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**Advanced Studies Contract--School District of Manatee County**

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Each high school in the School District of Manatee County (SDMC) offers programs through which a high school student can earn college credit, including Advanced Placement (AP), International Baccalaureate (IB), and Advanced International Certificate of Education Program (AICE) courses. Students must agree to the following conditions to participate in these advanced studies opportunities:

1. Students must meet the enrollment criteria as defined by the SDMC and by the high school.
2. A student must have a level 3 or higher on the FSA or earn a concordant/passing score on an approved nationally-normed assessment within the last 2 years to be eligible to participate in Advanced Placement, International Baccalaureate or AICE. Principals may override these criteria as outlined in the Student Progression Plan.
3. Students will adhere to the schedule change policies as defined by the high school.
4. Students earning a "D" or "F" in an advanced studies course at the end of the first quarter may be withdrawn and scheduled into another course in the same or similar subject area. Students withdrawn from an advanced studies course after the test ordering deadline may be assessed a restocking/unused test fee.
5. Students wishing to make a change to enrollment in an advanced studies program must meet with the School Counselor to ensure that it is in the student's best interest and there will be no delay in meeting graduation requirements as a result of the change.
6. Students will be required to participate in any standardized testing associated with the advanced studies course of enrollment. Students who do not take the test will be assessed an unused test fee.
7. Students, including seniors after their last school day, will attend all testing review sessions offered by the high school/course instructor, participate in all testing sessions and make every effort to be successful on the test. This includes attending study and testing sessions, using all time permitted for the testing session to complete the test and not being dismissed from the course or testing session for any misconduct. If this condition is not met, the student will be assessed a restocking/unused test fee for the exam and will not be allowed to participate in advanced studies program during the next academic year.
8. Students understand that the awarding of college credit is at the discretion of the college or university and not governed by the SDMC nor the high school.

I, \_\_\_\_\_, have read and understand the conditions for participation in an advanced studies program offered in the School District of Manatee County. I understand that if these conditions are not met, I will be ineligible for enrollment in any advanced studies program during the next academic year.

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Student Signature

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Date

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Parent Signature

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Date

July 2019