



February 21, 2022

M E M O R A N D U M

TO: Jim Murdaugh, Ph.D.
President

FROM: Calandra Stringer, Ph.D.
Vice President and Provost

SUBJECT: 2022-2023 Early College Program Agreements

Item Description

This item requests board approval for the 2022-2023 Early College Program Agreements between the College and the public school districts in TCC's service area.

Overview and Background

In compliance with Florida Statute 1007.273, the members of the Articulation Councils of TCC and the three public school districts met for the annual review of the early college agreements. The agreements identify College and School District responsibilities for maintaining the Early College program.

The Early College program is another option for dual enrollment which allows high school students who are college ready in all subject areas and have a 3.5 or better unweighted high school GPA to enroll in at least 12 hours each semester at TCC to earn industry certifications and to successfully complete 30 credit hours through dual enrollment. Students are allowed to take classes on the high school campus, at TCC's main campus, and online. Students are advised regarding their educational major and transfer institution. TCC works with the high school guidance counselors to ensure that students are on track for success at both institutions.

Funding/ Financial Implications

Dual enrollment students pay no tuition, fees, lab, or online course fees. The school districts pay the standard rate per credit hour, \$71.98, for students taking courses on TCC's campus during the fall and spring semesters. This also includes online courses. No tuition or fees are collected during the June Express term. However, schools pay for the cost of the instructor if the course is taught at the school site by a TCC instructor.

Past Actions by the Board

The Board approved these agreements annually.

Recommended Action

The Board approves the 2022-2023 Early College program agreements.

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