

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
REGION 10 INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICTS AND CHARTERS (AS LISTED)
AND
COMMUNITY COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES (LISTED)
COLLEGE PREP MATHEMATICS AND ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS COURSES**

This Memorandum of Understanding (“MOU”) provides for reciprocal actions between the parties designated herein. There is no exchange of funds or any fees to be paid by either party to the other.

This MOU is entered into as of the _____ day of _____, 2014 (the “Effective Date”) between the listed independent school districts and charter schools (“Parties”) below:

Collin County:

Allen ISD
Blue Ridge ISD
Celina ISD
Community ISD
Farmersville ISD
Frisco ISD
Lovejoy ISD
McKinney ISD
Plano ISD
Princeton ISD
Wylie ISD

Fannin County:

Bonham ISD
Dodd City ISD
Ector ISD
Honey Grove ISD
Leonard ISD
Sam Rayburn ISD
Savoy ISD
Trenton ISD

Dallas County:

Carrollton/Farmers Branch ISD
Cedar Hill ISD
Coppell ISD
Dallas ISD
DeSoto ISD
Duncanville ISD
Garland ISD
Grand Prairie ISD
Highland Park ISD
Irving ISD
Lancaster ISD
Mesquite ISD
Richardson ISD
Sunnyvale ISD

Grayson County:

Bells ISD
Collinsville ISD
Denison ISD
Gunter ISD
Howe ISD
Pottsboro ISD
S&S CISD
Sherman ISD
Tioga ISD
Tom Bean ISD
Van Alstyne ISD
Whitesboro ISD
Whitewright ISD

Ellis County:

Avalon ISD
Ennis ISD
Ferris ISD
Italy ISD
Maypearl ISD
Midlothian ISD
Milford ISD

Palmer ISD
Red Oak ISD
Waxahachie ISD

Hunt County:

Boles ISD
Greenville ISD
Lone Oak ISD

Quinlan ISD
Wolfe City ISD

Kaufman County:

Canton ISD
Crandall ISD
Forney ISD
Kaufman ISD
Kemp ISD

Mabank ISD
Scurry-Rosser ISD
Terrell ISD
Wills Point ISD

Rockwall County:

Rockwall ISD
Royse City ISD

Charter Schools:

A+ Academy
Alpha Charter School
Faith Family Academy of Oak Cliff
Inspired Vision
Life School
Phoenix Charter School
Winfree Academy Charter Schools

and the community colleges and universities (“Parties”) below:

Dallas County Community College District
Navarro College
Trinity Valley Community College
Paris Junior College

Collin College
Grayson College
Texas A&M University - Commerce
Texas Woman’s University

WHEREAS, The State of Texas mandated via TEC Sec. 28.014 that each school district shall partner with at least one institution of higher education to develop and provide courses in college preparatory mathematics and English language arts;

WHEREAS, regional independent school districts and charter schools and institutions of higher education in the region jointly recognized an opportunity to create seamless pathways for students to enter into college level work in mathematics and English Language Arts without further remediation;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants and conditions contained in this MOU and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, the above listed members, intending to be legally bound, agree as follows:

1. Scope of Services. Independent school districts, charter schools, and colleges agree to collaborate to develop and maintain college preparatory mathematics and English language arts courses that meet the terms of this agreement as outlined below in the Support and Services section of this MOU. Develop, for this purpose may include roles of providing input to the course design, writing the course, writing the course assessment, reviewing course modules and providing input, or communicating course information.

2. Term. The initial term of this MOU shall begin on the June 15, 2014 and continue for a period of three years. Any party may terminate its membership in this MOU, without cause, upon at least thirty (30) calendar days prior written notice to the other party, with termination effective upon the expiration of the thirty (30) days or as mutually agreed to by the parties.
3. Support and Services. Parties agree to the following:
 - A. Colleges and universities who are parties to this MOU agree to the following for both the mathematics and English language arts courses:
 - i. To share data and provide feedback regarding student success on entry-level college mathematics and English language arts courses;
 - ii. To train advisors to recognize and honor course(s) on school district transcripts;
 - iii. To ensure that students are counseled directly into college level mathematics, English language arts, and all other courses that require mathematics and English language arts college readiness;
 - iv. Provide input, write, review of course outcomes, syllabi, exams, and other program elements
 - v. Exempt students from TSI testing due to successful completion of the course in the local school district which is a party to this agreement
 - B. Independent school districts and charters agree to the following for both the mathematics and English language arts courses:
 - i. To provide highly qualified instructors for the courses being taught;
 - ii. To identify students who are not college ready as stated in HB 5;
 - iii. To provide professional development and resources required to teach the mathematics and English language arts courses;
 - iv. To identify successful completion of the course(s) on the student transcripts as determined by the State of Texas PEIMS number;
 - v. To provide rigorous aligned instructional lessons aligned to the course frameworks provided and to implement the standards with fidelity;
 - vi. To follow local grading procedures for determining successful completion;
 - vii. To provide assistance with college enrollment and financial aid applications.
4. Non-Compliance. Notwithstanding any provision herein to the contrary, if either set of parties does not comply with any part of this MOU, and the failure to comply is not corrected within thirty (30) calendar days after written notice this MOU may be terminated immediately upon written notice from either party.
5. Notice. All notices or other communications required or permitted hereunder shall be in writing, and shall be personally delivered or sent by registered or certified mail, return receipt request, courier delivery, electronic mail, facsimile or receipted overnight mail, and shall be deemed received upon the earlier of (a) the date of delivery, if personally delivered, or (b) three (3) business days after the date of posting by the U.S. postal service, if mailed. All such notices or communications shall be addressed as follows:

Sandy Maddox
Deputy Executive Director
Region 10 Education Service Center
400 E. Spring Valley Road
Richardson, TX 75081

6. Governing Law and Venue. This MOU shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Texas, without regard to its conflicts of laws provisions.

Executed this _____ day of _____, 2014.

Authorized Official

Title

Signature

Copies of all signed agreements are available to any party upon request to:

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