

Davidson Early College High School

Memorandum of Agreement

2025-2026

Students and parents of the Davidson Early College High School agree to and acknowledge the following:

Admission to and enrollment in Davidson Early College High School is a **privilege**, not an entitlement, and the Davidson County Board of Education and the College maintain the right to refer students back to their schools of origin in the various public school districts when necessary. Please be advised that the progress of students will be systematically evaluated every year. I realize that being admitted to DECHS is a chance to extend my educational opportunities for success. By signing below, **my parents and I understand that I am committing to at least one full academic year of attendance at DECHS.** After one academic year, the principal at the early college and residential high school, as well as the district superintendent, must review requests for reassignment.

Davidson Early College High School students are guests on the campus of the Davidson County Community College and shall act in a manner befitting as guests at all times by abiding by both College and High School rules and expectations.

Upon recommendation by the Davidson Early College High School principal, high school students may take College classes free of tuition; however, students and parents recognize that College classes may be more rigorous than traditional high school classes, and that in some instances the College curriculum may be more graphic/mature than the traditional high school Standard Course of Study. Students enrolled in college courses leading to a degree must maintain a "C" (2.0) or better average to obtain their college degree. We reserve the right to require mandatory tutoring or other support structures for students not achieving "C" or better in any course.

The College will have no obligation to work with students who do not satisfactorily complete the applicable placement assessments customarily conducted by the College for admission into its program.

Attendance requirements for some college classes may be more rigorous than high school standards. The high school attendance policy serves as the minimum attendance requirement for all students in all classes. If a College class allows unlimited absences, students will still be expected to miss no more than eight (8) classes per semester. This is due to the granting of dual credit for College classes. If a College class allows for fewer than eight (8) absences per semester, students are expected to adhere to the more rigorous requirement. Students must be in attendance for 2/3 of a class period to be counted present.

All students will be expected to show **RESPECT** to their fellow students and adults; to seek to develop positive **RELATIONSHIPS** with their peers; to accept willingly the challenges of **RIGOROUS** work; to demonstrate a **RESPONSIBLE** attitude; and strive to ensure **RELEVANCE** in their actions. It is the expectation of faculty and parents to support these student behaviors.

It is also the expectation that students will complete both the high school and the college components of the program. Please be advised that if accepted to the DECHS program, DECHS becomes the student's only official high school for any and all school related events, including all extracurricular activities. This is deemed essential for the integrity of the school's schedule.

Parents are also reminded of the time parameters for early college courses and supervision as well as the need to schedule vacations and events around the DECHS and DCCC calendars (**Consultation with DECHS and DCCC personnel required**).

Parents are expected to assume responsibility for transportation.

Parents and students are further advised that unless there are extenuating circumstances, once a student leaves, they forfeit their seat and placement at DECHS.

By the signatures below, the student and parents acknowledge that they have received and understand both the MOA and the student handbook. Students will be expected to review and comply with the provisions of the 2020-2021 Davidson Early College High School Student Handbook, the DECHS Technology Handbook, as well as all DCS board policy and the DCCC Code of Conduct.

Parent Name _____

Parent Signature _____

Student Name _____

Student Signature _____