



NORTHWEST FLORIDA STATE COLLEGE

Memo

To: Board of Trustees

From: Dr. Cristie Kedroski, Interim President

Date: November 19, 2024

Re: Early College Program Contracts with Okaloosa and Walton County School Districts

Every Florida College System institution must work with each district school board in its designated service area to establish an early college program under the requirements of § 1007.273, Florida Statutes (F.S.). The College meets this requirement through its long-standing, high-performing charter school, the Collegiate High School at Northwest Florida State College (CHS). Annually, the College renews its early college program agreements with both Okaloosa County School District and Walton County School District to acknowledge that the CHS is an existing charter collegiate high school that meets the requirements set out in § 1007.273, F.S., for the College establishing an early college program in the College's service area.

These agreements do not alter the CHS charter or enrollment numbers; rather they are the College's annual notification to the districts that the College will continue to meet its early college program requirement through CHS. In 2021, the legislature amended § 1007.273, F.S., to name these programs "early college programs" rather than "collegiate high school programs," but the two terms are interchangeable and the districts' agreement templates still use the "collegiate high school program" nomenclature.

Enclosed are the Northwest Florida State College Collegiate High School Program Contracts with both Okaloosa and Walton County School Districts for the 2025-2026 school year for your review and approval. The College provided a redline of the Walton County School District agreement to show all changes made this year; the changes to the Okaloosa County School District agreement match.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Board of Trustees approves the 2025-2026 Early College Program Contracts with the Okaloosa and Walton County School Districts, as presented.