

Proposal for Dyersburg State Community College (DSCC) to Teach College Classes at Obion County Central High School (OCCHS), Beginning Fall 2015.

Rationale

In Fall 2014, members of the Obion County Chamber of Commerce approached the DSCC about whether we could teach college classes for Obion County students who were eligible for the Tennessee Promise Fall 2015 but who did not have transportation to a DSCC location.

Background

In September 2014, representatives of DSCC met with Obion County School Board of Education and officials to discuss Career and Technical offerings by dual enrollment, the Tennessee Labor Education Alignment Program (LEAP) Grant, and TnPromise possibilities for Obion County students.

Representatives of DSCC met with Principal Linda Crigger in Oct 2014 to discuss whether college classes could take place at OCCHS in the evenings of Fall 2015.

We toured the high school's vocational wing and discussed where students could park so that they would not interfere with other events, outside exits these students could use, classroom spaces, and computer labs. Principal Crigger noted that the vocational wing is configured to eliminate access to other parts of the building, so students would not interfere with events in other school locations.

After that meeting, current OCCHS seniors were surveyed about whether they would be interested in taking classes through DSCC at OCCHS, the times and days they would most likely be able to attend classes, and the majors they were considering.

In January 2015, representatives from DSCC again met with Principal Crigger to discuss kinds of classes, days of the week, and times classes would be scheduled in order for students to take at least 12 semester hours (four 3-credit classes) to fulfill the requirements of the TnPromise and discuss alignment of the school and college calendars.

Proposal

Beginning Fall 2015, DSCC would like to offer college classes in the vocational wing at Obion County Central High School.

Classes must have a minimum of 15 enrolled students to be offered.

Advising for classes will be conducted at the high school on dates specified by Principal Crigger.

Students and faculty participating in DSCC classes will use the southwest parking lot near the vocational wing to avoid as much interference as possible with scheduled school activities.

For Fall 2015, we need two rooms: a classroom (232) and a computer lab (231).

The following classes are proposed for Fall 2015: Orientation: Learning to Succeed, English Composition I, Music Appreciation, and Elementary Probability and Statistics.

Classes will be held on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday nights from 6:00 – 9:00 pm.

Access to the building will be the entrance on the southwest side of the vocational wing near the parking lot.

The Tennessee Promise will cover tuition and mandatory fees for eligible 2015 high school graduates. Other course fees, textbooks, and materials are not included.

Courses at OCCHS will follow the high school calendar for Fall Break, Spring Break, and President's Day as well as closings for inclement weather.

DSCC will provide toner and paper for the computer lab used by the DSCC students.

Student conduct and academic matters will be subject to *DSCC Student Handbook and Catalog* policies.

The classroom teacher will contact the DSCC Night Administrator for assistance if needed.

Arrangements for future semesters will follow similar procedures and agreements mentioned above.