

# FY25 COMMONWEALTH DUAL ENROLLMENT PARTNERSHIP MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

Massachusetts Bay Community College and Brookline High School

#### Introduction:

The Agreement outlines a partnership between Massachusetts Bay Community College (MBCC) and Brookline High School (BHS) to participate in the Massachusetts Department of Higher Education's FY25 Commonwealth Dual Enrollment Partnership (CDEP). The goals of this grant program are to increase the college awareness and readiness of high school graduates in Massachusetts and close achievement gaps among students from various ethnic, racial, and economic groups by providing dual enrollment opportunities to a greater number of students who otherwise would have limited or no access to an early college experience. The Agreement is designed to particularly serve low-income, underrepresented and first-generation-to-college students.

#### Collaboration:

MBCC will collaborate with BHS to provide free dual enrollment college courses for the spring 2025 semester. The courses selected will meet Mass Transfer requirements or be in disciplines of STEM and Health Sciences. Courses will be open to eligible juniors and seniors who have a minimum cumulative 2.5 high school GPA. If a student's GPA is below 2.5, then his/her/their guidance counselor, teacher, or principal must submit a recommendation to the Dual Enrollment Coordinator at MBCC requesting that the student be allowed to enroll. Eligible sophomores will be permitted to enroll if there are seats available in the class, they have a minimum cumulative 2.5 high school GPA and his/her/their guidance counselor, teacher, or principal submits a recommendation to the Dual Enrollment Coordinator at MBCC requesting that the student be allowed to enroll.

MBCC and BHS agree that strong preference will be given to students from low-income households, who are underrepresented, or who will be the first in their family to attend a college or university. MBCC will collaborate with BHS to determine the courses to be offered and day(s) and time(s) of classes.

## **Responsibilities of MBCC:**

- Work with BHS on the selection of dual enrollment courses
- Offer in-person, online or hybrid college courses free of charge
- Provide and pay the faculty members to teach the courses
- Provide textbooks to students without charge
- Provide official MBCC Grades to BHS
- Provide college information and awareness activities

## Responsibilities of BHS:

- Assign a liaison from BHS to work with MBCC CDEP Program Coordinator:
  - o To actively advertise and recruit eligible students,
  - o Actively support student success,
  - Communicate regularly with MBCC CDEP Program Coordinator.
- Provide MBCC with enrolled student SSAID information.
- Assist MBCC in addressing relevant non-academic issues related to enrolled students.
- Grant high school credit for successful college grades upon completion of the MBCC CDEP course.

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