

2024-25 Dual-Credit Memorandum of Agreement Between Northern Kentucky University & Villa Madonna Academy

Purpose

This Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) establishes a collaborative relationship between Northern Kentucky University (NKU) and Villa Madonna Academy to offer dual-credit opportunities for secondary school students who meet the requirements for admission into NKU's School-Based Scholars dual-credit program. This agreement incorporates by reference the requirements provided in KRS 164.786, which creates and implements the Kentucky Dual-Credit Scholarship (DCS) Program, administered by the Kentucky Higher Education Assistance Authority (KHEAA).

Defining the School-Based Scholars (SBS) Program

Northern Kentucky University's School-Based Scholars program allows high school students to enroll in college-level courses offered by a college and simultaneously earn credit towards high school graduation and/or a postsecondary degree (these courses may be academic, but not remedial, developmental, or recitative). Students must also meet course prerequisites. Specific to the SBS program, courses may be offered at a high school, online or a designated NKU campus.

Student Participation in the School-Based Scholars (SBS) Program

SBS Admission policy

High school sophomores, juniors and seniors are eligible for this program if they meet the following requirements:

- Must have a high school unweighted GPA of 3.0 or higher.
- Must meet any course prerequisites.

Students must complete a School-Based Scholars application packet (online application, disclosure, and transcript). Test scores (ACT, SAT, and/or AP) must be provided if required as a pre-requisite to a course, however some placement testing may be available. Completed School-Based Scholars application packets do not guarantee admission into the program or eligibility for any specific course. All applications will be reviewed by the School-Based Scholars office for admission eligibility. *A copy of the SBS disclosure form is provided in Appendix A.*

All applications must be completed by the student (and, if the student is a minor, their parent or legal guardian) and submitted in their entirety by the high school counselor (or responsible high school contact) by August 1 for the fall semester and by December 1 for the spring semester. If the student's qualifications do not meet the admission criteria for the SBS program by those deadlines, they will not be admitted for that intended semester but can apply for a later semester if their qualifications change.

Admission policy exceptions:

All requirements in this policy for dual-credit participation are the requirements for NKU. If a high school wishes to impose additional requirements for participation in dual-credit courses, those requirements will be enforced.

Sophomore students will be limited to only taking classes offered at their high school. Sophomores who wish to take an online or on-campus course can request an exception by submitting additional materials

Upon receipt of completed application materials and in accordance with NKU's enrollment schedule, NKU will be responsible for enrolling admitted students in any designated dual-credit courses held at their high school or online (see courses listed in table above). High school students will be responsible for registering for any additional course held online or on NKU's campus.

NKU will inform each high school counselor (or designated contact) of the current requirements and costs associated with enrollment in NKU dual-credit courses.

Once students are enrolled in a course, they will have an official academic record at NKU. After each add or drop deadline during the fall and spring semesters, the SBS office will provide a roster of registered NKU dual-credit students to a designated contact at each high school with the expectation that the rosters will be verified with the high school's records and the school districts will submit any changes to the SBS office, as necessary.

SBS students may enroll in any number of credit hours each semester up to the maximum allowed for other NKU students. Students should work with their high school counselor and NKU advisor to determine an appropriate number of credit hours for them.

NKU reserves the right to cancel a NKU faculty-led course that does not meet enrollment targets or alter the proposed course list based on faculty availability.

SBS students may not complete a degree from NKU while in the SBS program.

Academic Quality

Dual-credit courses taught in the high school, whether by a NKU faculty or a NKU-credentialed high school teacher, shall meet the rigor for postsecondary credit and be congruent with the University's normal offerings. Classes offered in the high school settings shall conform to the University's academic standards. Faculty for all dual-credit courses shall be approved by the appropriate department at the University and meet all SACSCOC credentialing requirements. Additional qualifications required by academic departments may vary and may require an additional interview with the academic department and/or the SBS program.

NKU will provide a faculty liaison for newly-credentialed high school teachers for every semester that they teach a new course for NKU in the SBS program. All dual-credit faculty, whether a NKU faculty or a NKU-credentialed high school teacher, will be enrolled in the SBS Faculty Orientation each semester. All instructors are expected to complete this orientation and any additional required trainings prior to the start of the semester. Additionally, all instructors are expected to attend a half day professional development event (details to be announced at a later date) to provide additional training, address questions that arise from the SBS Faculty Orientation and get any University/Program updates.

All dual-credit faculty, whether a NKU faculty or a NKU-credentialed high school teacher, are expected to read and comply with the expectations, responsibilities, guidelines, and procedures outlined in the Canvas orientation. This information will remain available to the faculty throughout the semester they are teaching. This information is available to districts upon request.

An official syllabus will be prepared by the responsible dual-credit faculty for each dual-credit course, made available to students enrolled in the course, and provided, upon request, to the school district.

account for covered classes. KHEAA does not begin to disburse scholarships for fall term until after October 1 and for spring term until after February 15. If students pay their tuition out-of-pocket and are awarded a scholarship afterward, NKU will refund those payments. Students who are taking classes that are not covered by KHEAA scholarships should make their payment by the first day of classes. Students who do not earn a scholarship and fail to pay their tuition could face the inability to register for future classes and/or to request transcripts. Any school districts who pay tuition for their students will have tuition bills calculated after the KHEAA scholarship has been processed.

The school district will be responsible for transmitting all data required by the Kentucky DCS Program to KHEAA and following all procedures necessary to administer the DCS. NKU will be responsible for transmitting enrollment verification and final grade reports to KHEAA at the end of each semester, in accordance with the DCS procedures.

Related Course Expenses

According to KRS 164.786 the Participating Institution (NKU) “charges no more than the dual-credit tuition rate ceiling per credit hour, including any fees, for any dual-credit course it offers to any Kentucky public or nonprofit high school student.” The following additional charges associated with operating a college course will be allocated as follows and agreed upon by NKU and Villa Madonna Academy:

Expense	Responsible Party	
	NKU	Villa Madonna Academy
Laboratory and other fees associated with specific courses	X	
Professional liability insurance	For NKU faculty	For Villa Madonna Academy faculty

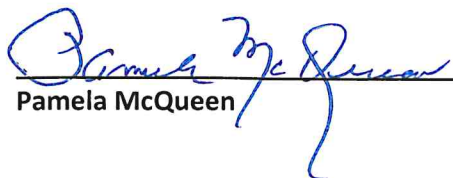
Participating high school students will be responsible for the cost of course materials (textbooks, digital content, eResources, etc.) unless otherwise covered by the school district. This information is shared with students prior to the start of each semester and may be accessible through NKU’s Bookstore website.

Unsuccessful Students

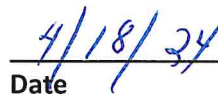
Per KRS 164.786, the DCS will only reimburse 50% of the cost of tuition for students who do not successfully complete any course in which students were to receive the DCS. Although the university incurs costs associated with teaching the course regardless of student performance, the remaining 50% will be absorbed by the university.

Approvals

The agreement is effective with signatures below for the 2024/2025 academic year.



 Pamela McQueen



 Date

Appendix A: Student's SBS Disclosure Statement



Disclosure Statement

All new students **must complete the online application** to be admitted into the School-Based Scholars SBS program, accessible by scanning the QR code provided below. Once successfully completed, students will receive a reference number. Please keep record of this number.



I agree to and understand that:

1. In order to remain in good standing, a student must earn a cumulative NKU GPA that meets or exceeds 2.00.
2. Tuition must be paid in full by the first day of class each semester. The tuition amount varies each year. If students pay their tuition out-of-pocket and are awarded a scholarship afterward, NKU will refund those payments. *Please refer to the SBS website for the current SBS tuition rate and payment information.*
 - a. **By signing this disclosure statement, students and parents/guardians accept the financial responsibility incurred by taking dual-credit classes and acknowledge that failure to pay can result in accumulated debt for classes taken as well as difficulty in registering for future semesters.**
 - b. **NKU is striving to be a paperless institution. Paper bills WILL NOT be mailed home; they will be posted to each student's myNKU account and emailed to their NKU email account.**
 - c. **Students are responsible for sharing this information with their parents.**
3. Students are responsible for purchasing course materials and textbooks prior to the start of the semester.
4. Students are responsible for completing any required class experiences (labs, field trips, etc.).
5. Students are responsible for setting up and checking their NKU email regularly.
6. Students, not parents, are responsible for contacting their professors should issues arise in their courses. The SBS office can help students troubleshoot if further issues persist.
7. Prior to each semester, the SBS office will provide each high school with a student's registration status.
8. Students are responsible for contacting their high school counselor when they wish to withdraw from a course. All withdrawals will be processed in accordance with the academic calendar.
9. NKU courses are college-level courses and may contain mature content not typical in a high school environment. By submitting this disclosure, each parent and student understands that students may be exposed to mature content as part of each NKU course's curriculum.
10. Students are required to complete the SBS Student Orientation in Canvas. Details will be emailed to students prior to the start of each semester. Students are expected to familiarize themselves with and abide by all expectations and regulations within.
11. While in the SBS program, students may be surveyed to obtain information about their interests and experiences to enhance the SBS experience as well as connect students with NKU programs, faculty, and students.