



NORTH CAROLINA COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM
H. Martin Lancaster, President

August 28, 2007

MEMORANDUM

TO: Dr. Donald W. Cameron
Dr. Dianne Honeycutt

FROM: Antonio Jordan, Director of Joint High School Programs
Academic and Student Services

RE: 2007 Cooperative Innovative High School Programs (Part I) Revisions

On August 17, 2007, the State Board of Community Colleges approved your request to revise the applications approved on March 16, 2007 (see S07-015). This approval will add James B. Dudley High School Early College Academies at Guilford Technical Community College and revise the Scotland County Schools/Schools within a School to provide approval for the Scotland Early College High School at Richmond Community College.

As required by G.S. 115C-238.53 (attachment 2), you are now required to complete a written agreement with signatures of the local board of trustees of the community college, the local board of education, the State Board of Education and the State Board of Community Colleges that incorporates information in the application as modified by the tables of approved exemptions (attachment 1).

To facilitate this requirement, **please complete attachment 3 and return it by September 15, 2007** to:

Robert L. Logan
Associate State Superintendent
Innovation and School Transformation
6368 Mail Service Center
Raleigh, NC 27699-6368

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Your agreement will operate for a term of no longer than five school years beginning July 1, 2007 and ending June 30, 2012. Your program may use state, federal and local funds allocated to the local administrative unit, to the State Board of Community Colleges, and to the community college for implementation

We wish you much success in this collaborative endeavor and look forward to assisting you as needed. Should you have questions, please contact Robert L. Logan at 919-807-3200 (public schools questions) or Tony Jordan at 919-807-7133 (community college questions).

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Attachments:

1. NC Community Colleges Approved Exemptions
2. G. S. 115C-238.51
3. Agreement

c: Dr. Delores A. Parker, NCCCS
Mr. J. B. Buxton, NCDPI
Mr. Robert L. Logan, NCDPI
Dr. Tony Habit, NSP
Ms. Carolyn White, NSP

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A. The Early College Academy at GTCC

- The Academy at James Benson Dudley High School

Exemption(s)	Rationale for the Exemption	RECOMMENDATION
To grant permission to GTCC to enroll these students	These students do not meet any of the current interpretations of Administrative Code to allow the college to enroll them	Recommend approval

B. Scotland Early College High School at Richmond Community College

Exemption(s)	Rationale for the Exemption (Please include specific examples)	RECOMMENDATION
Allow high school students to enroll in community college courses, regardless of age.	Age Waiver.	Recommend approval for SECHS students in grades 9 to 12 or 13 in curriculum courses numbered 100 or above.
Allow high school students to enroll in summer college classes and , community college partners to earn FTE	Summer Waiver	Recommend approval for enrollment for summer curriculum courses; FTE funding shall be consistent with that for adult students in summer courses.
Allow SHS students to be exempt from tuition when enrolled in college courses leading to an associate degree.	Many SECHS students come from low-income families and/or from families with low educational levels. Never having been exposed to college through their families, many of these students would be unlikely to consider college as an option for themselves. Enrolling in college classes will present unique opportunities for them to be exposed to college and get them started toward a college degree. To require this group of students to pay tuition would create an insurmountable barrier for many of them.	No action; tuition exemptions shall be consistent with Huskins and dual enrollment statutes and/or administrative rules.

Part 9. Cooperative Innovative High School Programs

115C-238.53. Program operation.

(a) A program approved by the State is accountable to the local board of education.

(b) A program approved under this Part shall operate under the terms of a written agreement signed by the local board of education, local board of trustees, State Board of Education, and applicable governing Board. The agreement shall incorporate the information provided in the application, as modified during the approval process, and any terms and conditions imposed on the program by the State Board of Education and the applicable governing Board. The agreement may be for a term of no longer than five school years.

(c) A program may be operated in a facility owned or leased by the local board of education, the local board of trustees, or the education partner, if any.

(d) A program approved under this Part shall provide instruction each school year for at least 180 days during nine calendar months, shall comply with laws and policies relating to the education of students with disabilities, and shall comply with Article 27 of this Chapter.

(e) A program approved under this Part may use State, federal, and local funds allocated to the local school administrative unit, to the applicable governing Board, and to the college or university to implement the program. If there is an education partner and if it is a public body, the program may use State, federal, and local funds allocated to that body.

(f) Except as provided in this Part and under the terms of the agreement, a program may be exempted by the applicable governing Board from laws and rules applicable to a local board of education, a local school administrative unit, a community college, a constituent institution, or a local board of trustees. (2003-277, s. 2; 2005-276, s. 7.33(a).)

Cooperative Innovative High School Program Agreement

Directions for Completion:

- A. The agreement is to be completed jointly by the local board(s) of education and the local board of trustees of the community college.
- B. The agreement must be returned to:

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- C. Send 2 copies with original signatures (1 copy will be returned to the partnership with State Boards signatures).

Program operation agreement:

This agreement among the Board of Trustees of :

(1) _____ and
(Name of Community College)

the Board of Education of:

(2) _____ and
(Name of Public School System)

(3) _____ and
(Name of Public School System)

the State Board of Community Colleges and the State Board of Education is to establish a cooperative innovative high school program pursuant to G. S. 115C-238.51 through G. S. 115C-238.55. The community college and the local education agencies agree that the application submitted for the November 2007 Request For Proposal with approved amendments are incorporated in this agreement with only the approved exemptions contained in attachments 1 and 2 of this document.

