

## **Executive Summary:      Dual Enrollment Agreement for University of Pittsburgh at Bradford**

### **Summary:**

Recently, Administration had the opportunity to meet with representatives from the University of Pittsburgh at Bradford (UPB) campus. The discussion revolved around a dual enrollment opportunity for students that represents a model that we do not currently offer to our students. In this model, referred to as College in the High School, the classroom teachers in the high school who possess a Master's Degree can align their coursework to the syllabus provided by the University and students who complete the high school course are then eligible to enroll with UPB as a non-matriculated student and take the UPB final exam for the course in which they are enrolled. Successful students are then awarded college credit at a cost of \$125 per 3 credit college course. Students participating in this model of dual enrollment can earn up to 12 college credits.

The college course work is embedded into our existing course structure. Since the college is typically completing the course in a semester and we are allowing a full year, there is sufficient time to complete requirements that the District has outside of the college. No special sections are required, classes may include students who elect to receive college credit and students who prefer not to do so.

Students may enroll anytime during the first semester of the school year to allow maximum flexibility for payment and to allow students to see how they are doing in the course before they commit to earning college credit. Students are issued a UPB identification card and computer account for access to the University library and other resources.

The teachers utilized by the program are Warren County School District employees. They are required to participate in a one-day training session, submit copies of their transcripts to UPB and work with the faculty content advisor provided by UPB as needed to vet the course syllabus.

The Administration would like to request the opportunity to pilot the University of Pittsburgh at Bradford program for the 2012-2013 school year at Sheffield Area Middle High School. One or two courses would be made available to students contingent upon the faculty approvals granted by UPB and the ability to align the courses as needed with the syllabus provided by UPB. The attached dual enrollment agreement is designed to allow a one year pilot of this program to occur to allow administration to evaluate the program and its benefits and effects on our students.

### **Financial Implications:**

There is no cost to the District.

### **Recommendations:**

That the Board of School Directors approves the proposal for a pilot program of College in the High School Dual Enrollment between UPB and Sheffield Area Middle High School.