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MEMORANDUM

TO: Select Florida College System Presidents

FROM: Kathryn S. Hebda **W**

DATE: September 30, 2025

SUBJECT: Executed 2+2 Targeted Pathway Articulation Agreements Follow-Up

In accordance with section (s.) 1007.23(8), Florida Statutes (F.S.), each Florida College System (FCS) institution and State University System (SUS) institution must have at least one 2+2 targeted pathway articulation agreement.

In March of 2025, the Division of Florida Colleges (division) sent out a memorandum to Chief Academic Officers requesting that all FCS institutions complete a survey providing information on their institutions' 2+2 targeted pathway articulation agreements with SUS institutions. The division sent subsequent communication in May 2025 requesting that each FCS institution provide an executed 2+2 targeted pathway articulation agreement for the division's review.

We have received and reviewed all survey submissions and executed 2+2 targeted pathway articulation agreements. In reviewing the articulation agreement that your institution provided, the division has determined that the agreement does not meet or is not specific to the criteria outlined in s. 1007.23(8), F.S. As a reminder, FCS institutions must have at least one agreement meeting the criteria below.

The agreement must provide students who graduate with an associate in arts degree and who meet specified requirements guaranteed admission to that state university and the degree program at that university, in accordance with the terms of the "2+2" targeted pathway articulation agreement. To participate in a "2+2" targeted pathway program, a student must:

- 1. Enroll in the program before completing 30 credit hours, including, but not limited to, college credits earned through articulated acceleration mechanisms pursuant to s. 1007.27, F.S.
- 2. Complete an associate in arts degree; and
- 3. Meet the university's transfer requirements.

Attached for reference are two examples of executed 2+2 targeted pathway articulation agreements. One is between Eastern Florida State College (EFSC) and University of Central Florida (UCF), and the other is between Polk State College and Florida Polytechnic University. The attached

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examples specify the programs of study being articulated between the institutions and clearly outline the statutory requirements of s. 1007.23(8), F.S.

Examples of executed agreements that were submitted that may serve a specific purpose outside of the 2+2 targeted pathway agreements but do not meet the statutory requirements of s. 1007.23(8), F.S., include submissions of general statewide articulation agreement frameworks and agreements for guided pathways programs, as well as agreements that are specific to Associate in Science (A.S.) programs. More specifically, many of the agreements submitted that are intended as 2+2 targeted agreements but are not in compliance are missing just one required criterion. See examples below.

Elements of agreements that do not meet the statutory requirements:

- Some agreements do not specify that students must enroll in the program before completing 30 credit hours;
- Some agreements specify that students must enroll in the program after completing 30 or more credit hours;
- Some agreements specify that students must enroll in the program after the first year of the program, which might not equate to "before completing 30 credit hours";
- Some agreements do not specify that an earned Associate in Arts (A.A.) is required for program admission;
- Some agreements allow for program admission without a conferred A.A.;
- Some agreements guarantee admission to the university but do not guarantee admission to the 2+2 targeted pathway program; and/or
- Some of the agreements do not specify the university's transfer requirements.

Upon receipt of this correspondence, please review and update, as necessary, at least one 2+2 targeted pathway articulation agreement to prominently indicate that it is specific to s. 1007.23(8), F.S., and that it clearly outlines the three (3) statutorily required criteria.

Additionally, upon the division's review of the agreements, we noticed that some agreements include reference to the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC). As part of this update, please be sure to revise any reference to SACSCOC to reflect your current accrediting agency recognized by the U.S. Department of Education, as applicable.

Please resubmit the updated executed agreement by Monday, November 3, 2025. Submissions and questions should be sent to Dr. Mike Sfiropoulos, Associate Vice Chancellor of Academic and Student Affairs, at Mike.Sfiropoulos@fldoe.org.

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Attachment

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