



## **College Challenge Program**

Indiana State University

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### **Participation Agreement**

For the High School Officer, Assistant Principal, or Guidance Director

#### **Statement of Intent**

The purpose of this participation agreement is to provide a mechanism whereby public and private high schools participating that are recognized by the State Board of Education in their respective states would be eligible to participate in the College Challenge Program at Indiana State University. Such eligibility is subject to the conditions detailed below and in attachments to this agreement.

The College Challenge Program (CCP) is a partnership program between Indiana State University (ISU) and participating high schools. CCP offers college credit to qualified high school students who enroll in ISU general education courses that are offered at their local high schools during the regular school day and taught by certified high school teachers

#### **Participation Principles**

1. The participation initiatives are consistent with the Commission of Higher Education's State Policy (effective November 11, 2005) on College Challenge Courses taught in High Schools by High School Faculty.
2. Relationships between the partner high school and Indiana State University faculty and administration have been and will continue to be in the spirit of cooperation which provides the basis for all participation initiatives.
3. Recognizing that changes in curricula and course content are inevitable, Indiana State University and the partner high school agrees to discuss with each other all curriculum changes affecting this agreement before the changes are implemented.

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### **Specifics of Programs**

Indiana State University shall take appropriate steps to ensure that College Challenge courses are of sufficient quality and rigor to qualify for college credit; in this regard, The College Challenge Program shall embody the following characteristics:

#### **A) High School responsibilities**

- 1) All high schools will ensure that all course syllabi shall be equivalent to course syllabi used in the same courses taught at Indiana State University. This will include as much as possible equivalent textbooks, class assignments, laboratory equipment, and examinations;
- 2) Student learning outcomes expected for the College Challenge Program in all courses shall be the same as student learning outcomes expected for the same courses taught at Indiana State University.
- 3) The high school shall be responsible for accurately and timely enrolling students for the College Challenge Program. The high school will also monitoring, throughout the school year, the delivery and quality of College Challenge course instruction; such monitoring shall include allowing the academic units from Indiana State University to visit the high school class.
- 4) The high school shall generate and report accurate and timely grades for all students, who complete College Challenge courses.
- 5) Those students who qualify for free or reduced lunch are eligible for a tuition waiver in the College Challenge Program. The high school must attach some type of "free/reduced lunch" verification form with the participant's registration form to receive this waiver.

#### **B) Joint responsibilities**

- 1) All secondary students admitted to College Challenge Program courses shall meet the same academic prerequisites for taking those courses as apply to students taking the same courses at Indiana State University. Exceptions will be made on a case-by-case basis for students who have demonstrated superior academic talents and abilities.
- 2) The partner high school and academic units at Indiana State University shall work together to identify instructors for the College Challenge Program courses, whose final approval rests with the academic units at Indiana State University and who shall have credentials consistent with credentials required by on-campus faculty.

#### **C) Indiana State University responsibilities**

- 1) The academic units at Indiana State University shall be responsible for ensuring that professional development opportunities are available and communicated to the partner high school faculty, who are teaching College Challenge Program courses.
- 2) Indiana State University shall establish a mechanism for evaluating and documenting, on a regular basis, the performance of students, who complete College Challenge courses.
- 3) The academic units at Indiana State University shall be responsible for monitoring, throughout the school year, the delivery and quality of College Challenge course instruction; such monitoring shall include visits to the high school class.

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### **C) Indiana State University responsibilities (continued)**

- 4) Indiana State University shall generate transcripts for all students, who complete College Challenge courses.
- 5) Indiana State University will be free to at any time establish limits for the number of credit hours a student can earn through College Challenge courses offered in high schools.
- 6) Indiana State University will prepare an annual report regarding the participation rate of the College Challenge Program.

### **D) Course Transfer**

Indiana State University Office of Admissions will continue to monitor and update the transferability of the credits taken in the College Challenge Program to other colleges and universities. No course or classes will be eligible to transfer into the College Challenge Program.