

Item: Memorandum of Understanding between UNCW and NHCS for Marine Science Academy at Ashley High School

Dept.: Instruction & Academic Accountability

Background/Historical Context: Renewal of Memorandum of Understanding for the Marine Science Academy at Ashley High School and UNC - Wilmington. This is an annual agreement.

Recommendation: Request recommendation for approval for this MOU. Supports Ashley High Schools Signature Program – Marine Science Academy.

Rationale for Recommendation: The MOU provides articulation that allows for collaboration between UNC-Wilmington and the Marine Science Academy at Ashley High School to include: course waivers of university courses at UNC-Wilmington upon successful completion of the Marine Science Academy program, access of Marine Science Academy students and Ashley Staff to schedule site visits to UNC – Wilmington and the Center for Marine Science, and summer programming at UNC-Wilmington.

Short and Long Term Impact:

Short Term – Blended and unique learning opportunity utilizing available resources at Ashley High School and UNC-Wilmington.

Long term impact – course waivers per this MOU for specified courses for MSA students attending UNC-Wilmington. Opportunity for students to accelerate in Marine Science.

Supporting Documentation:

Board Action: _____ Recommendation Accepted

_____ Recommendation Rejected

_____ Tabled for Further Study

_____ Other

Memorandum of Understanding
Between
The University of North Carolina Wilmington
And
New Hanover County Board of Education
For The Marine Science Academy at Ashley High School

THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA WILMINGTON (sometimes referred to herein as "University" or "the University") and **NEW HANOVER COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION** (referred to herein as "New Hanover County Schools") agree to the following memorandum of understanding and for the terms of which **WITNESS THE FOLLOWING: WHEREAS** the parties to this Memorandum of Understanding partnered to create The Marine Science Academy at Ashley High School designed to provide students in the New Hanover County High Schools with an enriching education in a coastal setting, equip the students with twenty-first century skills designed to meet the challenges facing our global ocean, and to instill a lifelong love of learning about the beautiful and dynamic North Carolina Coast; **WHEREAS** the Marine Science Academy will provide a high quality marine science college preparatory program for up to 25 high school seniors who have the potential and desire to excel in ocean science; **NOW THEREFORE**, the parties desires to enter into this Memorandum of Understanding and mutually agree to the terms, conditions, activities and services to be performed on behalf of the Academy s the following:

University of North Carolina Wilmington:

Subject to mutually agreed upon details:

1. With department Chair approval, the coordinator may contact professors to seek relevant content lectures and/ or labs aligned to the established Academy coursework 2-4 times per semester. Space usage for these activities will be directly arranged with University administrators by the professor involved in the activity and not NHCS. Dr. Lynn Leonard is the University's main contact. NHCS will contact Dr. Leonard regarding visits to the main campus and to CMS.
2. Will provide instruction, access to materials, and facility use for a week-long summer immersion program during the week immediately preceding the New Hanover Schools start date. It is assumed that NHCS will cover costs for participation in the immersion program.
3. UNCW will provide waivers for Academy students who decide to attend UNCW for OCN 150 and BIO 170 to fulfill Universities Studies requirement. Waivers will not reduce the number of credit hours required for graduation in the student's chosen major. OCN 150 and BIO 170 must be recorded on the High School transcript as evidence of completion in order to receive the waiver.

New Hanover County Schools (coordinator):

Subject to mutually agreed upon details:

1. Will research and implement high-quality relevant instructional p r a c t i c e s .

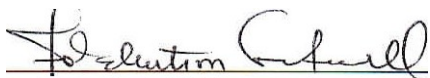
2. Will develop and provide a year-long, two-semester Academy curriculum rich in hands-on scientific inquiry.
3. Will share the Academy course syllabus and curriculum with the University faculty for review by January SO, 2018 and solicit feedback to ensure challenging and rigorous course content.
4. **Will supervise Academy students at all times while at the University facilities.**
5. Will develop, using the NHCS budgetary process, a budget for transportation and participation in the week-long summer immersion program. As part of this budget, NHCS will provide University graduate laboratory assistants monetary compensation to set up, assist, and break-down labs used by Academy students 1-2 times per semester. The salary rate will be negotiated annually.

Renewal and Termination of Agreement:

This Memorandum contains the entire agreement between the parties regarding the subject matter hereof and may be amended only by mutual written agreement of both parties. The Memorandum will be in effect from August 19, 2017 until June 9, 2018. The University and New Hanover County Board of Education reserve the right to terminate this Memorandum upon service of written notice to the other party 90 days prior to the date of termination. In this event, the date of termination will be the day after the end of the semester during which the 90-day period expires. If, and only if, the following clauses are required by law to be included in this MOU, they shall apply:

UNCW shall conduct annual checks of all its employees and independent contractors whose job involves direct interaction with New Hanover County Board of Education students. These annual checks shall be of the lists and registries currently specified in NCGS 115C-SS2. 1. UNCW shall prohibit all of its employees and independent contractors who are listed on any of the list or registries currently specified in NCGS §1 15C-SS2. 1 from having direct interaction with New Hanover County Board of Education students.

In witness thereof, the parties have duly approved this Memorandum of Understanding in two original counterparts.


 Dr. Jose V. Sartarelli
 Chancellor of University of North Carolina Wilmington

7/20/214
 Date

 Dr. Tim Markley
 Superintendent of New Hanover County Schools

 Date

 Mr. Edward B. Higgins, Jr. Esq.
 NHCS Board of Education Chairman

 Date