

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN
RED OAK INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, NAVARRO COLLEGE
AND UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT ARLINGTON
FOR STUDENTS ENROLLED IN THE RED OAK HAWK SCHOLARS ACADEMY**

In accordance with and under the authority of the Texas Administrative Code Title 19, Part 1, Chapter 4, Subchapter D, Rule §4.85 and the Rules and Regulations of the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB), high school students may enroll in college or university courses and receive simultaneous academic credit from both the college or university and the high school. In order to ensure the transferability of dual credit courses and to facilitate communications and understanding between Red Oak Independent School District (ROISD), Navarro College (NC), and University of Texas at Arlington (UTA), the following provisions are agreed upon by ROISD, NC, and UTA with regard to the Red Oak ISD Hawk Scholars Academy (HSA).

The HSA program is open to high-achieving Red Oak ISD freshmen and sophomores who have demonstrated excellence in the classroom, who possess a strong intellectual ability, a good work ethic, and the emotional maturity to be successful in college. The intent of the program is for ROISD to obtain courses through NC and UTA which will count as an Associate's Degree as opposed to unarticulated general elective credits. In order to qualify for this program, students must meet the following criteria:

1. Students must have maintained an 85 or higher average, or equivalent GPA in the year preceding enrollment in the program.
2. Students must pass the reading and writing portion of the college placement test, also known as the Texas Success Initiative (TSI) test or meet exemption standards in reading and writing in accordance with THECB rules.
3. Students must be recommended by the junior high (for incoming freshmen) or high school Principal.
4. Students must maintain a 2.5 college grade point average to remain eligible for automatic admission to UTA and they must maintain a 2.0 G.P.A. to continue taking college courses through NC.
5. Students must meet Dual Credit eligibility for UTA as outlined in the Dual Credit Agreement.
6. Students must complete all required dual credit admissions paperwork for NC and UTA and meet published payment deadlines.

HSA students may enroll in approved dual credit high school courses through Navarro College beginning in their freshman or sophomore year of high school. These classes may be taken at the high school or at a Navarro College campus. All students will meet with an NC advisor each semester and they are expected to complete the Associate of Science in General Studies through Navarro College by the end of their senior year.

Students must submit an application to UTA by their junior year in high school and meet with a UTA advisor. At that point, they may enroll in UTA classes that are not offered by NC if they choose to do so and they may continue to take classes through NC until they have earned the Associate degree. NC may reverse transfer freshman and sophomore level courses taken at UTA, if the courses are listed in the NC catalog and are listed as equivalent on the approved matrix. However, students must meet minimum graduation requirements through NC to receive the Associate Degree. This includes a requirement that at least 25% of the degree be earned through NC.

Students should be advised that UTA requires the Apply Texas Application and an application fee that cannot be waived. All students who complete the Associate of Science degree at NC and complete the Freshmen Apply Texas Application will be evaluated as a freshman with college work. Students who are admitted by the general academic scholarship deadline and meet Class Rank or GPA requirements and submit an SAT or ACT score of 1100 or above will be considered for scholarships.

By choosing to participate in this program, students and their parents agree to the following:

- Information may be shared freely between the three institutions – This includes transcripts, paperwork, and discipline reports.

- Students must meet the discipline guidelines of ROISD when taking classes at ROISD. If the students are taking classes at NC or UTA, they will be held to the discipline guidelines at those institutions. This includes applicable "Acceptable Use Procedure" (AUP) protocols for online courses.
- Cheating will not be tolerated, nor will excessive disruption of instruction. Students may be withdrawn from this program and/or from the respective institutions for inappropriate behavior.
- Because the classes are taught at the college level, students may be exposed to content that is considered more mature in nature than what might be allowed in typical high school courses.
- Students will be given ample opportunity for advising, however, NC and UTA are not responsible for loss of transferability if students enroll in courses that are not recommended by the advisor. Also, NC and/or UTA are not responsible for additional coursework required due to students who change majors.
- Provisions outlined in existing dual credit MOUs with ROISD will still apply to students enrolled in the HSA.
- Students who exit the HSA program, but still meet dual credit eligibility, may be allowed to participate in the traditional dual credit program at the high school.

Administrators from ROISD, NC, and UTA will meet annually to assess the program and review the provisions of this agreement.

This agreement shall become effective on _____ and shall remain in effect until terminated by one or more parties. Termination can be processed when ROISD, NC, or UTA gives written notice to the other institution 180 days prior to the requested termination date.


Should the agreement be terminated at any time, all parties will make a good faith effort to provide currently enrolled students with opportunities to complete the Associate Degree and transfer seamlessly into UTA.



Dr. Scott Niven
Red Oak ISD Superintendent

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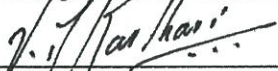
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Dr. Barbara Kavalier,
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