

**PRE UNIVERSITY PROGRAM Agreement
On Dual Credit Courses Offered by
West Texas A&M University and Amarillo Independent School District**

West Texas A&M University (WTAMU) and Amarillo Independent School District (AISD) have chosen to offer, through this Pre University Program, dual credit opportunities to high school students with the purpose of providing excellent university-based higher education academic experiences for high school students who intend to pursue a university level degree.

In accordance with and under the authority of Texas Education Code Sections 61.017 and 61.076 and the Rules and Regulations of the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, high school students may enroll in university courses and receive simultaneous academic credit from both the university and the high school. In order to ensure the quality of dual credit courses and to facilitate communications and understanding between AISD and WTAMU, the following provisions are agreed to by WTAMU and AISD with regard to dual credit.

STUDENT ELIGIBILITY and APPLICATION

ELIGIBILITY

High school juniors and seniors are eligible to participate if they

- 1) Have achieved a GPA of 3.0 or higher OR are in the top half of their high school class OR have achieved a score of 21 or higher on the ACT (a score of 980 or higher on the SAT)
- 2) Are on track to graduate under the Distinguished Level of Achievement under the Foundation, Recommended or Distinguished Achievement Program Curriculum; and
- 3) Must satisfy requirements of Texas Success Initiative (TSI) for all subject areas of dual credit enrollment. To satisfy TSI a student must have passed the approved TSI test or be exempt from testing requirements for the subject area in which they desire to enroll.

APPLICATION

High school students applying for admission to the Pre University Program must submit the following:

- PUP Application
- PUP Approval Form/ Semester Advising and Registration Form signed by the high school official, the student, and the student's parent or guardian
- Official high school transcript indicating: junior or senior standing and Distinguished Level of Achievement under the Foundation, Recommended or Distinguished Achievement Program
- Official SAT or ACT scores, *if required*. (Scores posted on an official high school transcript and mailed directly from the high school are acceptable.)
- Provide TSI Scores or Proof of Exemption as required by Texas Success Initiative (TSI), unless exempt. Exemptions are based on ACT, SAT, and/or TAKS/EOC scores. Details at www.wtamu.edu/tsi
- Proof of Meningitis Vaccination

Students enrolling in certain Pre University Program courses must meet university course prerequisites unless prior prerequisite waivers have been obtained. Eligible courses will include those in the approved undergraduate course inventory of the university; they will not include remedial or developmental courses. Typically these will be limited to those that satisfy general education requirements or foreign language courses.

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FACULTY QUALIFICATIONS

The instructor for a Pre University Program course will be employed by WTAMU. The instructor must meet credential requirements of WTAMU and the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.

GRADING CRITERIA/PROCEDURES

At the end of each semester, WTAMU will provide a grade roster with numeric grades to the high school principal or his/her designee for Pre University Program courses.

Upon graduation from high school, students must submit an official high school transcript before any of the WTAMU transcripts will be released to other colleges or universities.

The WTAMU courses offered through the Pre University Program are regular university courses with no variance in syllabi, course outlines, grading procedures, and other academic policies. Letter grades are given in accordance with academic policies printed in the university catalog and placed on the university transcript.

TRANSFERABILITY OF CREDIT

WTAMU is a fully accredited institution and academic courses are widely transferable to other universities. However, because each university may have its own policy regarding the transferability of courses, each student considering attending a university other than WTAMU is strongly advised to verify transferability with that university which he or she plans to attend.

STUDENT EXPECTATIONS/SERVICES

Students enrolled in the Pre University Program

- Are expected to follow university rules and regulations.
- Are classified as undeclared majors.
- Are limited to two (2) WTAMU courses each fall, spring, and summer semester.
- WTAMU Advising Services can assist with course availability and selection.
- Must provide to the Office of Admissions, upon high school graduation, a final high school transcript showing rank-in-class and graduation date.

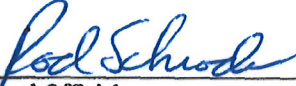
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WTAMU fee waivers for students enrolled in the Pre University Program dual credit courses result in a price per course much lower than that paid by other WTAMU students. Students will pay \$150 per course. This will provide students an ID card, email account, and access to library and computing services (Hastings Electronic Learning Center.) Students are required to pay a mandatory one-time refundable property deposit of \$10 the first semester in which they enroll. Various other services are optional if students elect to purchase them, such as access to the Virgil Henson Activity Center, parking permit (must have if parking on campus), and athletic events.

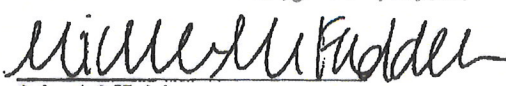
JOINT PLANNING

Annual renewal of this agreement is automatic unless one institution notifies the other in writing of its desire to modify the dual credit agreement.

More important than the stated provisions above is the spirit of cooperation between AISD and WTAMU. Both parties endeavor to provide a positive university-level experience for those high school students with the maturity and academic preparation to benefit from university-level courses.



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Amarillo Independent School District
Date: 2/23/15

Michelle McFadden


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