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MEMORANDUM (Amended)

TO: District School Superintendents
Florida College System Council on Instructional Affairs
Florida College System Council of Student Affairs

FROM: Gerard Robinson

SUBJECT: Changes to Florida's Dual Enrollment Program Resulting from HB 7059

The dual enrollment program in Florida encourages high school students to pursue an advanced curriculum and to earn college credit, increasing the likelihood of postsecondary success and reducing the time-to-degree. This successful program has allowed thousands of students to simultaneously earn credit toward a certificate or degree from an eligible postsecondary institution as well as credit toward high school graduation.

Legislation in 2012 (HB 7059, Chapter 2012-191, Laws of Florida) amended and clarified numerous aspects of the dual enrollment program. The significant changes are listed below.

- Repeals section (s.) 1007.235, Florida Statutes (F.S.), authorizing the Interinstitutional Articulation Agreement (IAA) in favor of modifying Section 1007.271, Florida Statutes, to create the Dual Enrollment Articulation Agreement. The Dual Enrollment Articulation Agreement requirements are similar to the IAA with an August 1 submission deadline.
- Revises s. 1007.263, F.S., clarifying that dual enrollment and early admission students are exempt from the Florida College System degree admissions requirements.
- Revises s. 1007.271, F.S., governing the dual enrollment program.
 - ✓ Clarifies that students who will graduate prior to completion of a dual enrollment course may not register as a dual enrollment student. An eligible student may enroll and pay tuition and fees;

- ✓ Retains the requirement for a 3.0 or 2.0 high school grade point average for initial eligibility for academic or career dual enrollment, respectively, but establishes that students must maintain an unweighted 3.0 high school grade point average and a minimum postsecondary grade point average for continued enrollment in college credit dual enrollment. Exceptions may be granted on an individual student basis;
- ✓ Establishes that students disruptive to the learning environment may be denied dual enrollment;
- ✓ Authorizes institutions in the Florida College System to set additional eligibility criteria, and may limit dual enrollment based on capacity. Both must be specified in the Dual Enrollment Articulation Agreement;
- ✓ Eliminates an exemption from Florida College System degree admissions requirements for secondary students enrolled in college-level instruction that is not creditable toward the high school diploma;
- ✓ Establishes requirements for dual enrollment instructors and dual enrollment courses;
- ✓ Prohibits dual enrollment courses taught on the high school campus from being combined with any high school course. This is aligned with the repeal of s. 1007.272, F.S., that allowed combined advanced placement and dual enrollment courses;
- ✓ Provides that districts must annually assess the demand for dual enrollment and provide that information to the partnering postsecondary institution;
- ✓ Provides a minimum credit for early admission at 12 credit hours per semester. A student may not be required to enroll in more than 15 college credit hours per semester;
- ✓ Requires the postsecondary institution to enter into a home education articulation agreement with each home education student; and
- ✓ Clarifies that postsecondary institutions will assign letter grades to dual enrollment students. This letter grade shall be posted to the student's high school transcript.

As a result of these modifications to the dual enrollment program, the following attachments are provided for your information and use. All of these documents may also be found at the following website:
<http://www.fldoe.org/articulation/>.

(1) Dual Enrollment Frequently Asked Questions

This document has been updated as a result of this legislation and other recent policy decisions.

(2) Dual Enrollment Transfer Guarantees

Pursuant to s. 1007.271(15), F.S., this document is to be distributed to all dual enrollment students and their parents. In addition, this document must be included in the Home Education Dual Enrollment Articulation Agreement.

(3) Dual Enrollment Articulation Agreement Sample Format

The statute authorizing the Interinstitutional Articulation Agreement was repealed, in favor of the Dual Enrollment Articulation Agreement. This sample format has been updated to include the new elements of the agreement. Please note: For the 2012-2013 school year, institutions may use either agreement format.

(4) Home Education Dual Enrollment Articulation Agreement Sample Format

S. 1007.271(13)(b), F.S., is a new requirement for a separate home education dual enrollment articulation agreement with students and parents. This sample format contains the minimum requirements.

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Should you need any additional information about these documents or the dual enrollment program, you may contact Mr. Matthew Bouck via email at matthew.bouck@fldoe.org or phone at (850) 245-9544.

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