



Collin County Community College District
and
THEO Christian Solution, Inc.

Partnership Agreement
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Partnership Agreement for Academic Year 2023-2026

I. PURPOSE

1) Collin County Community College District (“Collin College”) and THEO Christian Solution, Inc. (“THEO”) hereby enter into the following Partnership Agreement (“Agreement”) effective August 1, 2023 (“Effective Date”) to provide opportunities for high school students to concurrently enroll in college courses and programs. This Agreement is written in accordance with Title 19, Part 1, Chapter 9, Subchapter H of the Texas Administrative Code pertaining to partnerships between secondary schools and public two-year colleges.

II. AGREEMENT

1) Collin College and THEO agree to enter into a partnership to award dual credit. This Agreement hereby incorporates by reference all dual credit requirements defined in the Texas Administrative Code (“TAC”) and the accreditation requirements established by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (“SACSCOC”) which is Collin College’s accrediting body, as such may be amended during its term. Unless otherwise noted, this Agreement applies to dual credit courses only.

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants and conditions contained in this Agreement and other valuable consideration, Collin College and THEO agree as follows:

A. Definitions and Common Terms

- a) The term “dual credit” is defined as enrollment of a high school student in a college to receive simultaneous academic credit for the college course from both the college and the high school.
- b) The term “concurrent credit” is defined as enrollment of a high school student in a college to receive academic credit for the college course only.
- c) Community Colleges – General

The mission of community colleges is to support student access to and success in higher education. You can learn more about the goals of community colleges in general by visiting the website for the American Association of Community Colleges:

www.aacc.nche.edu/

d) Collin College – Mission and Values

Collin College is a student and community-centered institution committed to developing skills, strengthening character, and challenging the intellect. Our Core Values are Learning, Service and Involvement, Creativity, and Innovation. Academic Excellence, Dignity and Respect, and Integrity. You can learn more by going to our website www.collin.edu/aboutus.

e) Collin College Accreditation and Governing Bodies

Collin College's policies are guided by the work of several groups. To help you understand some of the abbreviations in this Agreement, you may be interested in learning more about these groups.

Collin College's accrediting body is SACSCOC. Collin College must adhere to the requirements set forth by this accrediting body. You can learn more about SACSCOC, including its mission and values here: www.sacscoc.org/.

THECB (Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board) guides the efforts of public colleges and universities in Texas. You can learn more about this organization here: www.highered.texas.gov/.

Collin College is governed by a nine-member elected Board of Trustees, and is under the leadership of the district president. You can learn more about the Board of Trustees here: www.collin.edu/leadership/board_of_trustees.html. Information on our Leadership Team is available here: www.collin.edu/leadership/LeadershipTeam.html.

III. GENERAL PROVISIONS FOR DUAL CREDIT

A. Student Eligibility

1) Prior to enrolling in college classes, students must satisfy Texas Success Initiative Assessment ("TSIA") requirements. The TSIA is a college readiness assessment in reading, writing, and mathematics that is required for all students taking college-level courses at a public college in Texas. Students must also satisfy all local assessment requirements.

High school students may be exempt from state-mandated TSIA testing if they meet the qualifying standard listed in the current Collin College Catalog. Exemptions may be extended for the SAT or ACT. Dual credit students may be able to use temporary waivers (TSIA waived for one year) with appropriate scores in PSAT/NMSQT, ACT-Aspire, STAAR English II, or Algebra I (with a final Algebra II average of 70 or higher). All submitted tests scores must be within 5 years:

- TSIA Exemptions:
 - SAT scores: Evidence-Based Reading and Writing score of 480 or higher (for TSIA ELAR) and a Math score of 530 or higher (for TSIA Math)
 - ACT scores:
 - **Tests taken on or before Feb. 14, 2023** - A student with an ACT Composite Score of 23 (or higher) is exempt from TSIA Math with an ACT Math score of 19 (or higher) even though the ACT English may be less than 19. A student with an ACT Composite Score of 23 (or higher) is exempt from TSIA ELAR with an ACT English score of 19 or higher, even though the Math may be less than 19. Scores must be less than 5 years old.
 - **Tests taken on or after Feb. 15, 2023** - (less than 5 years old) A student with a Math score of 22 or higher is exempt from TSIA Math even if the student does not meet the English/Reading requirement. A student with a combined English and Reading score of 40 or higher is exempt from the TSIA ELAR even if the student does not meet the Math requirement.
- TSIA Dual Credit Waivers:
 - PSAT/NMSQT: Evidenced-Based Reading and Writing score of 460 or higher will be waived from TSIA ELAR; Math score of 510 or higher will be waived from TSIA Math
 - ACT-Aspire: Minimum English score of 435 or higher will be waived from TSIA ELAR; minimum Math score of 431 or higher will be waived from TSIA Math
 - STAAR/EOC English II: Level 2 score of 4000 or higher will be waived from TSIA ELAR
 - STAAR/EOC Algebra I: Level 2 score of 4000 or higher and at least a grade of 70 in their two-semester Algebra 2 course will be waived from TSIA Math

Exemption requirements and scores subject to change under Texas law or regulations.

Students may also be exempt if they are enrolling in workforce education courses contained in a Level I Certificate or a program leading to a credential of less than a Level I Certificate.

- 2) Students must have permission from THEO to enroll in Collin College for dual credit or concurrent credit. Collin College must be notified whether students are dual credit or concurrent (college only) credit.
- 3) THEO must provide a letter notifying Collin College of early graduates.
- 4) Official high school transcripts are not required to participate in the Collin College Dual Credit Program. However, a transcript may be required to demonstrate college readiness, or to confirm academic information, e.g., test scores, grade classification, vaccination, or other pertinent information.

B. Student Expectations, Rights, and Responsibilities

- 1) Students enrolled in dual credit courses are considered to be college students and are subject to all Collin College policies and procedures. Dual credit students must comply with standards of conduct required of all Collin College students and have all the same rights and responsibilities in all matters related to the dual credit program. Dual credit students must also follow THEO's Student Code of Conduct.
- 2) Unless a conflict arises between the obligations of THEO and Collin College under their respective policies and procedures for student conduct, THEO and Collin College staff and administrators will work collaboratively to determine the appropriate party to initiate an investigation or resolution process in response to the alleged student conduct violation(s). In the event a conflict arises, regarding the initiation of such investigation or resolution efforts, the parties agree to use the Conflict Resolution efforts listed in Section IV.O. on "[Conflict Resolution](#)".

The Parties agree neither Party is prohibited from utilizing its own complaint resolution process, separate and apart from the other Party's process, but both Parties shall cooperate with each other to provide the necessary information and access to students and employees necessary to fulfill each Parties' obligations under its own specific policies and procedures.

- 3) THEO and Collin College agree to inform the other as soon as reasonably possible (within two business days or sooner) if a dual credit student is subject to disciplinary action that may affect his or her enrollment status as a dual credit student.
- 4) Regardless of the location of the conduct, if THEO's Code of Conduct and disciplinary process could result in removal of the student from the regular education program due to suspension, placement in a disciplinary alternative education program, or expulsion/removal to a Juvenile Justice Alternative Education Program, THEO shall notify Collin College of any disciplinary action in response to the alleged student behavior. Collin College may determine if there are any potential consequences under applicable Collin

College policies or procedures that could also result in the student's removal from enrollment of the student in a dual credit class(es). In addition, per the Collin College Student Code of Conduct, Collin College has the right to immediately remove a student from its premises via the interim suspension process, upon notification and a determination by the Dean of Students. Collin College will notify THEO of any discipline that will be imposed due to Collin College procedures.

C. Faculty Selection, Supervision, and Evaluation

- 1) All Collin College faculty will meet the minimum requirements to teach courses as specified by SACSCOC. Collin College shall select, supervise, and evaluate Collin College faculty for courses which result in the award of dual credit as outlined in Title 19, Part 1, Chapter 4, Subchapter D, Rule 4.85 of the Texas Administration Code.
- 2) Collin College faculty who teach dual credit courses will be required to meet the same standards, reviews, and approval procedures used by Collin College to select all Collin College faculty. Official transcripts of all faculty must be kept on file at Collin College.
- 3) Embedded faculty are full-time high school teachers hired by Collin College as adjunct faculty to teach Collin College courses during regular high school hours. When teaching dual credit courses at the high school campus, embedded faculty are under the guidance of Collin College and must follow the guidelines and procedures of Collin College such for items, including but not limited to; curriculum, the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, syllabus, college schedule, etc.

As Collin College adjunct faculty, embedded faculty are responsible for fulfilling all regular duties and responsibilities of all college faculty, including, but not limited to:

- maintaining college-level rigor in all instructional practices
- utilizing a Canvas shell and gradebook for each course
- developing a course syllabus and calendar of assignments
- certifying rosters
- following FERPA regulations
- providing mid-term and final numerical grades to the P-12 Partnerships Office
- posting final course grades in Collin College's student management system
- following Collin College's mandatory reporting procedures

- responding promptly to email requests and due dates sent by the offices of academic affairs
- 4) All faculty, including embedded faculty, are responsible for attending required Collin College training sessions.
 - 5) All Collin College faculty members must inform their Collin College supervisor (Associate Dean/Director) as well as the high school campus administrator where they teach when they need to be absent. Embedded faculty will follow the THEO process for reporting absences as well as contacting their Collin College Associate Dean/Director. With sufficient advanced notice, Collin College will make a good faith effort to provide a substitute when a faculty member will be absent.
 - 6) Embedded faculty will work with the appropriate associate deans/director and high school administrators regarding class schedules during the high school day.
 - 7) Collin College Faculty, even if employed by and paid by THEO, must be supervised in instructional matters by the Collin College academic department and must meet all administrative and evaluation requirements, and attend required faculty training including the dual credit faculty training.

Collin College Faculty are expected to comply with Collin College board policies, including the Employee Standards of Conduct found in [DH \(Local\)](#) and [DH \(Exhibit\)](#). Dual credit faculty at THEO are also expected to abide by the state Educator's Code of Ethics found in the Texas Administrative Code (19 TAC 247.2) for standard practices and ethical conduct towards students, unless it conflicts with Collin College's Employee Standards of Conduct. If a conflict arises, the Parties agree to use the conflict resolution procedures found in Section IV.O. on "[Conflict Resolution](#)".

- 8) All availability of courses structured under dual credit is contingent upon the availability of Collin College faculty. Students may need to take classes virtually or on a Collin College campus to continue with a sequence.
- 9) Collin College and THEO agree to a mutual understanding to resolve issues that may arise in the course of this partnership with faculty. The Parties agree to use the conflict resolution procedures listed in Section IV.O. on "[Conflict Resolution](#)".

- a) Joining the Collin College Faculty

1. Collin College Commitment to High School Faculty

The following series of steps to facilitate the interview process for high school instructors who wish to teach dual credit with Collin College:

- Before applying to Collin College interested high school faculty members can reference job expectations and responsibilities available here: collin.wd1.myworkdayjobs.com/ExternalFacultyCareerSite.
- THEO will provide Collin College with a roster of faculty interested in embedded faculty assignments for the next academic year by February 1. The roster should include candidates' unofficial transcripts as well as resumes of work experience.
- Collin College academic departments will conduct an initial review to determine whether the high school faculty member meets SACSCOC standards.
- High school faculty found to be SACSCOC qualified would complete an official Collin College application as an adjunct faculty member.
- The Associate Dean/Director will contact applicants if selected for an interview. It is at this point that the Associate Dean/Director can provide the candidate with additional information about a particular position. The interview may include a demonstration of teaching capability, communication, and presentation skills. An interview panel may be used, at the discretion of the department. Candidates will be notified of acceptance or non-acceptance by April 1. If the latter decision is made, an explanation will be offered with suggestions for next steps.
- Adjunct Faculty will be required to attend trainings as directed by the Collin College academic department. The P-12 Partnerships Office will also provide a dual credit faculty presentation on dual credit practices and procedures at the start of each long semester.

2. Prospective Dual Credit Faculty

High School teachers who are interested in teaching dual credit courses on their high school campus for Collin College need to be aware of expectations from both their high school and Collin College. The Appendix D "[Coursework Expectations](#)" will help acquaint instructors with the similarities and differences in requirements for teaching across both school levels. In all cases, the college rules will apply, in some cases, faculty will also have to adhere to high school requirements.

3. Basic Qualifications

SACSCOC is the accrediting body for Collin College. Every prospective dual credit instructor at Collin College must meet these minimum requirements. The requirements can be found at: www.collin.edu/hr/employment/FCI_System.html.

4. Coursework Expectations

In many cases, high school teaching expectations will differ from Collin College's teaching expectations. In Dual Credit courses, Collin College's teaching expectations and student learning outcomes are followed. Appendix D: [Coursework Expectations](#) provides an outline of differences between high school and Collin College coursework expectations.

D. Location and Student Composition of Class

1) Dual credit courses may be taught on one of the Collin College campuses, online (if available), at an approved high school campus, or at an agreed upon and approved location. Dual credit courses need a minimum of 15 students enrolled to be offered regardless of location. Workforce/CTE classes may have exceptions to this minimum as they are limited by space and teacher-to-student ratios for safety. All course minimums and maximums are subject to review by Collin College's Academic Deans.

2) Collin College classes that require a "lab" component at the high school will have the same equipment, specs, and consumables provided at an equivalent Collin College campus. Before a "lab" course is approved to be offered at the high school, the designated Collin College staff will evaluate the proposed "lab" location to ensure it meets Collin College's minimum standards. The high school will be responsible for maintaining, upkeep, and storing consumables and non-consumables related to the Collin College "lab" courses.

3) Courses will be comprised of dual credit high school students only or of dual credit high school students and college credit students if offered online or on a Collin College campus. High school students will not be allowed to concurrently enroll in college courses for high school credit only. During Maymester and Wintermester terms, dual/concurrent credit students may enroll in one course with THEO approval.

4) As part of this Agreement, THEO will assign Collin College faculty to a classroom to carry out the functions of the dual credit program for courses located on THEO's campus. THEO retains control of all classroom space under this Agreement. In order to ensure the program is equipped for college-level instruction, THEO will provide the following:

- Adequate board space
- Computer equipment with projection
- Upon advanced written request from Collin College faculty for multimedia equipment, THEO will provide notice of availability of such equipment and provide it if it is available

- Internet access that aligns with Collin College and State of Texas standards for delivery of instruction to ensure comparable delivery of instruction and access to course materials as found in the college-level courses
- A classroom that is available and ready for use within the allotted instructional class time(s)

THEO will designate an official contact that will facilitate the classroom instructional needs listed above. THEO will notify Collin College's P-12 Partnerships Office and the Academic Affairs office of the name and contact information of the designated liaison. If a conflict arises regarding providing classroom space or equipment, the Parties agree to follow the resolution guidelines in Section IV.O. on "[Conflict Resolution](#)".

5) In the Agreement, THEO agrees to provide Collin College copies of all documents concerning any applicable rules, regulations, policies, and procedures of THEO related to security or restriction, which would be applicable to Collin College faculty while present on a THEO campus.

6) Collin College and THEO will work collaboratively to provide approved accommodations for a Collin College faculty member with a documented disability. If a conflict arises regarding a requested or approved accommodation, the Parties agree to follow the resolution guidelines in Section IV.O. on "[Conflict Resolution](#)".

E. Academic Policies and Student Support Services

1) THEO must provide an atmosphere that promotes a collegiate environment for classes which includes adequate classroom facilities, and minimizes disruptions of college classes for announcements, pep rallies, removal of students from class to conduct high school related activities, etc. THEO will provide Collin College with a schedule of events that may impact dual credit course delivery on a THEO site each semester. After a term's registration period has started, changes cannot be made to Collin College's class schedule unless there are extenuating circumstances approved by both parties.

2) Dual credit courses will follow the Collin College academic calendar. If the THEO calendar is different from that of Collin College, Collin College and THEO will identify a mutually agreeable alternative arrangement for course continuation.

3) High school dual credit and concurrent enrollment students will have access to all Collin College academic and student support services including, but not limited to: libraries, electronic library resources, writing centers, tutorial services, assessment, admissions, student engagement activities, and academic advisement. Some services are available only on a Collin College campus.

4) Per the Texas Education Code, all dual credit students receive academic and/or college readiness advising as referenced in Appendix A: "[Statewide Goals for Dual Credit](#)". Per the Texas Education Code, THEO designates the high school campus counselor as responsible for academic advising to students in the dual credit program.

5) High school dual/concurrent credit students agree to abide by all Collin College policies and procedures as outlined in the current Collin College Student Handbook.

a) Disability Services and Accommodations

1) Students with disabilities who need accommodations must apply for disability services through Collin College's Accommodations at Collin College for Equal Support Services (ACCESS) Department, provide current documentation, and be determined eligible for accommodations at Collin College. The accommodations process is not automatic and may take time to complete. Accommodations available for high school classes may be different, modified, or not available for college-level courses.

If determined eligible for academic accommodations at Collin College, students must request accommodations each semester through Collin College's ACCESS Department. The dual credit course location will determine who provides the academic accommodation needs by Collin College's ACCESS Department. Dual credit course accommodations offered on the high school campus are provided by high school personnel. Dual credit course accommodations offered on a Collin College campus will be provided by Collin College personnel. The Parties will designate each other as school officials with a legitimate educational interest under FERPA as provided in Section IV.G. "[Confidentiality of Data](#)" so that information regarding accommodations may be shared.

F. Eligible Courses

1) All courses offered for dual credit will be identified as college level academic courses in the current edition of the Lower-Division Academic Course Guide Manual or as a college technical course in an Associate of Applied Science (AAS) degree or certificate program. Collin College does not offer kinesiology (KINE) or developmental education courses for dual credit.

2) A course equivalency crosswalk that identifies the number of credits that may be earned for each course completed through the dual credit program in [Appendix B](#) has been approved for the 2023-2026 academic years. Programs listed in [Appendix C](#) have been approved for the 2023-2026 academic years.

Additional courses may be added with approval from THEO and Collin College. An addendum will be created if three or more additional courses are requested by THEO in

writing. An addendum for additional courses can be approved and added to this Agreement by authorized THEO and Collin College representatives.

G. Course Curriculum, Instruction, and Grading

1) Collin College will ensure that a dual credit course and the corresponding course offered at the main campus of Collin College are equivalent with respect to the curriculum, materials, instruction, and method/rigor of student evaluation. These standards will be upheld regardless of the student composition of the class. Dual credit courses will take additional considerations regarding content appropriateness for students under 18 years of age.

2) Students will be expected to meet all requirements of the dual and concurrent credit class(es) and will receive letter grades on their Collin College transcript. Collin College faculty will provide numeric grades at the end of the semester to be weighted or factored into the student's high school grade point average as determined by THEO. Mid-term grades will be provided upon request. Collin College will provide grades to THEO in a timely manner at the mutually agreed upon intervals.

3) Faculty members teaching dual credit courses may alert both the Collin College liaison and the designated high school counselor of any students having academic difficulty. They may also utilize Collin College's Early Alert Referral System (EARS) for this purpose.

4) Faculty are conscious of FERPA guidelines when communicating with students about grades. Grade information is never provided over the phone or via text or non-college email. Currently, grades of A, B, C, D, F, and I are awarded by faculty to each student on their college transcript. Grades of "I" are only temporary and must be resolved by the end of the next long semester. Numeric grades are also provided to THEO. If a student withdraws from a course, a "W" will appear on the student's college transcript.

5) The Grade Appeals Process is available online:

collin.edu/studentresources/support/gradeappeal

6) All faculty will attend faculty meetings and other special meetings called by their Collin College divisional office as needed. Dual credit faculty will also attend a high school campus safety training provided by high school campus administration prior to the start of the semester when dual credit courses are taught at a THEO site.

H. Transcription of Credit

1) High school and college credit will be added to the student's transcripts immediately by THEO and Collin College upon the student's completion of the dual credit course.

I. Funding

1) Tuition and fees will be collected from the high school student unless THEO is covering the student's charges through third party billing. If THEO participates in third party billing, THEO agrees to abide by the policies set forth by the Bursar's Office. All dual credit students are responsible for purchasing their own textbooks and other required course materials unless otherwise purchased on their behalf.

IV. GENERAL OBLIGATIONS OF THE PARTIES

A. Recognition of Higher Education Partner, Promotion, Marketing, and Advertising

1) When reporting and publicizing high school students' completion of dual credit courses, degrees, or certificates, THEO will recognize Collin College as their higher education partner awarding college credit. Both Parties agree not to use the other Party's name, logo, or likeness in any press release, marketing materials, or other public announcements without receiving prior written approval from an authorized designee.

B. Understanding of the Parties

1) Both parties understand the safety and security risks inherent with minors and agree that certain risks may be unforeseeable. Further, the Parties agree that the public safety departments from both Collin College and THEO will collaborate to develop and/or review safety and security standards and/or guidelines, including emergency response.

2) In accordance with FERPA, Collin College and THEO will protect students' privacy and guard against the unauthorized release of identifying student information and records, and comply with all applicable requirements of FERPA.

C. Criminal History Background Check and Fingerprinting Requirements

1) Pursuant to Texas Education Code (TEC) Section 22.0834, Collin College shall ensure that Collin College faculty and staff assigned to work on a THEO site meet the applicable TEC requirements regarding fingerprinting and background checks. THEO will provide faculty fingerprinting instructions to schedule fingerprinting appointments. Fingerprinting expenses for Collin College faculty and staff will be reimbursed by Collin College directly to the employee. For more information on fingerprinting reimbursement please contact Collin College's Human Resources office. Any additional information required by THEO may be requested in accordance with Section IV.F "[School District Data Sharing and Privacy](#)".

2) THEO is responsible for promptly notifying Collin College of any additional requirements or changes in the law that may be necessary in order to comply with THEO's Board policies with regard to criminal history requirements for employees of entities with

whom THEO contracts. THEO will also notify Collin College if an individual does not pass the fingerprint check within 1-2 business days. THEO agrees to provide Collin College with additional information upon request and, to the extent allowed by law, regarding individuals who do not pass the national criminal history record check or fingerprint check.

D. Clery Act Obligations

1) If Collin College is using space on a THEO campus or facility for the purposes of providing dual credit services and/or courses, THEO's law enforcement agency will respond in a timely manner to any requests made by Collin College for statistical information of crimes that have been reported at that location, so Collin College may fulfill its obligations under the Clery Act (20 U.S.C. § 1092(f)) and its regulations.

E. Prohibition of Discrimination and Harassment

1) Collin College has policies and procedures in place to receive, investigate, and resolve student and employee complaints alleging civil rights violations, including claims under Title VI and Title IX. THEO and Collin College shall each comply with their own policies and any applicable state and federal law that prohibit discrimination and harassment on the basis of a student or employee's disability, race, color, national origin, religion, or sex. Each party shall adhere to its obligations under relevant policy and law without regard to the other party's obligations.

2) THEO agrees to report to the Associate Vice President for P-12 Partnerships, within 2 business days, any allegation of discrimination or harassment involving a College employee or dual credit student, regardless of where the alleged conduct occurred. The Associate Vice President for P-12 Partnerships will work with THEO staff on reporting the incident(s) to Collin College's Title IX/ADA and 504/Title VI Coordinator. Collin College has designated the following individual as its District Title IX/ADA&504/Title VI Coordinator:

Terrence P. Brennan, M.A.

District Dean of Students

Collin College

(972) 881-5604

tbrennan@collin.edu

F. School District Data Sharing and Privacy

1) THEO will provide the following student information for each student from 8th-12th grade participating in a Collin College program, if requested.

Student Data Information 8-12th grade and Certified List of Graduates:

- Student Name (Last, First, Middle)
- Date of Birth
- Eligibility for accommodations
- Grade Level
- Anticipated year of high school graduation
- Mailing address (Street, City, State, Zip)
- Name of School
- College readiness scores: SAT, PSAT, ACT, ACT-Aspire, STAAR English II, STAAR Algebra I with a passing final Algebra II grade, and TSIA.

2) The data outlined above will be sent electronically in a template provided by Collin College and will be provided in a timely manner as agreed upon by both Parties upon request.

- Upon receipt of student information, Collin College may use the student mailing information to send information pertaining to Collin College enrollment to the families of participating students.
- Collin College will provide the following information to THEO following its initial entry into the program: postsecondary transition rates from THEO students to Texas institutions of higher education (taken from THECB data); benchmark data from the prior year to show THEO student enrollment at Collin College upon request.
- Collin College will provide the following reports to THEO Superintendent of Schools, designee, and dual credit principal(s) each academic year: dual credit enrollments by high school; dual credit student success outcomes by high school; course and section offerings by high school.
- Collin College will provide, upon written request from an appropriate school district official, information on Collin College articulated credit attainment and college major selections by individual students. This information is designed to assist school personnel in education programming and is protected under FERPA, and may not be published.
- Collin College will utilize the Early Alert Referral System (EARS) to identify students at risk of not completing college coursework to provide effective interventions.

- Collin College will provide TSIA Scores for students that tested through Collin College Testing Centers to THEO.
- Collin College and THEO will implement improvement efforts, as needed, based upon mutual review of the following data:
 - Matriculation of high school students in four-year colleges/universities and level of entry.
 - Enrollment/retention rates
 - Student participation in activities at Collin College
- Additionally, THEO and Collin College agree to the facilitation of the exchange of pertinent information regarding faculty:
 - qualifications for teaching dual credit courses
 - eligibility of faculty in meeting background check and fingerprinting requirements
 - full information sharing with appropriate administration in the event of an investigation of a personnel matter regarding a Collin College faculty member to the extent allowable by each Party's governing policies.

3) Any unauthorized disclosure of confidential student information is a violation of FERPA and the implementing regulations found in 34 CFR Part 99 and shall not be permitted to occur. While in possession of this data, THEO and Collin College shall permit only those employees authorized to have access to the data. Both parties agree to store the data in a secure area to prevent unauthorized access.

4) Upon request from THEO, Collin College may provide mutually agreed upon reports of student enrollment and course grades to designated THEO officials as allowed by FERPA. THEO will designate a school district and high school campus official to request such Collin College reports.

5) This section is not exclusive to all instances in which information may be shared between the Parties under FERPA. See section IV.M. "[FERPA Compliance and Disclosure of Education Records](#)" for additional examples.

G. Confidentiality of Data

1) Both Parties will maintain the confidentiality of all student data shared with it in compliance with FERPA and its associated federal regulations. Both Parties agree not to share information with third parties unless authorized to do so by state or federal law.

2) Data obtained will be used solely for the purposes described in the Agreement. Collin College and THEO will notify designated individuals authorized to access the individual student or employee data for purposes outlined in the Agreement that they must maintain the confidentiality of all personally identifiable data and confidential information.

3) Collin College and THEO will provide a copy of any sections of this Agreement related to data sharing and privacy to any employee who transfers, maintains, accesses, or reviews any confidential data obtained in accordance with the Agreement.

4) The confidentiality requirements shall survive the termination or expiration of the Agreement.

H. Security Safeguards

1) To ensure the continued confidentiality and security of the data, Collin College and THEO shall each independently employ industry best practices, both technically and procedurally to protect the data from unauthorized physical and electronic access. In addition, both Parties shall adhere to the following safeguards when data covered by the Agreement is processed, stored, or transmitted on either Party's information resources:

- Procedures and systems that ensure all student records provided by Collin College and THEO are kept in secured facilities and access ID such records are exclusively limited to authorized personnel.
- Procedures and systems that shall require the use of secure permissions or passwords to access the data.
- Mandatory training for respective personnel on information security, at least on an annual basis.
- Procedures and systems to ensure all data is maintained in a secure manner that prevents the interception, diversion, or other unauthorized access.

2) The procedures and systems developed and implemented to access the data shall ensure that any data disclosure to third parties in accordance with applicable state law (i.e. under the Texas Public Information Act or in response to an audit or other lawful reason in accordance with the TEA or THECB's rules and regulations) shall comply with all provisions under FERPA and Texas laws governing exceptions to disclosure of confidential student information.

I. Method of Access or Transfer

1) Individual level student surveys and academic data will be transferred between designated THEO officials and designated Collin College officials in a manner that maintains the confidentiality and security of individually identifiable records and data.

(Typical approaches use secure File Transfer Protocol, secure cloud-based drop box, and encryption of personally identifiable data).

J. Physical Location of Data

1) Data will be housed in a secure physical or electronic facility accessible only to individuals authorized to access the data for the purposes stated in this document and the Agreement. Data will be stored in a manner that prevents unauthorized access to personally identifiable data. (Secured permissions or passwords will be used to access data stored electronically. Personally identifiable data that resides for any length of time on laptops, desktop computers, CDs, or other media will be encrypted.)

K. Notification of Security Breach

1) Collin College and THEO both agree that in the event of any breach or compromise of the security, confidentiality, or integrity of shared data where personally identifiable information of a student or employee was, or is reasonably believed to have been acquired and/or accessed by an unauthorized person, the Party's information system in which the breach occurs shall notify the other Party of the breach within 24 hours and take immediate steps to limit and mitigate the damage, if any, of such security breach to the greatest extent possible in accordance with applicable laws, such as Tex. Bus. & Com. Code Sections 521.001-152. Notice shall be provided to the designated THEO and Collin College officials.

L. Disposition of Data

1) Collin College and THEO will maintain and destroy any data covered under the Agreement in accordance with each Party's respective policies on records retention.

M. FERPA Compliance and Disclosure of Educational Records

1) Students participating in a dual credit program described herein are enrolled in a post-secondary institution and are thus afforded rights under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) as post-secondary students. This means a high school student who is enrolled at Collin College for purposes of participating in one of these programs, regardless of age, is given the right of privacy in their educational records. Collin College will not disclose information protected under FERPA, even to a student's parent, unless the dual credit student consents to the release in writing, or the parent provides proof of dependency in accordance with 34 CFR 99.31(a)(8).

2) For purposes of this Agreement, pursuant to FERPA, Collin College and THEO designate each other as school officials with legitimate educational interests in the educational records of the participating high school students enrolled in Collin College, to the extent that access to the records is required by either Party to carry out the functions

of the program, enforce or comply with discrimination laws, address student safety and discipline, or any matter where a student's participation in a course or program may be affected, or for any other purpose allowed under applicable law.

3) THEO agrees to share permissible disciplinary information that may affect the enrollment of a dual credit student such as suspension, disciplinary alternative education placement, expulsion, or that relate to conduct that is under investigation while the student is enrolled in a dual credit class.

4) Both Collin College and THEO will provide notice to students, parents and employees of applicable policies and procedures related to disclosure of educational records to ensure compliance with FERPA.

N. Entire Agreement

1) This Agreement, including the Appendices, constitute the entire agreement between Collin College and THEO.

- [Appendix A: Statewide Goals for Dual Credit](#)
- [Appendix B: Courses Approved for THEO/Collin College Dual Credit](#)
- [Appendix C: Programs for THEO/Collin College Dual Credit](#)
- [Appendix D: Coursework Expectations](#)

O. Conflict Resolution

1) The Parties agree to a mutual understanding to resolve issues or concerns that may arise in the course of this partnership that involve students, staff, and/or faculty. In the event a conflict or disagreement should arise in the interpretation or implementation of the obligations, terms, and responsibilities of the Parties to this Agreement, each Party shall designate administrative liaisons for the purposes of resolving concerns at both the campus (liaison must be a Principal or other designated high school campus administrator) and central administrative levels. In order to be collaborative, Collin College must be able to communicate with administrators on campuses in which dual credit students/programs are present.

2) If resolution is not found through those levels, a request may be made that the matter be handled through the Parties' respective legal counsel(s). If resolution is not found through those levels, a request may be made that the matter be handled by voluntary mediation through a mutually approved mediator within thirty (30) days of the selection of a mediator.

P. Termination

- 1) It is agreed that either Party may terminate this Agreement with written notice to the other Party within thirty (30) days.
- 2) It is agreed that either Party may also terminate this Agreement with written notice to the other Party immediately for breach.
- 3) This Agreement may also be terminated by mutual agreement of the Parties.
- 4) In the event of any termination under this section, the Parties will work collaboratively to allow currently enrolled dual credit students to complete their courses for that semester. No new dual credit registrations would be permitted for the current or future terms.
- 5) This Agreement is expressly made subject to each Party’s governmental immunity under the Texas Civil Practice and Remedies Code and all applicable state and federal laws. The Parties hereto expressly agree that no provision of this Agreement is in any way intended to constitute a waiver of any immunities from suit, immunities from liability, defenses, or rights that each Party has by operation of law. Nothing in this Agreement shall be construed as consent to suit by either Party.

Q. Approval Signatures

Collin College and THEO have executed and deliver this Agreement to be effective as of the Effective Date listed above.

Kelly C. Ballard

Aug 30, 2023

Ms. Kelly Ballard, THEO Director of Operations
THEO Christian Solution, Inc.

Date

H. Neil Matkin

Aug 28, 2023

H. Neil Matkin, Ed.D., District President
Collin County Community College District

Date

APPENDIX A: Statewide Goals for Dual Credit

Texas Education Code, Section 28.009 (b-1) and (b-2), requires the THECB and the TEA to collaboratively develop statewide goals for dual credit programs in Texas. These goals provide guidance to institutions of higher education and independent school districts on components that must be in place to ensure quality dual credit programs are provided to Texas high school students. These statewide goals address enrollment in and acceleration through postsecondary education, performance in college-level coursework, and strong academic advising.

Goal 1: *ISDs and IHEs will implement purposeful and collaborative outreach efforts to inform all students and parents of the benefits and costs of dual credit, including enrollment and fee policies.*

Collin College's dual credit website is regularly updated with enrollment guidelines, policies, and program details including:

- ISD registration and payment deadlines
- information session schedules
- FAQs
- forms
- links to student resources

Collin College provides dual credit information sessions each spring at all partnering high schools to potential students, parents, and school counselors before students enroll into dual credit classes for fall.

On an annual basis, Collin College provides two dual credit update sessions to all partnering high school counselors. These include updates on dual credit procedures, testing, ACCESS (student accommodations), as well as shared best practices from school districts. Collin College offers a yearly conference for all local high school counselors. Keynote speakers and breakout sessions are provided on relevant topics and current issues.

ISD counselors at each high school will collaborate with Collin College dual credit staff to schedule dual credit information sessions to prospective students and parents each year.

Collin College also uses marketing materials to help inform students and parents regarding the benefits of dual credit.

Goal 2: *Dual credit programs will assist high school students in the successful transition to and acceleration through postsecondary education.*

All dual credit students receive academic and/or college readiness advising provided by Special Admissions Coordinators. High school dual credit students have access to all college academic and career counseling services. Collin College will share available data related to Collin College enrollment and persistence after high school graduation with ISD administration.

Goal 3: *To bridge them successfully into college course completion, all dual credit students will receive academic and college readiness advising and will have access to student support services.*

All dual credit students receive academic and/or college readiness advising provided by Special Admissions Coordinators (SACs). High school dual credit students have access to all college academic and student support services including, but not limited to, libraries, electronic library resources, writing centers, tutorial services, academic accommodations, assessment, admissions, and academic advisement. Collin College also partners with local ISDs to develop and provide courses in college preparatory mathematics and English language arts to prepare students for success in entry-level college courses without the need for remedial or developmental coursework.

Goal 4: *Dual credit students' performance will meet or exceed the level of quality and rigor on subsequent courses.*

Collin College ensures that a dual credit course and the corresponding course offered at the main campus of Collin College are equivalent with respect to the curriculum, materials, instruction, and method/rigor of student evaluation. These standards are upheld regardless of the student composition of the class.

Collin College faculty teaching dual credit courses are required to meet the same standards, reviews, and approval procedures used by Collin College. Faculty attend professional development opportunities provided by Collin College throughout the year.

APPENDIX B: Courses Approved for THEO/Collin College Dual Credit

Collin College Course descriptions are available in the current Collin College Catalog: collin.edu/academics/catalog.html
 (Some Course Rubrics and/or Numbers are subject to change throughout the year).

THEO 2023-2026 DUAL CREDIT CROSSWALK							
PEIMS Code	HS Endorsement	HS Dual Credit Course Title	Possible HS Credit	Collin College Course Title		College Hours	
			0.5 = 1 sem				
			1.0 = 1 year				
English for Dual Credit							
3220300	Multi-Disciplinary Studies	Dual Credit English III	0.5-1.0	Composition I	ENGL 1301	3	
				Composition II	ENGL 1302	3	
3220400		Dual Credit English IV	0.5-1.0	Composition I	ENGL 1301	3	
				Composition II	ENGL 1302	3	
Social Studies for Dual Credit							
3350100	Multi-Disciplinary Studies	Dual Credit Psychology Special Topics	0.5	General Psychology	PSYC 2301	3	
3330100		Dual Credit United States Government	0.5	Federal Government	GOVT 2305	3	
3380022		Dual Credit Special Topics in Social Studies: Texas Government	0.5	Texas Government	GOVT 2306	3	
03340100		US History Studies Since 1877		0.5	United States History I	HIST 1301	3
				0.5	United States History II	HIST 1302	3

APPENDIX C: Programs for THEO/Collin College Dual Credit

Collin College Program Requirements are available in the current Collin College Catalog: collin.edu/academics/catalog.html (Some Course Rubrics and/or Numbers are subject to change throughout the year).

- A. [Associate of Arts \(AA\) Degree](#)
- B. [Associate of Science \(AS\) Degree](#)
- C. [Associate of Applied Science \(AAS\) Degree](#)
- D. [Associate of Arts in Teaching \(AAT\) Degree](#)

APPENDIX D: Coursework Expectations

Category	High School	College
Course Content	Content is determined by the TEKS (Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills).	<p>Content is guided by THECB and the Collin College academic department guidelines.</p> <p>Focus is on meeting student learning outcomes through content AFB Policy that is chosen by the faculty member and approved by the academic department. The faculty member has high levels of control of the specific content that is covered.</p> <p>Collin College supports the idea that across every level of education, expectations for student learning should increase. As such, courses taught at the college level should require students to meet rigor and even higher standards than those same courses taught in high school.</p>
Academic Freedom	<p>Standards and expectations are guided by the TEKS. Faculty must meet all standards.</p> <p>Freedom is in how you teach content.</p>	<p>There is a high degree of academic freedom in that there is more flexibility in what content is taught, and how it is taught in covering department and college- approved student learning outcomes.</p> <p>For more information please refer to Collin College's Board Policy: pol.tasb.org/PolicyOnline/PolicyDetails?key=304&code=DGC#localTabContent</p>

<p>Grading Policies</p>	<p>Determined by campus and/or ISD policies.</p> <p>Policies may require reteach and retest.</p> <p>Consequences for attendance are determined by State law and district policies.</p>	<p>Guided by departmental requirements. Some departments have explicit requirements, others provide more flexibility in grading to the instructor.</p> <p>Faculty may choose to, but are not required to allow multiple attempts on assignments or exams.</p> <p>Consequences for poor attendance and lack of adherence to course deadlines are determined by the instructor.</p>
<p>Student Learning Outcomes and Competencies</p>	<p>Must meet TEKS guidelines.</p> <p>Additional outcomes can be required by campus and/or district.</p> <p>See details here: tea.texas.gov/curriculum/teks/</p>	<p>Must meet SACSCOC guidelines, THECB core curriculum requirements, Collin College general education competencies, course SLOs (student learning outcomes), and PSLOs (program-level student learning outcomes).</p>
<p>Regulations of Privacy</p>	<p>FERPA: parents and guardians have access to student information.</p>	<p>FERPA: only student has access to information, regardless of their age. Students may choose to fill out a FERPA waiver to allow parents to have access.</p> <p>See further information here: www.collin.edu/gettingstarted/register/ferpa.html</p>

Disability Services	ARD paperwork or 504 plans. All approved accommodations and modifications must be provided.	<p>In the college setting, curriculum modifications are not required for students with disabilities. However, reasonable accommodations may be approved by the Collin College ACCESS Department on a course by course, case by case basis. Approved accommodations must be implemented by faculty.</p> <p>Students must provide a Course Accessibility Letter signed by an ACCESS Advisor to faculty before any accommodations can be provided. Accommodations may not be provided before faculty receive a Course Accessibility Letter. The provision of accommodations is not retroactive.</p> <p>Learn more here: www.collin.edu/studentresources/disabilityservices/index.html</p>
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