

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
TECHNICAL COLLEGE SYSTEM OF GEORGIA,
SOUTHEASTERN TECHNICAL COLLEGE,
AND
EMANUEL COUNTY SCHOOL SYSTEM
REGARDING THE OPERATION OF EDGE CCA,
346 KITE ROAD, SWAINSBORO, GA 30401



This **MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING** ("MOU") entered into the 1st day of July 2026 by and among the TECHNICAL COLLEGE SYSTEM OF GEORGIA, an agency of the State of Georgia ("TCSG"); SOUTHEASTERN TECHNICAL COLLEGE, a unit of TCSG; EMANUEL COUNTY SCHOOL SYSTEM, a subdivision of the State of Georgia; and EDGE COLLEGE AND CAREER ACADEMY BOARD:

WHEREAS, the Legislature created the Office of College and Career Academies ("OCCA") within the TCSG, as defined by Section 20-4-37 of the Official Code of Georgia, to establish intergovernmental cooperation between postsecondary institutions and local boards of education and collaboration with business, industry, and community stakeholders to aid relevant education programs; and

WHEREAS, the GaDOE **SWSS AGREEMENT** for EMANUEL COUNTY SCHOOL SYSTEM was approved by the Georgia State Board of Education on July 8, 2025, and EMANUEL COUNTY SCHOOL SYSTEM opened as a College & Career Academy on AUGUST 1, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Georgia Legislature has created an OCCA within TCSG to establish a certification process for college and career academies; and

WHEREAS, EDGE COLLEGE AND CAREER ACADEMY seeks to be recognized as a Georgia College and Career Academy with full participation in the Georgia College and Career Academy Network,

WHEREAS, the OCCA is responsible for collecting and analyzing appropriate data from and about all Georgia College and Career Academies, including but not limited to Georgia College

and Career Academy effectiveness; and

WHEREAS, the OCCA has been authorized by the Legislature to establish criteria, requirements, and procedures for the disbursement of funding to Georgia College and Career Academies; and

WHEREAS, EDGE COLLEGE AND CAREER ACADEMY a Georgia College and Career Academy is required to submit an annual report to the OCCA regarding the performance of such Georgia College and Career Academy, to include, but not be limited to, its annual strategic plan progress report;

THEREFORE, the parties hereto understand and agree to the provisions set forth below:

1. EDGE COLLEGE AND CAREER ACADEMY agrees to participate in a pre-certification review by OCCA within one year of the execution of this agreement.
2. EDGE COLLEGE AND CAREER ACADEMY agrees to pursue and attain Certification as a Georgia College and Career Academy within three (3) years of the execution of this agreement or during the school year before the GaDOE Performance Contract renewal, whichever comes first.
3. The parties shall allow the joint use of classrooms and lab spaces in the Georgia College and Career Academy facility for the mutual benefit of EMANUEL COUNTY SCHOOL SYSTEM Students, SOUTHEASTERN TECHNICAL COLLEGE students, and the EMANUEL COUNTY community in keeping with the mission of all entities.
4. The parties agree to continue their mutual agreement to provide and support dual enrollment on this campus. Such support shall include, but not be limited to, the program's coordination, implementation, and articulation. In addition, the parties agree to mutually notify each other at least five (5) working days in advance of any significant activity planned in the facility that may impact the availability of parking or the use of the facility.
5. EMANUEL COUNTY SCHOOL SYSTEM will continue all responsibility of ownership of its Georgia College and Career Academy and SOUTHEASTERN TECHNICAL COLLEGE will maintain the cost of maintenance and insurance on its building and land. Other specific

operating costs and responsibilities are outlined in Attachment A and will be reviewed annually by the EMANUEL COUNTY SCHOOL SYSTEM and SOUTHEASTERN TECHNICAL COLLEGE.

6. EDGE COLLEGE AND CAREER ACADEMY will provide TCSG appropriate school and student-level records consistent with federal, state, and local regulations.
7. EDGE COLLEGE AND CAREER ACADEMY and EMANUEL COUNTY SCHOOL SYSTEM will ensure the appointment and support of an On-Site Coordinator to lead the planning and implementation process of the Academy.
8. EMANUEL COUNTY SCHOOL SYSTEM will permit TCSG to conduct routine site visits to observe its classrooms and administrative functions to monitor effectiveness.
9. EDGE COLLEGE AND CAREER ACADEMY will offer programs of study that include Dual Enrollment courses with SOUTHEASTERN TECHNICAL COLLEGE.
10. EMANUEL COUNTY SCHOOLSYSTEM will notify TCSG within thirty (30) days of any leadership changes in the EDGE COLLEGE AND CAREER ACADEMY.
11. EMANUEL COUNTY SCHOOL SYSTEM will establish and maintain a Georgia College and Career Academy Board per the guidelines provided in Georgia College and Career Academy Certification standards.
12. EMANUEL COUNTY SCHOOL SYSTEM will permit a representative of TCSG to attend all regularly scheduled meetings of the EDGE COLLEGE AND CAREER ACADEMY BOARD.
13. This MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING shall be effective for a term commencing on the Effective Date hereof and ending on June 30, 2027. However, by affirmative action in writing, the parties may renew this contract for additional one-year terms.
14. This MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING may be executed in counterparts, each of which will be deemed an original of equal dignity with the other and the same instrument as the other.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF:

TECHNICAL COLLEGE SYSTEM OF GEORGIA

BY: _____
Mr. Greg Dozier, Commissioner

SOUTHEASTERN TECHNICAL COLLEGE

BY: William L. Calhoun
Mr. William L. Calhoun, President

EMANUEL COUNTY SCHOOL SYSTEM

BY: Denise B. Warnock
Dr. Denise Warnock, Superintendent

EDGE COLLEGE AND CAREER ACADEMY

BY: Ken Warnock
Mr. Ken Warnock, Board Chair

ATTACHMENT A
MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
EDGE COLLEGE AND CAREER ACADEMY

Listed below are specific responsibilities agreed upon by Southeastern Technical College and the Emanuel County School System pertaining to the operation of EDGE College and Career Academy.

As the facility owner and provider of dual enrollment courses, Southeastern Technical College (STC) will provide:

- a) salary and benefits for part-time and full-time dual enrollment instructors;
- b) offices in building 6 for EDGE staff;
- c) instructional supplies for dual enrollment courses;
- d) building maintenance;
- e) custodial services;
- f) grounds maintenance;
- g) technology services and assist ECSS with connectivity, as needed;
- h) two phone lines (land lines);
- i) Internet access;
- j) insurance on the building(s); and
- k) security Monday through Thursday.

As the owner (fiscal agent) of Edge College and Career Academy, Emanuel County School System (ECSS) will provide:

- a) salary and benefits for one full-time On-site Coordinator;
- b) salary and benefits for part-time and full-time non-dual enrollment instructors;
- c) 28 desktop computers and eight Chromebooks for room 6204;
- d) up to 60 Chromebooks for other computer labs (rooms 6209 & 6218) in buildings 3 & 6;
- e) technology services and repair/replace computers and Chromebooks, as needed;
- f) instructional supplies for non-dual enrollment courses;
- g) security on Friday consisting of drive throughs by ECSS Resource Officers and the Swainsboro Police Department; and
- h) minimal custodial tasks on Friday such as emptying trash in EDGE CCA areas.