

## Addendum to the Panola College

### Memorandum of Understanding

#### Purpose

This addendum to the current Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between PANOLA COLLEGE and Carthage Independent School District outlines the financial roles and responsibilities of the College and the School Districts that participate in Dual Credit.

Unless noted below, all language in the original MOU applies to the agreement between PANOLA COLLEGE and Carthage Independent School District. The following changes will apply to the service area schools currently in partnership with PANOLA COLLEGE for dual enrollment courses (TECHNICAL and ACADEMIC):

- Panola College has opted in to FAST (Financial Aid for Swift Transfer) for **SPRING 2024**. The FAST Program passed during the 88th Legislature Session under HB(8).
- The FAST program provides funding to participating public institutions of higher education so they can offer dual credit courses to educationally disadvantaged students at no cost to these students.
- The Texas Education Code (TEC) defines “educationally disadvantaged” as those students eligible for the national free/reduced-price lunch program. A student who meets this requirement in any of the four school years prior to the academic year in which the student is enrolled in the eligible dual credit course may be eligible for the FAST program.
- The adopted tuition rate is \$55.00 per semester credit hour. This rate applies to ALL dual enrollment students, for both academic and technical courses.
- By statute, the FAST program requires that eligible students at participating institutions incur no cost for their dual credit coursework. An eligible student will not pay tuition and fees for an eligible dual credit course. ISDs and Panola College will be responsible for absorbing those costs, as outlined in the COURSE COST ADDENDUM.
- Books, supplies, and other course materials must also be provided at no cost to FAST eligible students. ISDs and Panola College will be responsible for absorbing those costs, as outlined in the **ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL COST** column of the cost addendum.
- Courses taken by students must align with their chosen pathway.
- In the event that a student marked as a FAST recipient on the Early Admission Form are not paid by the state, it will be the responsibility of the ISD to make payment to the college.

**Duration**

Due to the timing of the FAST Program adoption, this MOU addendum shall end on August 14, 2024. Beginning August 15, 2024, the MOU will be an annual contract. This Addendum is effective **January 1, 2024.**

**AUTHORIZATION OF AGREEMENT:**

Each party represents and warrants to the other the execution of this agreement has been duly authorized and this agreement constitutes a valid and enforceable obligation of such party according to its terms.

Carthage School District

Jarrold Bitter

Print Name (School District Official)

Jarrold Bitter

Print Title

Superintendent

Signature

Date October 31, 2023

Billy Adams, Ed.D.

Vice President of Instruction

Panola College

Billy Adams

Signature

11-13-2023

Date