

STATEWIDE DUAL CREDIT MASTER AGREEMENT

September 2010

NEW MEXICO SECONDARY AND POSTSECONDARY DUAL CREDIT PROGRAM

MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT

Between New Mexico State University Grants (POSTSECONDARY INSTITUTION)
and Tohahiilee High School (LEA)

Note: SB 943 (Laws 2007, Chapter 227) creates a dual credit program in state statute. Postsecondary institutions and Local Education Agencies (LEAs) must refer to 6.30.7 New Mexico Administrative Code (NMAC) for rules regarding dual credit program implementation.

TERMS OF AGREEMENT

PART 1 - GENERAL PROVISIONS OF AGREEMENT

A. SCOPE

Dual credit shall be provided in accordance with the terms and conditions of this uniform Master Agreement (hereafter Agreement), which supersedes all previous agreements, versions and addenda. This Agreement applies to local education agencies (public school districts, locally chartered and state chartered charter schools, state-supported schools, and bureau of Indian education-funded high schools) (hereafter LEA), high school students who attend secondary schools, and public postsecondary institutions in New Mexico including tribal colleges (hereafter Postsecondary Institution). The LEA may complete agreements with multiple postsecondary institutions. The Postsecondary Institution may complete agreements with multiple LEAs.

B. DEFINITION OF DUAL CREDIT PROGRAM

"Dual credit program" means a program that allows high school students to enroll in college-level courses offered by a POSTSECONDARY INSTITUTION that may be academic or career technical but not remedial or developmental, and simultaneously to earn credit toward high school graduation and a postsecondary degree or certificate.

C. AUTHORIZATION

Dual Credit Programs are authorized by Sections 21-1-12, 21-1 B-3, 21-13-19 and 22-13-1.4 NMSA 1978 and 6.30.7 NMAC.

D. PURPOSES

The primary purposes of a dual credit program are to increase the educational options and opportunities for high school students and increase the overall quality of instruction and learning available through secondary schools. Fundamentally, dual credit programs allow students to earn credit at the secondary and postsecondary levels simultaneously. The programs may also encourage more students to consider academic or career technical higher education, especially students from underrepresented groups. Research indicates that dual credit programs can lead to better completion rates for both high school and college; reduce the need for remediation; shorten time to a diploma or degree completion; reduce the cost of higher education; reinforce the concept of life-long learning through an educational continuum; provide an alternative for students tempted to leave high school to enter the workforce; and, especially when offered through distance learning, provide equal access to higher education opportunities to students, whether rural or urban.

PART 3 - TERM AND FILING OF AGREEMENT

A. TERMS AND CONDITIONS

The initial term of this Agreement shall be from July 1, 2012 to June 30, 2013. With the exception of the appendix, this Agreement may not be altered or modified by either party. This Agreement shall automatically renew for additional fiscal years unless either party notifies the other party of their intent not to renew 60 days before the end of the fiscal year. The LEA in collaboration with the POSTSECONDARY INSTITUTION, may modify the list of dual credit courses in the Appendix of the Agreement. Modifications to the Appendix must be submitted to NMHED and PED by the end of each semester.

The LEA and POSTSECONDARY INSTITUTION providing dual credit programs shall complete the Agreement and the LEA shall submit the completed Agreement to PED.

A completed Agreement shall contain signatures from all parties and includes an Appendix developed collaboratively by the LEA and POSTSECONDARY INSTITUTION that specifies eligible dual credit courses.

B. FILING

A fully executed copy of this Agreement shall be submitted by the LEA to PED within 10 days of approval.

POSTSECONDARY INSTITUTION		APPROVED		LEA	
NEW MEXICO STATE UNIVERSITY GRANTS		TOHAJIILEE HIGH SCHOOL			
Postsecondary Name		LEA Name			
FELICIA CASADOS		LARRY HOLMAN			
Postsecondary Representa Name		LEA Representative Name			
PRES E		ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES DIRECTOR			
Postsecondary Re	e Title	LEA Representative Title			
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Postsecondary Kepres		Representative Signature			
	Representative Signature	LEA			
Date/ '1		Date	5/30/2012		

