

STATE BOARD OF COMMUNITY COLLEGES

2010 - 2011 Cooperative-Innovative High School Programs Application Approvals

Request:

The State Board of Community Colleges is requested to approve three Community College applications for designation as Cooperative Innovative High School Programs 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 August 1, 2010 and ending August 1, 2015.

Staff Recommendation

Staff of the NC Community College System and the NC Department of Public Instruction have reviewed the applications and recommend approval of the programs with the exemptions noted and authorization for the Chairman of the State Board, in consultation with the president, to approve the agreement and subsequent amendments so long as the agreement and amendments comply with all applicable laws and regulations.

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On March 4, 2010 the State Board of Education approved the following Early College High School Programs for implementation in the 2010/211 school year.

COLLEGE	ECHS/MCHS	LSAU
Guilford Technical Community College	T. Wingate Andrews High School	Guilford County Schools
Gaston College	Bessemer City High School	Gaston County Schools
Mayland Community College	Avery High School	Avery County Schools

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Requested Community College Exemptions
2010/2011

Rationale	Community Colleges	Exemption	Recommendation*
To allow ECHS/MCHS students to enroll in summer classes and community college partners to receive FTE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Guilford Tech C.C. Gaston 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"> Gaston 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 even though such courses are available from at least one high school in the district	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gaston College 	Huskins Supplanting/Duplication 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"> Guilford Tech C.C. Gaston 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"> Guilford Tech C.C. Gaston 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"> Guilford Tech C.C. Gaston College Mayland C.C. 	Displacement/Priority Enrollment exemption	<i>Recommend approval</i>
<i>*Recommendations are in line with previously approved SBCC exemptions;</i>			

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To exempt ECHS/MCHS students from tuition while participating in the Cooperative Innovative High School Programs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Guilford Tech C.C. • Gaston College • Mayland C.C. 	Tuition exemption	<i>No Action required; refer to 23 N.C.A.C. 2D .0202(a)(7)(E)</i>
To allow the community college partner to receive budgeted FTE for ECHC/MCHS students	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Guilford Tech C.C. • Mayland C.C. 	FTE reimbursement	<i>No Action required; refer to 23 N.C.A.C. 2D .0326(a)</i>
<i>*Recommendations are in line with previously approved SBCC exemptions;</i>			

COMMUNITY COLLEGE PARTNERS

Community College	School Name	LSAU Contact	Address/Telephone
Guilford Technical	T. Wingate Andrews High School	Lewis Ferebee	Guilford County Schools 501 Washington St. Greensboro, NC 27401 336-370-8301
Gaston College	Bessemer City High School	Beverly Kellar	943 Osceola Street P.O. Box 1397 Gastonia, NC 28054 704-866-6175
Mayland	Avery High School	Mark Garrett	Avery County High School 401 High School Road P.O. Box 1300 Newland, NC 28657 828-733-1742