

STATE BOARD OF COMMUNITY COLLEGES

2009-10 Cooperative-Innovative High School Programs Application Approvals

Request:

The State Board of Community Colleges is requested to approve **one (1)** Community College application for designation as a Cooperative Innovative High School Program pursuant to NCGS 115C-238.51(d), **and to grant exemptions pursuant to NCGS 115C-238.53(f)** that will expand students' opportunities for educational success, and to authorize the SBCC chair to sign subsequent agreements and amendments that comply with applicable laws and regulations.

Cooperative Innovative Education Programs Act Summary

Session Law 2003-277 (SB 656) as amended by S.L. 2005-276 permitted local boards of education to jointly establish with one or more boards of trustees cooperative innovative programs in high schools and colleges or universities. These programs serve high school students who are at risk of dropping out of school before attaining a high school diploma or who would benefit from accelerated academic instruction. Students are eligible to attend these programs as early as ninth grade. Such a program operates under the terms of a signed written agreement for a term of no more than five school years.

The act further directs "that the boards may approve programs recommended by the joint advisory committee or may approve other programs that were not recommended." General Statute (G.S.) 115C-238.51(d) as modified by S.L. 2005-345 further directs that the "State Boards shall approve all applications by June 30 of each year." ***G.S. 115C-238.53(f) also provides that "[e]xcept 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. (2005-276, s. 7.33.a.)***" Nothing in the act is to be construed to obligate the General Assembly to make appropriations to implement the act. This act became effective June 27, 2003 and was subsequently codified as Part 9, G.S. 115C-238.50 – G.S. 115C-238.55.

Applying Schools

The attached tables list colleges that submitted applications under Section 2 of the Innovative Education Initiatives Act for consideration by the governing boards and exemptions [G.S. 115C-238.53(f)] requested by the community colleges to facilitate program implementations. Approval will be for the five-year period beginning July 1, 2008 and ending June 30, 2013.

Staff Recommendation

On March 14, 2008, the State Board of Community Colleges approved five community colleges to establish cooperative innovative high school programs (Central Piedmont, Catawba Valley, Western Piedmont, Wayne, and Pitt). The intent at that time was for the Board to also approve Mitchell Community College.

Mitchell Community College submitted a request for approval to establish a cooperative innovative high school with all the appropriate paperwork. Mitchell CC and Catawba College partnered with the Iredell-Statesville School District; however, the System Office staff inadvertently left Mitchell off the Board item, see Attachment Program 5, SBCC 3/14/08 and approval memo S08-021(attached as 4D and 4E).

At this time, staff is recommending the Board reaffirm the original intention of the March 14, 2008 approval of cooperative innovative high schools by approving Mitchell Community College.

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On December 6, 2007, the State Board of Education approved the following Early College High School Program for implementation in the 2008-2009 school year.

COLLEGE	ECHS/MCHS	LSAU
Mitchell	Iredell-Statesville Visual and Performing Arts School	Iredell-Statesville School District

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Requested Community College Exemptions
2009-10

Exemption	Community Colleges	Rationale	Recommendation*
To allow ECHS/MCHS students to enroll in summer classes and community college partners to receive FTE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mitchell Community College 	Summer exemption	<i>Recommend approval for enrollment for summer curriculum courses; FTE funding shall be consistent with that for adult students in summer courses.</i>
Allow ECHS/MCHS student enrollment (with FTE reimbursement) in developmental courses where necessary to establish prerequisite skill levels for required coursework	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mitchell Community College 	Developmental courses exemption	<i>Recommend approval limited to not more than 10 percent of the prior year ECHS unduplicated annual student enrollment and ASSET, COMPASS or Accuplacer scores indicating student placement in the highest level developmental course in reading, writing and/or mathematics</i>
To allow community college partners to develop courses necessary for the ECHS/MCHS students (and open to other, non-high school students), even though such courses are available from at least one high school in the district	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mitchell Community College 	Course development exemption	<i>Recommend approval limited to offering courses already in curriculum programs approved for the college without regard to other high school courses offered in the LSAU.</i>
Allow full-time ECHS/MCHS students who are enrolled in one high school course to enroll in more than one college course for which they are eligible.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mitchell Community College 	Percent enrolled exemption	<i>Recommend approval</i>
To allow the ECHS/MCHS students to enroll in community college courses regardless of age	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mitchell Community College 	Age exemption	<i>Recommend approval for ECHS students in grades 9 to 12 or 13 in curriculum courses numbered 100 or above.</i>
To allow ECHS/MCHS students to enroll in community college courses without regard to the displacement of traditional college students	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mitchell Community College 	Displacement exemption	<i>Recommend approval</i>

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To allow the ECHS/MCHS students to receive exemptions to the enrollment policies that place adult enrollment as priority	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mitchell Community College 	Priority Enrollment Exemption	<i>No Action; see Displacement Waiver above</i>

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