hist of East Civ Since 1500	3		Social Studies or Elective	0.5
HST-192	History of World Until 1750	3		Social Studies or Elective	0.5
HST-193	Hist of the World Since 1750	3		Social Studies or Elective	0.5
HST-210	History of Women of the U.S.	3		Social Studies or Elective	0.5



PSC-150	Intro to Political Science	3		Social Studies or Elective	0.5
PSC-160	American National Government	3		Social Studies or Elective	0.5
PSC-161	State and Local Government	3		Social Studies or Elective	0.5
PSC-210	Intro to Legal System	3		Social Studies or Elective	0.5
PSC-211	The American Presidency	3		Social Studies or Elective	0.5
PSC-269	International Relations	3		Social Studies or Elective	0.5
SOC-190	Introduction to Sociology	3		Social Studies or Elective	0.5
SOC-290	Social Problems	3		Social Studies or Elective	0.5
SOC-291	Criminology	3		Elective	0.5
SOC-292	Sociology of Deviance	3		Social Studies or Elective	0.5
SOC-294	Urban Sociology	3		Social Studies or Elective	0.5
SOC-295	Racial and Ethnic Relations	3		Social Studies or Elective	0.5
SOC-298	Sociology of Sex and Gender	3		Social Studies or Elective	0.5
SOC-299	Sociology of the Family	3		Social Studies or Elective	0.5

**STU Student Development**

RVC Course Code	RVC Course Name	RVC Credits	HS Course Code	HS Course Name	HS Credits
STU-100	Planning for Success	1		Elective	0.5
STU-101	Career Planning	2		Elective	0.5
STU-103	Workplace Ethics	1		Elective	0.5

**INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN  
NORTH BOONE COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 200, BOONE  
COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
AND  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF ILLINOIS COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT NO. 511,  
WINNEBAGO COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
FOR SENIOR SEMESTER PROGRAM**

This Agreement is made and entered into by and between the Board of Education of North Boone Community Unit School District No. 200, Boone County Illinois ("DISTRICT") and the Board of Trustees of Illinois Community COLLEGE DISTRICT No. 511, Winnebago County, Illinois ("COLLEGE") (together, the Parties") in the exercise of their intergovernmental cooperation powers under the Illinois Constitution of 1970, and the Illinois Intergovernmental Cooperation Act and their respective powers under the School Code and the Public Community COLLEGE Act.

**WHEREAS**, the Parties are authorized to enter into intergovernmental agreements for cooperative projects and use agreements in any manner not prohibited by law or by ordinance, pursuant to Article VII, §10 of the Illinois Constitution of 1970, the Intergovernmental Cooperation Act (5 ILCS 220/1 *et seq.*), the School Code (105 ILCS 5/1- 1 *et seq.*), and the Public Community COLLEGE Act (110 ILCS 805/1-1 *et seq.*); and

**WHEREAS**, Senior Semester is a program that allows select, qualified, academically motivated students enrolled in Illinois Community COLLEGE DISTRICT 511 public high schools an opportunity to earn a semester of college credits by attending COLLEGE full-time during a semester of their senior year of high school; and

**WHEREAS**, the Parties have determined that shared commitment to Senior Semester goals benefits their constituencies and enhances educational opportunities for the communities they serve; and

**WHEREAS**, the Parties have determined that it is in their respective best interests and that of their constituencies to enter into this Intergovernmental Agreement for Senior Semester Program (hereinafter Agreement").

**NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS AGREED** between the Parties, in consideration of their mutual promises and undertakings set forth herein and for other good valuable consideration, as follows:

**Section 1    Incorporation of Preamble Recitals**

The foregoing recitals are hereby found to be true and correct and are incorporated herein by reference.

**Section 2    Implementation of Senior Semester**

DISTRICT and COLLEGE agree to collaborate to implement Senior Semester as a joint program, administered jointly by Rock Valley COLLEGE and North Boone School District, subject to the following terms and conditions.

- A. The Parties intend to establish and offer Senior Semester to provide eligible DISTRICT students with full-time instruction at COLLEGE during a semester of their senior year of high school in satisfaction of:
- 1) DISTRICT'S requirements for earning a high school diploma.
- B. Any DISTRICT student interested in Senior Semester will meet with a DISTRICT high school counselor to discuss whether they meet the pre-selection criteria set forth in the Senior Semester Program Process Procedures (Appendix A). If an Interested DISTRICT student meets said pre-selection criteria, they will follow the application process set forth in the Senior Semester Procedures to Fulfill Qualifications and Admissions (Appendix B).
- C. This Agreement does not cover those students who are not recruited by and identified by the DISTRICT to participate in the Senior Semester program.
- D. Instruction for DISTRICT students accepted into Senior Semester shall be provided by COLLEGE, which shall charge the DISTRICT the cost equivalent of in-district tuition and fees for courses taken per student per school year, not to exceed \$48,000 during the term of this Agreement. The total number of students permitted to participate in Senior Semester shall not exceed 20 enrolled students each year for said instruction. The cap established by this Section may be adjusted as provided In Section 3.N, below.
- E. If a DISTRICT student is not successful academically or is not meeting Senior Semester academic standards at the midterm grading period, COLLEGE will notify District staff within one week after the midterm date.
- F. At semester end, COLLEGE will provide the District staff with student transcripts enrolled in Senior Semester.

### **Section 3 DISTRICT Obligations**

DISTRICT will:

- A. DISTRICT will recruit eligible students to participate in Senior Semester, identifying a maximum of 10 eligible students to participate In Senior Semester per school year.
- B. DISTRICT will ensure students who meet the free lunch or breakfast eligibility guidelines pursuant to Section 10-20.13(b) of the Illinois School Code (105 ILCS 5110- 20.13(b)) and who are accepted into Senior Semester are provided equal access to Senior Semester consistent with the requirements of the Illinois School Code.
- C. DISTRICT will be responsible for communicating to the COLLEGE the list of eligible and approved students for the Senior Semester program by the COLLEGE's annual deadline.
- D. DISTRICT will be responsible for communicating to the Senior Semester students and a parent or guardian the enrollment and selection of courses defined as Senior Semester schedules.
- E. DISTRICT will be responsible for communicating to Senior Semester students and their

parents or a guardian in regard to resolving disputes within the overall operation of the Senior Semester program, including but not limited to the DISTRICT Senior Semester selection process results and qualifications and expectations of student independence not governed by in loco parentis.

- F. DISTRICT will be responsible for securing COLLEGE placement test scores from students for the selection process (pursuant to Appendix B).
- G. DISTRICT will be responsible for the pre-selection and final selection process (pursuant to Appendix B).
- H. DISTRICT will provide the COLLEGE with one point-of-contact i.e.; Principal, to ensure effective and accurate communication.
- I. DISTRICT will provide advising for high school graduation requirements to Senior Semester students.
- J. DISTRICT will provide all personal and academic success counseling services to Senior Semester students.
- K. DISTRICT will provide students who successfully complete Senior Semester with credit towards a high school diploma.
- L. DISTRICT will communicate to the North Boone District 200 students and their parents or a guardian that they are responsible for covering textbook and associated instructional material costs.
- M. DISTRICT will calculate the cost equivalent of tuition and fees with the assistance of the COLLEGE for the courses taken per Senior Semester student and pay the COLLEGE the cost associated with this tuition and fees calculation. In general, it is estimated that the student enrollment of tuition and fees will not exceed \$48,000 per year, which are reasonable to provide students access to COLLEGE'S courses. Subject to COLLEGE'S availability, the DISTRICT will make final determination on the number of students enrolled in the Senior Semester program and their course selections, and shall make adjustments as needed to cover tuition and fees associated with the program while not exceeding the cap established in this Section. Alternatively, if either Party expects the cap established by this Section to be exceeded, the DISTRICT may agree in writing to increase the cap without adjustments to the number of students enrolled and/or the course selections.
- N. District agrees to work with their Senior Semester students who have an IEP or 504 plan annually. DISTRICT will be responsible for including in the annual transition planning meeting a comprehensive transitional plan for Senior Semester. Rock Valley College Disability Support Services and Early College Department are available to assist with the transition planning.

#### **Section 4 COLLEGE Obligations**

COLLEGE will:

- A. COLLEGE will provide technology accounts for Online Services, Eagle, and RVC Mail.

- B. COLLEGE will provide a mandatory orientation, including a review of COLLEGE Policies and procedures and a copy of COLLEGE's Student Handbook.
- C. COLLEGE will offer the mandatory STU 100, Planning for Success, during the Senior Semester enrollment. DISTRICT is responsible for tuition and fees for STU 100, Planning for Success.
- D. COLLEGE will provide final grades for courses within two weeks of the completion of each semester.
- E. COLLEGE will be responsible for administering COLLEGE placement test with and for students (pursuant to Appendix B).
- F. COLLEGE will ensure that any employee or agent of COLLEGE who has direct and regular contact with participating DISTRICT students undergoes a criminal history records check.
- G. COLLEGE will ensure that instructors for Senior Semester courses are properly qualified to teach such courses, consistent with the Dual Credit Quality Act, 110 ILCS 27/16(5) and 110 ILCS 27/20. COLLEGE shall approve any instructors which DISTRICT identifies and recommends for use in the Senior Semester Program. Any DISTRICT-recommended instructors shall be hired and compensated by DISTRICT.
- H. COLLEGE will take appropriate steps to ensure that Senior Semester courses are equivalent in quality and rigor to other courses offered at the COLLEGE for college credit. COLLEGE will ensure that Senior Semester student learning outcomes are the same as other courses taught at COLLEGE. In addition, COLLEGE will annually evaluate course content, delivery, and rigor, consistent with COLLEGE'S review and evaluation policy for on-campus adjunct faculty, in consultation with the DISTRICT'S superintendent.
- I. COLLEGE reserves the right to modify or cancel classes based on instructor availability and/or student interest. COLLEGE will support and implement schedule request changes made by DISTRICT Counselor and commit to ensuring any schedule changes of DISTRICT 200 students are approved by DISTRICT Counselor or DISTRICT Director of Career Readiness before being made. In such circumstances the COLLEGE will notify the DISTRICT counselor of such changes.
- J. COLLEGE will maintain appropriate academic control over the curriculum of all Senior Semester Program courses, consistent with State and/or Federal law and as required or negotiated by the Higher Learning Commission.
- K. COLLEGE will evaluate and document the performance of students who complete dual credit courses, and share such data with DISTRICT. To the extent applicable, the evaluation shall not impact the instructor's performance evaluation under the School Code.
- L. COLLEGE will make publicly available and provide to each student all institutional policies relating to the academic standing of students enrolled in dual credit courses or the transfer of credit for dual credit courses.

### **Section 5 Participating DISTRICT Students' Obligations**

The DISTRICT will cause participating DISTRICT students to comply with the following requirements (pursuant to Appendix B):

- A. Student will complete information in the COLLEGE Welcome Packet.
- B. Student will attend mandatory COLLEGE Senior Semester Orientation.
- C. Student will respond to email communication via COLLEGE Mail on a daily basis.
- D. Student will schedule an advising appointment at the midterm of the Senior Semester with a COLLEGE advisor and DISTRICT counselor in advance of assigned priority registration dates.
- E. Student will keep all scheduled appointments.
- F. Student will adhere to COLLEGE and DISTRICT policies and procedures.
- G. Student will demonstrate qualities of integrity, honesty, civility and respect in their conduct both in and out of the classroom as noted in the COLLEGE Student Handbook.
- H. Student will meet and maintain requirements as set forth in the Senior Semester Academic Conduct Policies (pursuant to Appendix C).
- I. Student will meet with the DISTRICT and a parent or guardian to ensure the applicable high school graduation requirements are met prior to the start of the Senior Semester.

**Section 6 Shared Obligations and Understandings of the Parties**

- A. The DISTRICT and COLLEGE acknowledge and agree that this Agreement solely memorializes implementation of Senior Semester, and that there are no other promises, representations, or agreements between the Parties except as provided in this Agreement.
- B. DISTRICT and COLLEGE agree to comply with all applicable federal and State nondiscrimination and equal opportunity laws, rules and regulations. DISTRICT and COLLEGE shall not engage in unlawful discrimination or harassment against any person based on race, color, ancestry, national origin, religion, pregnancy, sexual orientation, order of protection status, gender identity or expression, age, marital status, disability, genetic information, unfavorable military discharge, veteran status, or sex (including sexual harassment, sexual violence, sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence and/or stalking), or any other legally protected category. The Parties will coordinate regarding an appropriate response to any report of alleged harassment, including sexual harassment, involving students or employees involved in the Senior Semester Program, taking into consideration the nature of the report, the parties involved and the location and context in which the alleged harassment occurred.
- C. In carrying out its respective obligations under this Agreement, each Party and its employees shall maintain the confidentiality of all personally identifiable information concerning the students enrolled in Senior Semester courses, and shall adhere to all applicable federal, State and local laws, rules and regulations now in effect or later adopted relating to the confidentiality of student records and information, including but not limited to the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act ("FERPA"), 20 U.S.C. §1232g, and Illinois School Student Records Act ("ISSRA"), 105 ILCS 10/1 et seq. With regard to the education records/school student records and information to which a Party and/or its employees shall be granted access under this Agreement, that Party and its employees shall be deemed "school officials" with legitimate educational interests in such records and information. The Party and its employees shall have the right to access and

use such records and information solely for the purpose of performing the Party's obligations under this Agreement. The Party and its employees shall not re-disclose personally identifiable student information that is received under this Agreement to any third party, except as directed or permitted by the other Party, or as required by law. Each Party shall have in place reasonable policies and procedures, which the other Party may monitor or audit upon request and with reasonable notice, to prevent such re-disclosure.

- D. It is understood and agreed that neither party to this Agreement shall be legally liable for any negligent or wrongful acts either of commission or omission, chargeable to the other, unless such liability is imposed by law, and this Agreement shall not be construed as seeking to enlarge or diminish any obligation or duty owed by one party against the other party or against third parties.
- E. The Parties agree that their respective representatives shall use their best efforts to timely communicate with one another as needed to pursue the objectives and implementation of Senior Semester, and to work cooperatively to resolve any issues which may from time to time arise in the course of their collaboration. The Parties shall, not less than annually, review the provisions of this Agreement and identify any updates, as may be needed. Any such updates are subject to the requirements of Section 8.E, below.

#### **Section 7 Participation in the Senior Semester Program by Students with Disabilities**

The Parties will work collaboratively and utilize the following processes to ensure that individual students with disabilities have access to Senior Semester Program courses, provided that they are able to meet the criteria for entry into such courses:

- A. The DISTRICT will identify all eligible students based upon the requirements as set forth in the Senior Semester Pre-Selection Criteria (Appendix A) and DISTRICT Procedures to Fulfill Qualifications and Admissions (Appendix B).
- B. The process is established as follows:
- The DISTRICT will identify students who have a current IEP or 504 Plan on the final and approved DISTRICT Senior Semester list, as referenced in Appendix B.
  - The DISTRICT will ensure that each student with an IEP or 504 Plan and their parent/guardian is informed of the differences in college ADA accommodations versus high school accommodations.
  - The DISTRICT Counselor and COLLEGE Early College department will assist with connecting students to Disability Support Services so that college accommodations can be developed prior to the start of Senior Semester coursework.
  - The DISTRICT will assist in providing students a copy of their current IEP or 504 Plan to provide to the COLLEGE Disability Support Services.
- C. A student with a disability shall have access to the supplementary aids and accommodations included in their individualized education program under Article 14 of the Illinois School Code or

Section 504 Plan under the federal Rehabilitation Act of 1973 while the student is accessing a Senior Semester Program course on DISTRICT's high school campus, in accordance with established DISTRICT practices for providing these services.

- D. A student with a disability who accesses a Senior Semester Program course on COLLEGE's campus shall have access to appropriate supplementary aids and/or accommodations for which the student is eligible through COLLEGE's Disability Support Services office. The Parties agree that the COLLEGE'S Disability Support Services office will coordinate with and involve the District in identifying appropriate supplementary aids and/or accommodations for eligible students.
- E. DISTRICT and COLLEGE shall regularly communicate regarding the progress, performance and individual needs of students with disabilities who are enrolled in Senior Semester Program courses.

Nothing contained herein shall be construed as to release DISTRICT from its obligations as the "Resident District" and/or "Local Education Agency," as those terms may be defined in State or federal laws, rules and/or regulations relating to students with disabilities. DISTRICT represents and warrants that, at all times and during all situations governed by this Agreement, it shall remain the Resident District and Local Education Agency for any and all students with disabilities participating in the Senior Semester Program hereunder.

#### **Section 8 Miscellaneous Provisions**

- A. **Effective Date.** This Agreement becomes effective upon the date as of which It has been approved and fully executed by both of the Board of Education of DISTRICT and the Board of Trustees of COLLEGE.
- B. **Term of Agreement; Non-Assignability.** This initial term of this Agreement shall commence on the Effective Date and expire automatically on June 30, 2025, but may be mutually extended by the parties for subsequent one (1) year terms. This Agreement is not transferable or assignable by the Parties. There are no third-party beneficiaries to this Agreement.
- C. **Termination.** Either Party shall have the right to terminate this Agreement at the end of any semester during the initial term and any extension thereof, in whole or in part upon providing written notice of termination to the other Party at least 30 days prior to the last day of student attendance in any such semester.
- D. **Notices.** All notice required pursuant to this Agreement shall be sent by means capable of providing a confirmation of receipt, including (a) deposit with postage pre-paid in the U.S. mail, certified and return receipt requested, (b) personal service, or (c) facsimile transmittal, to the Parties at their addresses set out below or as otherwise specified in writing to one another. All notices mailed shall be deemed effective three days after mailing.



If to DISTRICT:

North Boone Community Unit School  
District No. 200 Att'n: Superintendent  
6248 N. Boone School Road  
Poplar Grove, IL 61065  
Facsimile: (815) 765-2053

with a copy to counsel;

Scott Nemanich  
Klein, Thorpe and Jenkins, Ltd.  
15010 S. Ravinia Ave., Suite 10  
Orland Park, IL 60462  
Facsimile: (708) 349-1506  
Email: [senemanich@ktjlaw.com](mailto:senemanich@ktjlaw.com)

If to COLLEGE:

Illinois Community COLLEGE  
DISTRICT No. 511  
Att'n: Chief Academic Officer  
3301 North Mulford Rd.  
Rockford, IL 61114  
Facsimile: (815) 921-6974

with a copy to counsel:

Joseph J. Perkoski  
Robbins-Schwartz  
55 W. Monroe St. – Suite 800  
Chicago, IL 60603-5144  
Facsimile: (312) 332-7768  
Email: [jperkoski@robbins-schwartz.com](mailto:jperkoski@robbins-schwartz.com)

- E. **Amendments.** No change, modification or amendment to this Agreement shall be valid unless reduced to writing and approved by the Parties' respective governing boards.
- F. **Good Faith and Dispute Resolution.** The Parties agree to use their best, good faith efforts to promote and operate the Senior Semester program. In the event of a dispute arising under this Agreement which cannot be resolved informally by the Parties' designated representatives and the Parties' respective governing boards, the Parties agree to first engage in non-binding mediation to resolve the conflict. If mediation is unsuccessful, the Parties may, by subsequent written agreement, elect to engage in binding arbitration pursuant to the procedures of the American Arbitration Association, in lieu of litigation.
- G. **Severability.** If for any reason any provision of this Agreement is determined by a court or an arbitrator to be invalid or unenforceable, that provision shall be deemed severed and the balance of the Agreement shall otherwise remain in full force and effect.
- The failure of a Party to this Agreement to insist upon strict and prompt performance of the terms and conditions shall not constitute or be construed as a waiver or relinquishment of that Party's right thereafter to enforce any such term or condition, but the same shall continue in full force and effect.
- H. **Governing Law.** This Agreement shall be governed by and interpreted according to the laws of the State of Illinois.
- I. **Signature In Counterparts.** This Agreement may be executed in counterparts, each of which shall be an original, but all of which shall constitute one and the same instrument. Counterparts may be exchanged in PDF format by email.

**WHEREFORE**, the Parties by their respective officers have executed this Agreement on the dates set forth below.

**Board of Education  
North Boone School  
District No. 200  
Boone County, Illinois**

**Board of Trustees  
Illinois Community College  
District No. 511  
Winnebago County, Illinois**

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**President**

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**President**

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**Secretary**

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**Date**

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**Date**

**APPENDIX A**  
**DISTRICT Senior Semester Program Process Procedures**

**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 junior year to apply for Senior Semester.
3. Have a minimum 3.5 cumulative high school GPA.
4. Be on track for high school graduation by the end of the junior year for the one semester program.
5. Completed one year of Algebra 1, one year of Geometry, and Algebra 2 with a grade of "B" or higher in each semester by the end of the junior year.
6. Completed three years of English with a grade of "B" or higher in each semester by the end of the junior year.
7. Completed one year of Chemistry with a grade of "B" or higher in each semester by the end of the junior year.
8. Have a positive recommendation from the DISTRICT and school Principal and/or Counselor.
9. Have the permission of a parent or legal guardian.
10. Work with the DISTRICT high school counselor to complete steps outlined In Appendix B.
11. DISTRICT may implement additional pre-selection criteria above and beyond the minimum pre-selection criteria given above.

**APPENDIX B**  
**DISTRICT Procedures to Fulfill Qualifications and Admissions**

Note: "Dean of EC" refers to Rock Valley College's Dean of Early College. "DISTRICT" refers to North Boone School District 200. "RVC" refers to Rock Valley COLLEGE's Early COLLEGE Office.

1. DISTRICT determines list of students who are qualified.
2. DISTRICT Counselors determine who is Interested in applying for the Senior Semester Program.
3. DISTRICT interested students complete an RVC Application for Admission.
4. DISTRICT testing proctors will administer ACCUPLACER testing at DISTRICT campuses, or alternatively schedule a test date at the COLLEGE Testing Center (RVC Application for Admission must be completed no less than 1 week prior to testing.)
5. DISTRICT students will take the RVC Accuplacer placement test in English and math or submit ACT/SAT scores for possible wavier of the placement test. DISTRICT students with disabilities shall be provided reasonable accommodations, consistent with policies of DISTRICT and COLLEGE.
6. DISTRICT students will be allowed one re-test in English and Math during the Senior Semester Application period for a cost of \$5 per subject re-test. If testing is proctored at the high school, RVC will waive re-test fees.
7. RVC provides ACCUPLACER scores report to District staff.
8. DISTRICT Counselors review and determine if students are ready for COLLEGE coursework as part of the RVC Senior Semester Program based on Accuplacer scores and/or SAT/ACT scores and pre-selection criteria.
9. DISTRICT staff will place student's data into a shared file that is compatible with MS Excel or Google Sheets format, with the RVC Student ID that contains all students who are qualified based on DISTRICT selection criteria.
10. DISTRICT Counselors update shared file with qualified DISTRICT Senior Semester students and alerts District staff that file has been updated.
11. District staff compiles list of all qualified DISTRICT Senior Semester students with RVC Student ID's and submits to COLLEGE.
12. COLLEGE will verify qualified students and send the confirmed report back to District staff to complete the DISTRICT selection process.
13. DISTRICT based on number of slots available (not to exceed 20 spots), District staff will select students based upon process outlined by DISTRICT.
14. After selection process is conducted, District staff will send final and approved DISTRICT Senior Semester student list to DISTRICT Master Schedule and COLLEGE.
15. DISTRICT Counselors notify ALL students of award of placement into DISTRICT Senior Semester program OR placement on DISTRICT waiting list.
16. COLLEGE sends welcome packet to DISTRICT students and request for transcripts to final and

approved DISTRICT Senior Semester students.

17. Accepted DISTRICT students return completed welcome packet forms and transcripts to COLLEGE.
18. DISTRICT staff manages DISTRICT Senior Semester waiting list.
19. Students and DISTRICT Counselors are responsible for ensuring students will meet North Boone District 200 graduation requirements.
20. COLLEGE provides schedules to district staff for students enrolled in the DISTRICT Senior Semester program.
21. District staff distributes schedules to DISTRICT counselors.
22. District staff will work with DISTRICT students and COLLEGE on any changes to schedules offered to the DISTRICT.
23. COLLEGE provides students access to college advisors to assist with scheduling, as needed
24. When a student scheduling change is requested by the DISTRICT or the DISTRICT student, the student submits the "RVC Schedule Change Form" to DISTRICT Counselor for approval.
25. If approved, DISTRICT Counselor submits the signed "RVC Schedule Change Form" to District staff for processing to the Early College Office.
26. COLLEGE provides student transcripts to district staff for semester completed by participating students within two weeks of final grades posting.

## APPENDIX C

### Senior Semester Academic Conduct Policies

All *Senior Semester* students at Rock Valley College (RVC) are expected to demonstrate qualities of integrity, honesty, civility, and respect in their conduct, both in and out of the classroom. All RVC policies can be viewed in the Student Handbook found on our website: [www.rockvalleycollege.edu](http://www.rockvalleycollege.edu). Adherence to all policies is essential and required to remain in the *Senior Semester* program.

#### **ADVISING & COMMUNICATION**

*Senior Semester* students are expected to:

- Meet with your high school program counselor for high school graduation and semester schedules.
- Only add or drop classes with your high school program counselor.
- Meet with an RVC Advisor for matters relating to RVC enrollment.
- Respond to communication via RVC Mail and EAGLE accounts on a daily basis.
- Keep all scheduled appointments.

#### **ATTENDANCE POLICY**

Students are expected to attend every class meeting and arrive on time. There is no college policy permitting absences. Each faculty member will decide when and how absences affect grades. It is the responsibility of the student to adhere to the course syllabus. If a student needs to miss class, they must contact their instructor and their home high school office.

#### **MAINTAINING ACADEMIC INTEGRITY**

Please refer to page 47 of the Student Handbook: <http://www.rockvalleycollege.edu/studenthandbook>

#### **ACADEMIC EARLY WARNING**

Transitioning from high school to college can be a challenge and students may find it difficult to adjust. The Early Warning System is designed to assist students by alerting the Dean of Students office of any student who misses class or struggles academically within the first few weeks of school. This early intervention is intended to make a difference in the student's academic performance before midterm and set a pattern of success for the rest of the semester.

Assistance to improve academic performance is available by taking advantage of the following:

- Meet with instructors to review course expectations and create a plan of action. Instructor office hours can be found on the course syllabus.
- Visit the Tutoring Center, Writing Center, and/or Math Lab for instruction, tutoring, and study skills enhancement. These services are free to RVC students.

#### **DISMISSAL FROM PROGRAM**

*Senior Semester* students may be dismissed from the program as a result of *any* of the following:

- Demonstration of behavior and/or attitudes that undermine the integrity and privilege of program participation, as deemed by RVC and/or the participating School District.
- Violation of any of the Code of Conduct policies and/or Academic Misconduct policies.

**Dual and Articulated Credit**  
**Memorandum of Understanding between**  
**Rock Valley College and North Boone Community Unit School**  
**District 200**

This Memorandum of Understanding ("MOU" or "Agreement") is entered into this \_\_\_\_ day of June, 2024 between North Boone Community Unit School District 200 ("School District"), located at 6248 North Boone School Road, Poplar Grove, Illinois 61065 and Rock Valley College ("RVC" or "the College"), located at 3301 N. Mulford Road, Rockford, Illinois 61114 (collectively, the "Parties").

**WHEREAS**, School District and Rock Valley College have come together and would like to offer high school students enrolled in School District an opportunity to receive dual high school and college level credit through the Dual and Articulated Credit program; and

**WHEREAS**, the Parties desire to enter into this Agreement to facilitate the transition of students from secondary coursework into Rock Valley College; and

**WHEREAS**, the Parties herein desire to enter into an Agreement setting forth the services and guidelines to be provided and followed by each Party.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, it is hereby agreed by and between the Parties as follows:

1. School District and Rock Valley College will make available to eligible students participating in the Dual and Articulated Credit Program certain agreed upon "dual credit courses" and "articulated credit courses," as listed in Appendix A which is attached hereto and incorporated herein.
2. All dual credit courses shall be taught by qualified and approved School District instructors ("School District Dual Credit Instructors") during the academic year.
3. All dual credit and articulated credit courses shall be taught at the School District's campuses, unless otherwise noted in Appendix A.
4. It is further agreed upon by the Parties that the School District will:
  - a. Designate a School District point-of-contact for all dual credit and articulated credit course offerings.
  - b. Follow the procedures outlined in Appendix B which is attached hereto and incorporated herein, regarding Curriculum Development, Feedback, and Approval;
  - c. Verify that School District Dual Credit Instructors meet Rock Valley College's minimum qualifications to teach including:
    - i. Each School District Dual Credit Instructor must submit a *Rock Valley College Dual Credit at the High School Instructor Application*.
    - ii. The School District must complete an *Instructor Verification* form for each School District Dual Credit Instructor to verify that official transcripts and formal identification of the Instructor are on record at the District office for ICCB and HLC auditing purposes.

- d. Follow the procedures outlined in Appendix D for articulated credit courses which is attached hereto and incorporated herein;
- e. Collaborate with Rock Valley College Early College Department on a shared Google Sheet to track students' completed Enrollment Forms and submit course rosters for each dual credit and articulated credit course. Dual credit course rosters will be used for Rock Valley College course registration and articulated credit course rosters will be used to track students' articulated credit eligibility;
- f. Send Rock Valley College initial dual credit course rosters via the shared Google Sheet, in June for fall semester and year-long courses, and November for the spring semester courses, and verify final rosters within 2 weeks after the high school start date;
- g. Send verified articulated credit course rosters via the shared Google Sheet within 30 days after the high school start date;
- h. Ensure that School District Dual Credit Instructors follow Rock Valley College's master course syllabus with identified learning outcomes for each course, and utilize appropriate textbooks for each course as agreed upon by School District and Rock Valley College;
- i. Ensure that School District Dual and Articulated Credit Instructors submit high school course syllabi that are in alignment with the Rock Valley College Master Course Syllabus, and include all information specific to course curriculum (learning outcomes, course objectives, methods of assessment, course outline), and samples of class assignments, projects, and exams to Early College Department for review on an annual basis, and utilize the approved syllabus, appropriate textbooks, resources, and RVC approved final project or exam (if necessary) for each course as agreed upon by School District and Rock Valley College;
- j. Be responsible for School District Dual Credit Instructors submitting a final instructor course syllabus for each course section to the Rock Valley College Early College Department by the end of the second week of high school classes each semester;
- k. Require all School District Dual Credit Instructors to attend Dual Credit Instructor workshops and other related meetings hosted by Rock Valley College to discuss dual credit processes and procedures *at least* once each academic year, for purposes of ensuring that student learning outcomes are met and that the Instructor is able to deliver quality, rigorous college credit coursework;
- l. Allow Rock Valley College's chief academic officer or his or her designee, in consultation with the School District's superintendent or his or her designee, the opportunity to conduct course evaluations in a manner consistent with RVC's review and evaluation policies and procedures for on-campus adjunct faculty, to include peer review visits to the School District on an annual basis. This evaluation shall be limited to the course and the ability of the Instructor to deliver quality, rigorous college credit coursework. This evaluation shall not impact the Instructor's performance evaluation under Article 24A of the School Code;
- m. Require all School District Dual Credit Instructors to complete the following steps in Rock Valley College Self Service, in accordance with the calendar dates determined by Rock Valley College and as outlined in Appendix C, which is attached hereto and incorporated herein: Rock Valley



College Enrollment Verification ("EVR"), midterm grades, and final grades, which become part of each student's official college record;

- n. Distribute on the first day of class, the instructor course syllabus to each student registered in a Dual Credit course section;
- o. Ensure that all students enrolled in courses for college credit meet Rock Valley College course prerequisites and placement requirements or are concurrently enrolled in transitional courses, remedial courses, or receiving a mutually agreed upon academic intervention; and
- p. Provide necessary academic support and guidance to students enrolled in the program.

5. It is further agreed upon by the Parties that Rock Valley College will:

- a. Provide courses from Illinois Community College Board ("ICCB") approved programs;
- b. Provide the School District with copies of all official college credit master course syllabi which contain course descriptions, prerequisites, learning outcomes, course requirements, and methods of evaluation for courses referenced in Appendix A;
- c. Follow the Curriculum Development, Feedback and Approval procedure outlined in Appendix B;
- d. Provide the School District with a list of the currently approved textbooks for dual credit courses being taught at the School District;
- e. Review the resume and transcripts of any School District Dual Credit Instructor recommended by the School District to teach a dual credit course to ensure compliance with minimum Illinois Community College Board and Higher Learning Commission qualifications to teach dual credit requirements;
- f. Provide guidance on appropriate placement of students using multiple measures;
- g. Evaluate and document the performance of students who complete dual credit courses, and share such data with the School District. The evaluation shall not impact the instructor's performance evaluation under the School Code.
- h. Award appropriate college credit and record student grades on a permanent college transcript which will be maintained by Rock Valley College;
- i. Award appropriate college credit and record a 'T' grade on students' permanent college transcripts for students who earn a final grade of 'A' or 'B' in an articulated credit course listed in Appendix A and following the procedures outlined in Appendix D;
- j. Review this MOU annually for accuracy and pricing; and
- k. Host bi-annual meetings in the fall and spring semesters between the School District and College to discuss dual credit matters and renewal of agreements.

6. School District will provide, at its cost, School District Dual Credit Instructors who are qualified to deliver dual credit instruction in compliance with applicable standards established by the Illinois State Board of Education ("ISBE"), ICCB, and the Higher Learning Commission ("HLC"), and will also provide, at its cost, appropriate academic support to participating students to ensure delivery of quality instruction.
7. School District will provide associated instructional costs such as instructional materials and supplies, as needed.
8. Rock Valley College will charge a per-student enrollment fee of \$50.00 for each dual credit course for the 2024-2025 academic year and will waive associated student fees. The per-student enrollment fee shall not apply to students who enroll in dual credit courses for high school credit only pursuant to Section 14 of this Agreement.
9. By Rock Valley College waiving associated student fees, the participating student will not be eligible for utilization of Rock Valley College student organizations and select student support services.
10. If the School District cannot provide instructional coverage and Rock Valley College is capable, at the School District's cost, a separate agreement will need to be drafted to outline the expenses associated with Rock Valley College's instructional delivery of the dual credit course at the School District campuses.
11. Recommended modifications to this Agreement will be mutually agreed upon by the Parties and shall be in writing. Such modifications will not jeopardize credit for the students currently enrolled in courses covered under this Agreement.
12. For classes desired to be offered as part of a pathway but that do not have a qualified dual credit teacher or enough qualifying students enrolled, the College will determine if those courses can be offered as articulated credit and how district students will earn that credit, as referenced in Appendixes A and D.
13. The Parties will work collaboratively and utilize the following processes to ensure that individual students with disabilities have access to Dual Credit at High School courses, provided that they are able to meet the criteria for entry into such courses:
  - a. The School District will ensure that all of its students have access to dual credit course offering information prior to course selection.
  - b. Once dual credit course rosters are finalized, the School District will indicate on the shared Google Sheet which dual credit students have an IEP or 504 plan and document the provided accommodations within the established School District practices for record keeping of these services.
  - c. A student with a disability shall have access to the supplementary aids and accommodations included in their individualized education program under Article 14 of the Illinois School Code or Section 504 Plan under the federal Rehabilitation Act of 1973 while the student is accessing a dual credit course on the School District's campus, in accordance with established School District practices for providing these services.
  - d. The School District and RVC shall regularly communicate regarding the progress, performance and individual needs of students with disabilities who are enrolled in Dual Credit at High School courses.

Nothing contained herein shall be construed as to release the School District from its obligations as the "Resident District" and/or "Local Education Agency," as those terms may be defined in State or federal laws, rules and/or regulations relating to students with disabilities. The School District represents and warrants that, at all times and during all situations governed by this Agreement, it shall remain the Resident District and Local Education Agency for any and all students with disabilities participating in Dual Credit at High School hereunder.

14. The School District will allow high school students who do not otherwise meet the College's academic eligibility requirements for receipt of college credit to enroll in dual credit courses taught at the high school, for high school credit only.
  - a. To the extent practicable, students enrolled in a dual credit course for high school credit only will be placed in a separate section than those students who are enrolled in the course for both high school and college credit.
  - b. The School District will establish procedures, prior to the first day of class, to notify all individual high school students enrolled in a mixed enrollment dual credit course that includes students who have and have not met the criteria for dual credit coursework of whether or not they are eligible to earn college credit or the course.
  - c. The School District shall ensure that its instructors maintain the rigor of dual credit courses taught at the high school and including students not deemed ready for college-level coursework according to the College's standards.
  
15. In carrying out its respective obligations under this Agreement, each Party and its employees shall maintain the confidentiality of all personally identifiable information concerning the students enrolled in dual and/or articulated credit courses, and shall adhere to all applicable federal, State and local laws, rules and regulations now in effect or later adopted relating to the confidentiality of student records and information, including but not limited to the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act ("FERPA"), 20 U.S.C. §1232g, and Illinois School Student Records Act ("ISSRA"), 105 ILCS 10/1 et seq. With regard to the education records/school student records and information to which a Party and/or its employees shall be granted access under this Agreement, that Party and its employees shall be deemed "school officials" with legitimate educational interests in such records and information. The Party and its employees shall have the right to access and use such records and information solely for the purpose of performing the Party's obligations under this Agreement. The Party and its employees shall not re-disclose personally identifiable student information that is received under this Agreement to any third party, except as directed or permitted by the other Party, or as required by law. Each Party shall have in place reasonable policies and procedures, which the other Party may monitor or audit upon request and with reasonable notice, to prevent such re-disclosure.

To the extent feasible, the College and School District shall annually assess disaggregated data pertaining to dual credit course enrollments, completions, and subsequent postsecondary enrollment and performance. If applicable, this assessment shall include an analysis of dual credit courses with credit sections for dual credit and for high school credit only pursuant to Section 14 of this Agreement that reviews student characteristics by credit section in relation to gender, race and ethnicity, and low-income status. School District shall be responsible for providing dis-aggregated data concerning students enrolled in dual credit courses for high school credit only.

16. This Agreement will be in effect August 1, 2024 and end on June 30, 2025.

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High School Superintendent Date

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Rock Valley College President Date

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Board of Education Date

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Rock Valley College Board of Trustees Date

**Appendix A  
Dual Credit Courses**

The following Rock Valley College courses will be offered at North Boone Community Unit School District as dual credit effective during this Agreement:

<b>Dual Credit Courses</b>
ENG 101 – Composition I
ENG 103 – Composition II

## Appendix B

### Curriculum Development, Feedback, and Approval

Dual credit courses taught at the high school are sanctioned by the Dual Credit Quality Act (110 ILCS 27/). In order for a dual credit course to run at a high school, the following must occur:

1. Dual Credit Instructor Application Process
2. Dual Credit Course Application Process
3. Annual Dual Credit Course Peer Review (including syllabus submission)
4. Dual Credit Student Survey Collection

## Appendix C Dual Credit Roster & Grading Procedures for Dual Credit Instructors

1. School District Dual Credit Instructors set up their Rock Valley College network account and password to complete the following processes in RVC Self Service. Individual notices will be sent to each instructor at the start of each course with EVR, midterm, and final deadline dates. Reminder emails will also be sent prior to each deadline date. Missed deadline dates for EVR, midterm grades, and final grades will result in manual processes for the instructor and RVC.
2. Instructors complete the Enrollment Verification ("EVR") process by the tenth day of classes to ensure the high school roster **matches** the Rock Valley College course roster of registered students seeking college credit for their participation in the course. This includes an instructor duty to initiate the following:
  - a) Drop any student who has never attended the course or who does not want dual credit.
  - b) Contact the RVC Early College Office if a student who has been attending is not on the RVC roster so that they can be added.
3. Instructors submit Midterm Grades by the assigned **midterm date**.
  - a) Mark "S" for each student who is currently passing the course with a 'C' or better.
  - b) Mark "D" for each student who is currently earning a 'D' in the course.
  - c) Mark "F" for each student who is currently earning a 'F' in the course.
4. Instructors send Early College notice of a student's intent to withdraw from a course by the assigned **Withdrawal** deadline. Student receives a 'W' grade on their Official RVC Transcript.
5. Instructors submit Final Grades in Self Service by the assigned **final grading deadline**, and the final grade is reported on students' Official RVC Transcripts.

## Appendix D Articulated Credit Policy & Procedures

1. School District communicates intent to offer articulated credit course no later than 6 months before start of intended school year, and adds course information to the shared District and RVC Google Sheet.
2. High school instructor submits syllabus, textbook, and samples of assignments, tests and projects to Early College for review. Updated information must be submitted annually.
3. Rock Valley College will determine approval of the course and it will be added to Appendix A of the MOU.
4. District verifies high school rosters within 30 days from the start of the high school class via the shared Google Sheet between School District and College.
5. Students in articulated courses complete a Rock Valley College Online Enrollment Form within the first week of class.
6. High School provides official, verified high school final grading roster to Early College upon completion of the high school course.
7. Students who earn an 'A' or 'B' in the high school course will be eligible for articulated credit upon the successful completion ('C' or better) in the subsequent course(s), as indicated in Appendix A.
8. Subsequent course(s) must be enrolled in and successfully completed no later than one year after the student's high school graduation.
9. Students register for subsequent course(s) as part of dual credit offerings at the School District or in classes offered at Rock Valley College campuses.
10. The student will receive articulated credit from RVC upon successful completion of subsequent course(s) within timeframe given above.



