

TITLE: Ohio and West Virginia Tuition Reciprocity Agreements

RECOMMENDATION: The Finance Committee recommends the Council approve the tuition reciprocity agreements with Ohio and West Virginia for the time period July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2025.

PRESENTER: Eric Farris, Committee Chair

COMMITTEE REVIEW & APPROVAL

The Finance Committee reviewed and approved the proposed tuition reciprocity agreements with Ohio and West Virginia at its June 6, 2023, meeting.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

Tuition reciprocity agreements are arrangements between two or more states where the residents of a defined region in one state can enroll at identified institutions (or in selected programs) in another state (and vice versa) for a reduced tuition charge. Under such agreements, eligible residents may also receive special treatment for admission purposes.

In general, advantages of reciprocity agreements include:

- Broader educational access and opportunity for residents of a region;
- Reduction in unnecessary duplication of academic programs; and
- Cost savings to a home state by utilizing academic programs in other states.

Currently, Kentucky has tuition reciprocity agreements with Indiana (IN), Ohio (OH), and West Virginia (WV). The Indiana agreement is in effect through June 30, 2025. The agreements with Ohio and West Virginia expire on June 30, 2023. Staff has worked with officials from these states and participating Kentucky institutions to renegotiate the agreements in compliance with policies adopted by the Council. The updated agreements have no substantive changes.

Kentucky/Ohio Agreement

Pursuant to Ohio law, the Ohio agreements have two-year terms. The current agreements with Ohio are scheduled to expire on June 30, 2023. The agreements contain provisions for making changes while the agreements are in place, provided that all parties are amenable.

Kentucky stakeholders initially requested that the agreement's exclusion of nursing programs at Gateway be removed. Ohio officials requested that no changes be made to the agreement and

stated that they would consider this change prior to the next renewal. KCTCS officials accepted this response and agreed to proceed with no changes to the agreement.

Council staff recommends renewal of the Kentucky/Ohio Reciprocity Agreements for the period of July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2025. Officials at participating Kentucky institutions support the proposed agreement.

Additional necessary corrections and updates to agreement language are shown in the attached proposed agreements. Kentucky and Ohio have three separate agreements. The list below shows participating institutions and eligible counties.

Agreement 1:

KY Institutions & Eligible OH Counties

Northern Kentucky University
Gateway Community & Technical College

Adams County	Brown County
Butler County	Clermont County
Clinton County	Fayette County
Hamilton County	Highland County
Warren County	

OH Institutions & Eligible KY Counties

Cincinnati State Technical & Community College
Clark State Community College
Southern State Community College
University of Cincinnati

Bracken County	Boone County
Campbell County	Carroll County
Gallatin County	Grant County
Kenton County	Pendleton County

Agreement 2:

KY Institutions & Eligible OH Counties

Ashland Community & Technical College
Morehead State University – Morehead
Morehead State University – Ashland

Adams County	Athens County
Brown County	Gallia County
Jackson County	Lawrence County
Meigs County	Pike County
Scioto County	Vinton County

OH Institutions & Eligible KY Counties

Ohio University – Athens
Ohio University – Southern
Rio Grande Community College
Shawnee State University

Southern State Community College

Boyd County	Carter County
Elliot County	Fleming County
Greenup County	Lawrence County
Lewis County	Mason County
Rowan County	

Agreement 3:

KY Institutions & Eligible OH Counties

Maysville Community & Tech. College

Adams County	Brown County
Clermont County	

OH Institutions & Eligible KY Counties

Miami University Hamilton Campus
Miami University Middletown Campus
University of Cincinnati – Clermont College

Bracken County	Lewis County
Mason County	Robertson County

The following table provides a comparison of Kentucky and Ohio reciprocity student headcount, FTE students, and attempted student credit hours.

Ohio and Kentucky 2021-22 Reciprocity Students	KY Residents at OH Institutions	OH Residents at KY Institutions
Student Headcount	1,532	1,090
Full-time Equivalent Students	958	552
Credit Hours	28,737	16,562

The ratio of Ohio reciprocity full-time equivalent (FTE) students in Kentucky to Kentucky reciprocity FTE students in Ohio in 2021-22 was 1.0 to 1.74 (i.e., for every one FTE Ohio resident at Kentucky institutions there are 1.74 FTE Kentucky residents at Ohio institutions).

Kentucky/West Virginia Agreement

The current agreement with West Virginia has a two-year term and will expire on June 30, 2023. It contains provisions to make changes before the agreement's expiration with the consent of all parties.

Kentucky and West Virginia stakeholders requested no changes to the current agreement. Council staff recommends renewal of the Kentucky/West Virginia Reciprocity Agreement for the period of July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2025. Officials at participating Kentucky institutions support the proposed agreement.

KY Institutions & Eligible WV Counties

Ashland Community & Technical College
Big Sandy Community & Technical College
 Cabell County McDowell County
 Mingo County Wayne County

WV Institutions & Eligible KY Counties

Mountwest Community & Technical College
Southern West Virginia Community & Technical College
 Boyd County Lawrence County
 Martin County Pike County

The table below provides a comparison of Kentucky and West Virginia student headcount, FTE students, and attempted student credit hours.

West Virginia and Kentucky 2021-22 Reciprocity Students	KY Residents at WV Institutions	WV Residents at KY Institutions
Student Headcount	196	169
Full-time Equivalent Students	77	64
Credit Hours	2,290	1,926

The ratio of West Virginia reciprocity full-time equivalent (FTE) students in Kentucky to Kentucky FTE students in West Virginia in 2021-22 was 1.0 to 1.20 (i.e., for every one FTE West Virginia resident at Kentucky institutions there are 1.20 FTE Kentucky residents at West Virginia institutions).