

**CONTRACT FOR COLLEGIATE HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAM
BETWEEN
POLK STATE COLLEGE AND SCHOOL BOARD OF POLK COUNTY**

This agreement between THE DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF POLK STATE COLLEGE, Winter Haven, Florida, (hereinafter referred to as the "College") and the SCHOOL BOARD OF POLK COUNTY (hereinafter referred to as "the School Board") is in compliance with the laws of Florida. This agreement does not nullify or alter any specific agreement related to other programs, testing, transfer, or the like.

The College and the School Board enter into this contractual agreement in response to the requirement in Section 1007.273, *Florida Statutes*, to establish one or more collegiate high school programs within the College's designated service area. This program shall be in effect for the 2019-2020 academic year.

Funding and instructional criteria, including delivery methods and instructor requirements, are the same as those described in the effective Dual Enrollment Agreement and Addendum between the College and the School Board. The cost of optional certifications is the responsibility of the student.

This program shall be called the *Accelerated Degree Program*.

- I. **The Accelerated Degree Program is hereafter described.**
 1. The Accelerated Degree Program is available to all School Board students in grade 12.
 2. Students who are in grade 12 will complete one full year and at least 30 credit hours toward the first year of college for one of the following Associate in Science degree programs:
 - a. Digital Media Technology (Graphic Design Specialization), AS
 - b. Digital Media Technology (Video Production Specialization), AS
 - c. Digital Media Technology (Web Production Specialization), AS
 3. Students in the above listed Associate in Science degree programs have the option to obtain industry certifications from either the CAPE or the Postsecondary Industry Certification list as outlined below:
 - a. Digital Media Technology (Graphic Design): Adobe Certified Expert (ACE) Photoshop
 - b. Digital Media Technology (Video Production): Adobe Certified Expert (ACE) Premier Pro
 - c. Digital Media Technology (Web Production): Adobe Certified Associate (ACA) Dreamweaver
 4. The format or delivery method of classes may include online, face-to-face, or hybrid, listed in the term's schedule of classes.
 5. The award of high school credits earned will follow the specifications in the Dual Enrollment Agreement and Addendum between the College and the School Board.
 6. Courses available for Accelerated Degree Program enrollees are all courses that are part of the degree program as outlined in the prevailing Polk State College Catalog/Handbook with credits earned as delineated in the degree program description and course descriptions.
 7. Students qualify through the Early Admission process and criteria as described in the Dual Enrollment Agreement and Addendum between the College and the School Board.
 8. Students participating in the Accelerated Degree Program will sign the Approval Form for High School Students. This shall constitute a performance contract and will outline

the requirements to stay in the Accelerated Degree Program. These requirements are the same as those outlined for Early Admission in the Dual Enrollment Agreement and Addendum between the College and the School Board with the exception that students must enroll in at least fifteen (15) college credits per semester and be pursuing one of the above listed degrees. Students who have earned certifications that articulate to college credit may count the articulated credit earned toward the required credits per term.

9. Admission to the Accelerated Degree Program must be completed no later than the day before classes begin for the term. All other deadlines are made available on the College's academic calendar at polk.edu.

II. The College will:

1. Prepare materials for distribution to students and parents explaining the requirements of the Accelerated Degree Program, the process for participating, and the return on investment. These materials shall be provided to the School Board for distribution and posted to the College's website.
2. Provide the Approval Form for High School Students to students to obtain necessary signatures.

III. The School Board will:

1. Distribute College-provided materials about the Accelerated Degree Program to students and parents.
2. Include the student eligibility and procedural requirements in the comprehensive student progression plan.
3. Ensure students meet the criteria for admission to the Accelerated Degree Program.
4. Obtain required School Board personnel signatures on the Approval Form for High School Students and verify student and parental signatures.

IV. Advising, Progress Monitoring, and Reporting Student Outcomes

1. The School Board will receive a weekly report of student withdrawals for monitoring purposes.
2. Students in the Accelerated Degree Program are required to visit a College advisor during each registration period in which they participate in the Accelerated Degree Program.
3. At the end of each term, the School Board will receive a report which includes grades for all Accelerated Degree Program enrollees
4. High school guidance counselors will monitor student progress using a degree audit, counseling sessions, and whether or not the student meets the criteria to continue as outlined under the Early Admission criteria in the Dual Enrollment Agreement and Addendum between the College and the School Board.

V. Instruction and Faculty Credentials

The full roster of faculty and their credentials is available in the office of the supervising Academic Dean. Credentials for full-time faculty can be located in the College's current catalog/handbook.

Indemnification

The College agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the School Board, its elected and appointed officials, employees, and agents from any liability, claims, judgments, damages, costs, and expenses, including attorneys' fees and costs (including attorneys' fees at the appellate level), as a result of accidents, injuries or any other matters and claims, incurred by the School Board arising out of or in any way relating to the conduct of the College, its employees, officers, agents and/or persons operating under its direction and control related to the matters covered under this agreement. Nothing herein is intended to act as a waiver of the School Board's sovereign immunity or the limits of liability as set forth in Section 768.28, *Florida Statutes*, regardless of whether such claims are based in contract, tort, statute, strict liability, negligence, product liability, or otherwise. The College will immediately give the School Board written notice of any and all claims asserted against the College and the School Board will have the right but not the obligation to participate in any defense.

Execution of Agreement

This agreement may be amended upon the mutual agreement of both parties should SBE Rules, Florida statutes, or interpretations require such action.

This contract shall commence for the 2019-2020 school year and will be reviewed annually to consider revisions.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this contract to be executed by the dates indicated below.

Polk State College

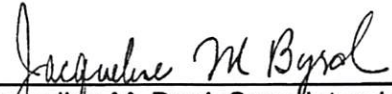
School Board of Polk County

Approval Date: 12/13/18

Approval Date: 1-2-19



Dr. Angela M. Garcia Falconetti, President



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