



This Amendment to the Memorandum of Understanding ("Agreement") by and between the **San Jacinto Community College District**, a public community college established under Chapter 130 of the Texas Education Code, an institution of higher education under Section 61.003 of the Texas Education Code, and political subdivision of the State of Texas ("SJCCD" or "College") and the **Galena Park Independent School District**, a public school district established by law and political subdivision of the State of Texas ("ISD" or "District") amends as of Fall Semester 2023 ("Amendment Effective Date"). Individually, SJCCD or Galena Park ISD shall be referred to herein as "Party" and collectively, as "Parties."

The Parties agree to the following:

I. PURPOSE

- a) In August 2023, SJCCD and Galena Park ISD entered into an MOU documenting continuation of an Early College High School dual credit relationship. The document also defined the responsibilities of the Parties.
- b) At this time, both Parties wish to move forward in adopting the Financial Aid for Swift Transfer (FAST) program as recently established under House Bill 8 during the regular 2023 Texas legislative session and as implemented by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board.
- c) Recognition by both parties that the basis for participation in the FAST program includes that FAST-eligible students may not pay for any component of their educational costs, including tuition, fees, and course materials.

II. STUDENT ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

The following sections of the MOU shall be amended as follows (changes in *italics*):

- a) Add Section IX.e) – *Students are eligible to participate in the FAST program after qualifying for the Free and Reduced Lunch program as outlined by the USDA Food and Nutrition Service at any time during the previous four years, and once qualified may not pay any portion of tuition, fees, course materials or other charges.*

II. DATA SHARING; CONFIDENTIALITY OF EDUCATIONAL RECORDS

- a) Add at end of Section XVIII.h) - Data regarding student designation or participation in free and reduced lunch programs at the District will be collected and shared as deemed appropriate and as required for the implementation of the financial Aid for Swift Transfer (FAST) program, *including supplying the PEIMS identifier for each ECHS student.*

FUNDING

- a) Add at end of Section XXIII.c) - The remaining tuition and fees will be paid by the District to SJCCD for all students who do not qualify for FAST. The College will apply the FAST discount for the remaining portion of tuition for all students who qualify for FAST.

GENERAL PROVISIONS

- a) Miscellaneous. The MOU shall remain in full force and effect as hereby amended. Any capitalized terms used herein and not defined shall have the same meaning as the like term or terms used in the MOU. In the event of a discrepancy between the terms of this Amendment and the MOU, the terms and provisions of the Amendment shall prevail.
- b) Binding Effect. This Amendment shall inure to the benefit of, and shall be binding upon, the Parties hereto and their respective successors and assigns.
- c) Counterparts: Electronic Transmission. This Amendment may be signed in duplicate counterparts with the same force and effect as if all required signatures were contained in a single, original instrument. The Parties expressly agree that this Amendment may be signed and transmitted by the Parties through electronic means and such electronic execution and transmission shall have the same effect as an original.