

INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT for State Assessments

The Interlocal Cooperation Act, Chapter 39.34 RCW, requires that, prior to going into effect, interlocal agreements must be filed with the county auditor where the agencies are located or, alternatively, listed by subject on the agencies' website or other electronically retrievable public source. RCW 39.34.040.

INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN

Bellingham School District

(Resident School District Name)

AND

Columbia Virtual Academy

(Online/Nonresident School District Name)

This Agreement is made and entered into between the **Bellingham School District**, hereinafter referred to as "the Resident District", and **Columbia Virtual Academy**, hereinafter referred to as "the Online/Nonresident District", and is issued pursuant to the Interlocal Cooperation Act, chapter 39.34 RCW.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this Agreement is to provide an opportunity for the Online/Nonresident District to provide access to the Smarter Balanced, Washington State Comprehensive Assessment of Science (WCAS), WIDA English language proficiency assessment, and any other state assessments provided by law to its nonresident students. Under this Agreement, the Resident District will provide assessment testing to the Online/Nonresident District's eligible nonresident students.

STATEMENT OF WORK

The Resident School District shall furnish the necessary personnel, equipment, material and/or services and otherwise do all things necessary for or incidental to the performance of the work set forth in Attachment "A" attached hereto and incorporated herein.

PERIOD OF PERFORMANCE

Subject to its other provisions, the period of performance of this Agreement shall commence for the 2025-26 school year, unless terminated sooner as provided herein.

PAYMENT

Compensation for the work provided in accordance with this Agreement has been established under the terms of RCW 39.34.130. The parties have estimated that the cost of accomplishing the work herein will not exceed the prices set forth in the pricing schedule established in Attachment "A". Payment for satisfactory performance of the work shall not exceed this amount unless the parties mutually agree to a higher amount prior to the commencement of any work which will cause the maximum payment to be exceeded.

BILLING PROCEDURE

The Resident District shall submit invoices monthly to the Online/Nonresident District. Payment to the Resident District for approved and completed work will be made by warrant or account transfer by the Online/Nonresident District within 30 days of receipt of the invoice. Upon expiration of the contract, any claim for payment not already made shall be submitted within 30 days after the expiration date or the end of the fiscal year, whichever is earlier.

RECORDS MAINTENANCE

The parties to this contract shall each maintain books, records, documents and other evidence which sufficiently and properly reflect all direct and indirect costs expended by either party in the performance of the services described herein. These records shall be subject to inspection, review or audit by personnel of both parties, other personnel duly authorized by either party, the Office of the State Auditor, and federal officials so authorized by law. All books, records, documents, and other material relevant to this Agreement will be retained for six years after expiration and the Office of the State Auditor, federal auditors, and any persons duly authorized by the parties shall have full access and the right to examine any of these materials during this period.

Records and other documents, in any medium, furnished by one party to this Agreement to the other party, will remain the property of the furnishing party, unless otherwise agreed. The receiving party will not disclose or make available this material to any third parties without first giving notice to the furnishing party and giving it a reasonable opportunity to respond. Each party will utilize reasonable security procedures and protections to assure that records and documents provided by the other party are not erroneously disclosed to third parties.

DISPUTES

In the event that a dispute arises under this Agreement, it shall be determined by a Dispute Board in the following manner: Each party to this Agreement shall appoint one member to the Dispute Board. The members so appointed shall jointly appoint an additional member to the Dispute Board. The Dispute Board shall review the facts, contract terms and applicable statutes and rules and make a determination of the dispute. The determination of the

Dispute Board shall be final and binding on the parties hereto. As an alternative to this process, either of the parties may request intervention by the Governor, as provided by RCW 43.17.330, in which event the Governor's process will control.

TERMINATION FOR CONVENIENCE

Either party may terminate this Agreement upon 30 days' prior written notification to the other party. If this Agreement is so terminated, the parties shall be liable only for performance rendered or costs incurred in accordance with the terms of this Agreement prior to the effective date of termination.

TERMINATION FOR CAUSE

If for any cause, either party does not fulfill in a timely and proper manner its obligations under this Agreement, or if either party violates any of these terms and conditions, the aggrieved party will give the other party written notice of such failure or violation. The responsible party will be given the opportunity to correct the violation or failure within 15 working days. If failure or violation is not corrected, this Agreement may be terminated immediately by written notice of the aggrieved party to the other.

GOVERNANCE

This contract is entered into pursuant to and under the authority granted by the laws of the State of Washington and any applicable federal laws. The provisions of this Agreement shall be construed to conform to those laws.

In the event of an inconsistency in the terms of this Agreement, or between its terms and any applicable statute or rule, the inconsistency shall be resolved by giving precedence in the following order:

- a) applicable state and federal statutes and rules;
- b) statement of work; and
- c) any other provisions of the Agreement, including materials incorporated by reference.

INDEPENDENT CAPACITY

The employees or agents of each party who are engaged in the performance of this Agreement shall continue to be employees or agents of that party and shall not be considered for any purpose to be employees or agents of the other party.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF PARTIES

Each party to this Agreement hereby assumes responsibility for claims and/or damages to persons and/or property resulting from any act or omissions on the part of itself, its employees, its officers, and its agents. Neither party assumes any responsibility to the other

party for the consequences of any claim, act, or omission of any person, agency, firm, or corporation not a part of this Agreement.

AGREEMENT ALTERATIONS AND AMENDMENTS

This Agreement may be amended by mutual agreement of the parties. Such amendments shall not be binding unless they are in writing and signed by personnel authorized to bind each of the parties.

ASSIGNMENT

The work to be provided under this Agreement, and any claim arising thereunder, is not assignable or delegable by either party in whole or in part, without the express prior written consent of the other party, which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld.

WAIVER

A failure by either party to exercise its rights under this Agreement shall not preclude that party from subsequent exercise of such rights and shall not constitute a waiver of any other rights under this Agreement unless stated to be such in a writing signed by an authorized representative of the party and attached to the original Agreement.

SEVERABILITY

If any provision of this Agreement or any provision of any document incorporated by reference shall be held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect the other provisions of this Agreement which can be given effect without the invalid provision, if such remainder conforms to the requirements of applicable law and the fundamental purpose of this Agreement, and to this end the provisions of this Agreement are declared to be severable.

ALL WRITINGS CONTAINED HEREIN

This Agreement contains all the terms and conditions agreed upon by the parties. No other understandings, oral or otherwise, regarding the subject matter of this Agreement shall be deemed to exist or to bind any of the parties hereto.

CONTRACT MANAGEMENT

The contract manager for each party shall be responsible for and shall be the contact person for all communications and billings in regarding the performance of this Agreement. Each party shall notify the other, in writing, when there is a new Contract Manager assigned to this Agreement.

The Program Manager for the Resident District is Brian Rick, Director of Research and Assessment, (360) 676-6470, brian.rick@bellingshamschools.org

The Program Manager for the Online/Nonresident District is Vanessa Forloine, School Coordinator (509) 640-6211, Vanessa.Forloine@cva.org

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed this Agreement.

Valley School District #070

Online/Nonresident District Name

 04-01-2026

Date

Dr. Mandi Rehn

Print name

Superintendent

Title

Bellingham School District #501

Resident District Name



Signature and Date

Greg Baker

Print name

Superintendent

Title

Attachment A
STATEMENT OF WORK

A. ESTABLISH TESTING DATES AND TIMES AND LOCATIONS:

The Bellingham school coordinator will share established school testing dates, times and location with the Online District as the test dates available to the guest student.

B. COORDINATE REGISTRATION OF STUDENTS, INCLUDING THOSE STUDENTS REQUIRING ACCOMMODATIONS PER IEP OR 504 PLAN

The Online District will:

- ensure the parent/student complete the Bellingham Guest Student Permission form and return to Bellingham prior to testing,
- make sure the student record is in TIDE,
- assign any accessibility features the student needs in TIDE and communicate to the Bellingham school coordinator, and
- provide student test ticket information to the Bellingham school coordinator.

The Bellingham school coordinator will confirm school contact person, address, and phone number with the Online District.

C. PLAN FOR STUDENTS REQUIRING ACCOMMODATIONS.

The Bellingham district and school coordinators will make provisions for all students requiring accommodations per student information provided by the Online District.

D. DETERMINE COMMUNICATION PLAN WITH ONLINE SCHOOL PARENTS AND STUDENTS.

The Online District will:

- notify parents/students of testing requirements,
- notify parents/students of the specific date, time and location of testing and any materials the student needs to bring, and
- inform parents/students about test format and provide information on how students access practice or sample items to ensure familiarity with the testing interface and accessibility features.

E. DETERMINE TRANSPORTATION REQUIREMENTS, INCLUDING DATES, TIMES AND LOCATIONS.

The Online District is responsible for arranging for student transportation.

F. REIMBURSED TEST ADMINISTRATION INCURRED COSTS

The Online District will pay for any costs incurred when accommodations (e.g., reader, transcriber, or other one-on-one administration supports) are required.

G. ESTABLISH PRICE PER STUDENT

The following is based on an estimated fee schedule provided by OSPI. The Online/Nonresident District will pay:

- \$25 per student, per content area (e.g., ELA, math, and/or science) where no special support or accommodations are required;
- \$50 per student, per content area (e.g., ELA, math, and/or science) where some non-embedded support or standard accommodations administered by the test administrator are required; and
- District cost per student, per content area (e.g., ELA, math, and/or science) where unique supports and/or accommodations (e.g., reader, transcriber, or other one-on-one administration supports) are required.

H. ESTABLISH COST VARIANCE FOR NO-SHOWS OR UNSCHEDULED OR NEWLY ENROLLED STUDENTS.

The following is based on estimated fee schedule adjustments provided by OSPI.

- Change in enrollment of online students 30 days prior to scheduled testing: no charge for withdrawal and at cost (see F above) for additions.
- Change in enrollment 15-30 days prior to testing: 75% of cost (see G above).
- Cancellation 15 days prior to testing or no-show on day of testing: 100% of cost (see G above).

NOTE: Unless otherwise addressed in this Agreement, the responsibility for the student remains with the Online/Nonresident District.