COLLEGE CREDIT PLUS

Memorandum of Understanding
By and between

The University of Akron
And
New Philadelphia City Schools
2023 – 2024 School Year

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1. STATEMENT OF WORK

The University of Akron, hereinafter called **The University**, will collaborate with **New Philadelphia City Schools**, hereinafter called **The District**, to provide instructional services to qualifying students for University Credit.

2. THE PROGRAM

This College Credit Plus program is available to qualified students enrolled in The District. It is not intended to be a substitute for the academic programs, social growth opportunities, or other educational experiences provided by Ohio's schools. Rather, it is designed to provide enhanced access to university curricula for qualified students. This program hopes to increase the university attendance rate in The University's region by making university courses more readily available.

3. PARTICULARS

A. Instructional Services: Unless otherwise agreed by the parties, College Credit Plus courses will be taught in one of five formats:

A1. High School Teacher as Adjunct - Members of the high school faculty who are determined by The University and the discipline specific departments to qualify as adjunct faculty may teach a University course (using a University syllabus and University textbooks and examinations) for students through College Credit Plus as determined by The University. The class will simultaneously carry University and high school credit.

A2. On-Line Course Delivery - A member of the University faculty (as determined by The University) may teach a course on-line for qualified students through College Credit Plus. The class will simultaneously carry University and high school credit.

A3. Distance Learning Delivery - A member of the University faculty (as determined by The University) may teach a course via Distance Learning for qualified students through College Credit Plus. The class will simultaneously carry University and high school credit.

A4. UA Faculty to High School Site - A member of the University faculty (as determined by The University) may teach a course at the high school site for qualified students through College Credit Plus. The University and The District will agree upon a minimum enrollment to offer the class and The University reserves the right to cancel a class due to low enrollment. The class will simultaneously carry University and high school credit.

A5. High School Student to UA Campus (Any Site) – Qualified students may take a course on the campus of The University through College Credit Plus. This format includes hybrid courses with both an on-campus and online component. The class will simultaneously carry University and high school credit.

B. All required textbooks, including access codes for e-books, will be the responsibility of the school district.

C. Student Participation: Students interested in participating in this program must apply to The University for College Credit Plus. Determination of qualification will be made according to the standards of The University. Qualifying students will be eligible to enroll in these College Credit Plus classes for the fall, spring and summer semesters. Students must work with the Guidance Office at The District to ensure their high school requirements and District policies for graduation are satisfied.

Students will also be required to work closely with their University academic adviser to assure that all deadlines and requirements are met.

Students seeking accommodations for ADA will be required to be assessed through The University of Akron Office of Accessibility. Resources will be determined by the Office of Accessibility based on submitted documentation and assessment.

Students must remain eligible to continue to participate in the College Credit Plus program based on the State of Ohio guidelines.

4. CURRICULUM

A. Course Schedule: Courses offered at The District will be determined by The District AND The University and will fall within the State of Ohio guidelines. Initial discussions regarding the course schedule for the upcoming school year will take place at meetings with the appropriate personnel from The University and The District. Changes to the course schedule will be made only upon agreement of both parties.

B. Credit Hour Requirements: Courses offered at The District must meet the minimum number of "seat time" hours as determined by the credit hours for the course. A three-credit hour course must meet the equivalent of 150 minutes per week for fifteen weeks, for a total of 2,250 minutes for the semester. A four-credit hour course must meet the equivalent of 200 minutes per week for fifteen weeks, for a total of 3,000 minutes for the semester. Class time missed for holidays or teacher in-service days not observed by The University must be made up.

C. Class Composition: All students in a class offered through College Credit Plus at The District must qualify for and be enrolled through College Credit Plus.

D. Courses will explicitly follow University course syllabi and include all required exams, assignments and student learning assessments, and final grades must be submitted by the specified deadline set by the University. Course instructors will maintain all privileges, responsibilities, and expectations as a University adjunct faculty member, including in-class evaluations by University personnel and student course evaluations.

5. TERM

The services described in this Agreement will be provided for the 2023 - 2024 academic year (summer, fall and spring.)

6. CANCELLATION

This MOU may be terminated only as follows:

Upon written notice given no less than sixty (60) day prior to the expiration of the then-current term if sufficient funding is no longer available from the State of Ohio.

7. COST SHARING

The District will be assessed for College Credit Plus as described below:

Format 1: The District will be assessed for students taking College Credit Plus courses at the high school, through Particular A1, based on the following formula:

Ohio Department of Higher Education Floor per credit hour x number of credit hours x number of students = assessed amount

Format 2: The District will be assessed for students taking College Credit Plus courses at the high school, through Particulars A2, A3 or A4, based on the following formula:

Ohio Department of Higher Education Mid-Rate per credit hour x number of credit hours x number of students = assessed amount

Format 3: The District will be assessed for students taking College Credit Plus courses on the campus (any site) of The University, through Particular A5, based on the following formula:

Ohio Department of Higher Education Ceiling per credit hour x number of credit hours x number of students = assessed amount

8. ENTIRETY OF AGREEMENT

This Agreement, including Exhibit A constitutes the entire understanding between the parties with respect to the subject matter hereof and supersedes any and all prior understandings and agreements, oral and written, relating hereto. Any amendment hereof must be in writing and executed by authorized representatives of both parties.

9. NONDISCRIMINATION

Each party agrees to comply with all applicable laws regarding affirmative action and equal employment opportunity in connection with this Agreement and each party further agrees not to discriminate against any person or group of persons on the basis of race, color, creed, sex, age, national origin, ancestry, religion or disability.

10. PUBLICITY

No publicity containing any reference to The University, other than the fact that the Agreement exist between the parties, shall be used by either party, except upon prior approval by the other party.

11. GOVERNING LAW

The terms of the Agreement shall be governed and construed under the laws of the State of Ohio.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto, intending to be legally bound hereby, have duly executed this Agreement the day and year above written.

THE UNIVERSITY OF AKRON

BY: Jm Wiencek

Dr. John Wiencek
Executive VP & Provost

2/22/2023
Date

DISTRICT

BY: Amy Wentworth

Amy Wentworth, Superintendent
New Philadelphia City Schools

2-13-2023
Date

Reviewed and approved for
legal form and sufficiency:

Scott M. Campbell
Assistant General Counsel

2/21/23
Date