

Dual Enrollment Agreement

Messiah University and Bellefonte Area School District

This Agreement is entered into by and between Bellefonte Area School District (BASD) and Messiah University. This agreement sets out the terms and conditions of the dual enrollment program offered by these two institutions.

Purpose

Dual enrollment provides motivated high school juniors and seniors the opportunity to take college courses that satisfy both high school graduation and college credit requirements.

Term

The term of this agreement will become effective upon the signatures of both parties and will remain in effect so long as both parties wish to continue the dual enrollment program.

Program Description

Dual enrollment provides motivated high school juniors and seniors the opportunity to take college courses that satisfy both high school graduation and college credit requirements.

Student Eligibility

To enroll in a Messiah University dual-enrollment course a student must meet these eligibility requirements:

- Entering, or currently in, the junior or senior year of high school and at least 15 years of age at the time of participation in the dual-enrollment course
- Demonstrate a GPA of 3.0 or higher on your high school transcript
- Submit the Messiah University Dual Enrollment Recommendation Form from a teacher and/or guidance counselor
- Submit the Messiah University Parent/Guardian Permission Form
- Satisfy the prerequisite requirements, if any, for the specific courses in which the student seeks to enroll

Courses

Messiah University offers dual-enrollment courses at its main campus, located in Mechanicsburg, PA. This option provides a traditional collegiate classroom experience with face-to-face interaction with professors and classmates. A limited number of online courses are also available during the fall and spring. Following the registration of Messiah's undergraduate students each term (fall semester, spring semester and summer) the University makes remaining class openings available to dual-enrolled students. Approved dual enrollment students may also enroll in online courses offered during Messiah's summer term.

Dual enrollment students will be accountable for the same classroom and attendance requirements as regular college students, including the use of assigned textbooks and instructional resources (i.e., laptop computers). Students will have access to Messiah University's Student Computer Services, Murray Library, Writing Center and Learning Center, as well as Supplemental Instruction if associated with a particular course.

Student Credit

Students may take a maximum of eleven credits per semester (or over the summer) at the discounted dual enrollment tuition rate. If a student takes more than eleven credits in a particular semester (or over the summer), the standard part-time or summer tuition rate will apply to the credits beyond eleven.

A minimum grade of "D" must be earned to be considered successfully completed under this agreement. Courses may not be taken "pass/fail" if the student wishes to receive high school credit.

The University acknowledges Bellefonte Area High School's right to apply credit toward high school graduation requirements, as BAHS deems appropriate. The University will award postsecondary credit to students who successfully complete courses. The University transcript will reflect completion of college-level work according to commonly accepted post-secondary practices. There will be no notation of high school status on the transcript.

Messiah University is a regionally accredited university. Messiah University credit may transfer to other colleges or universities as a general education course, a major requirement or a free elective.

Tuition and Related Expenses

BAHS students are responsible for all payments of tuitions and fees. Students enrolled in the Dual Enrollment program will pay a significantly discounted cost per credit. The District is not responsible for the payment of any costs or expenses associated with this agreement, and the University shall not seek payment from the District.

Additional Administrative Responsibilities

Application: The student is responsible for completing the online application.

Acceptance and Registration: The University will notify the students of acceptance and the registration process.

Orientation: The University will hold an orientation for the fall semester for new dual enrollment students.

Materials: The student is responsible for acquiring the required textbooks, instructional resources and materials. The District is not responsible for the payment of any costs or expenses associated with this agreement, and the University shall not seek payment from the District.

Academic Progress Reports: Students are responsible for monitoring their own academic progress; the University does not provide regular academic progress reports, but may notify a student if he/she is at risk of not completing the course successfully.

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