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MEMORANDUM

TO: Community College Presidents

FROM: J. David Armstrong, Jr.

SUBJECT: Statewide Dual Enrollment Course List - Clarification

In September of 2002, the State Board of Education approved a statewide dual enrollment course list. The list identified postsecondary courses completed through dual enrollment that all high schools shall accept toward meeting high school graduation requirements. More specifically, the list equated each dual enrollment course with specific high school subject area requirements and identified the number of high school credits that should be awarded. Several math, science and foreign language courses were equated as one full high school credit at this time.

In November of 2003, the amount of high school credit awarded for several dual enrollment English and Literature courses was also increased to one full credit. This change officially went into effect in January 2004, but students who took the specified English courses in the fall of 2003 could request to receive the full credit if they choose to do so. The Articulation Coordinating Committee (ACC), through the use of faculty committees, will review recommendations for adding courses to the guaranteed list each January. Once approved by the ACC, any revisions to the list will be effective in August of each year.

Many questions have recently arisen relating to the State Board of Education approved dual enrollment course list and some clarification is necessary at this time. The statewide list is a MINIMUM list of dual enrollment courses that must be accepted for high school credit by all school districts. The list also provides a guarantee that certain dual enrollment courses will meet high school graduation requirements.
in specific subject areas. All other dual enrollment courses on the list are guaranteed high school elective credit.

It is important to note that this list is NOT all inclusive and does not prohibit the offering of other dual enrollment courses. Colleges and school districts may offer and accept additional dual enrollment courses that are not on the list as long as both entities agree in the local articulation agreement that the courses will count toward high school graduation. In addition, districts may count courses that are designated on the list as elective credit toward high school graduation requirements in a specific subject area if they so choose. Similarly, school districts and community colleges are not required to offer all of the courses on the state dual enrollment course list. Both entities must reach an agreement on which courses will be offered through dual enrollment and delineate those specific courses in the local articulation agreement.

The purpose of the state dual enrollment course list is to provide a MINIMUM set of dual enrollment courses that must be accepted across all school districts. It is not intended to limit course offerings or prohibit broader acceptance of courses on the local level. The State Board of Education encourages student participation in the dual enrollment program and the list should not create any barriers to student participation in a wide variety of dual enrollment courses.

The revised dual enrollment course list can be viewed on FACTS.org at the following web address:
http://www.facts.org/pdf_sw/DE%20Course%20List%20revised%2011-03.pdf

If you have any questions regarding the dual enrollment program, please contact Dr. Heather Sherry at 245-0407 or Heather.Sherry@fldoe.org.

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