



**2025-2027 Dual Enrollment Articulation Agreements between
Wilton Simpson Technical College and Hernando County School District**

The Agreement is entered into by and between Wilton Simpson Technical College and Hernando County School District ("HCSD") and the Public High Schools of Hernando County School District. The agreement shall govern the eligibility and enrollment of the students and the administration of the technical courses offered via dual enrollment effective July 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2027.

The Agreement shall be revised and renewed on an annual basis. The Hernando County School District Superintendent or designee, and the Director of Adult & Technical Education or designee, shall conduct the annual renewal by presenting any revisions for the adoption to the School District. The Agreement, once signed by both parties and submitted to the State of Florida, can only be amended in accordance with Florida Rules and will remain in effect throughout the academic year for which it was established. All parties agree to abide by any Florida Department of Education rule changes, regarding Career Dual Enrollment credit.

RECITALS

WHEREAS, Florida Statutes provides that career dual enrollment is a curricular option of elective credits toward earning a high school diploma and completing a career certificate program through a district's technical college; and

WHEREAS, the HCSD wishes to enhance opportunities for high school graduates, within its District, to identify and set clear career and postsecondary education goals before high school graduation; and

WHEREAS; the Wilton Simpson Technical College, are publicly funded postsecondary institutions, can provide a variety of high-skill, high-wage career training program options; and

WHEREAS, the HCSD and Wilton Simpson Technical College accept the challenge of ensuring that every Hernando County Public High School graduate has a defined pathway to a career and postsecondary education.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual terms and conditions, promises, and covenants hereinafter set forth, the HCSD and the Wilton Simpson Technical College agree as follows:

PROVISIONS

1. Students and parents receive information concerning Dual Enrollment opportunities through the following: individual student advisement with school Guidance Counselors, the Hernando County School District's Student Progression Plan and School Procedures Handbook, HCSD website, Wilton Simpson Technical College website, and other district communications, including social media.
2. Hernando County School District and Wilton Simpson Technical College will work collaboratively to notify students and their parents of the dual enrollment process acceleration mechanisms.
3. Dual enrollment is available to all HCSD student meeting the following criteria:
 - a) The eligibility requirements under section 1007.271, F.S. are met;
 - b) The student is enrolled as a student in a Florida Hernando County secondary school;
 - c) The student is at least 16 years of age;
 - d) The student possesses and maintains a minimum 2.0 unweighted grade point average (GPA);
 - e) The student meets the graduation requirements for Florida state-wide assessments;
 - f) The student has a plan approved by their high school to complete all requirements to graduate on time;
 - g) The student demonstrates readiness for postsecondary work evidenced by a good attendance record, a satisfactory disciplinary record and basic skills requirements pursuant to F.S.6A-10.040 ;
 - h) The student is recommended by their high school counselor or career specialist.

Due to space constrictions within the programs, placement will be allocated to dual enrollment students based on budget and available seats. A wait list will be developed by the Coordinator of Career Technical Education. Allocation for placement shall be on a first come, first serve basis.

4. Applications for career dual enrollment will be accepted by the Wilton Simpson Technical College in Spring and Fall for the beginning of the following semester.

Career dual enrollment courses that lead to an approved Industry Certification for the Funding List of section 1008.44, F.S. are as follows:

Program	Program Number	Course Name	Course Code	Clock Hours	Credit Hours
Cybersecurity Applied	Y100300	Cybersecurity Associate	CTS0018	600	1.5
		Information Security Manager	CTS0019	150	1.5
		Data Security Specialist		150	1.5
				750	4.5
Master Automotive Service Technology 1	T400700	Automobile Services Assistor	AER0014	300	2
		Automotive Brake System Technician	AER0418	150	2
		Automobile Suspension & Steering Technician	AER0453	150	2
		Automotive Electrical/Electronic System Tech	AER0360	300	1
		Engine Repair Technician	AER0110	150	1
				1050	7
Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning/ Refrigeration 1	C400410	Introduction to HVAC/R	ACR0000	250	1.5
		HVAC/R Fundamentals	ACR0001	250	1.5
		HVAC/R Service Practices	ACR0012	250	1.5
				750	4.5

Welding Technology	J400400	Welder Assistant 1	PMT0070	150	2
		Welder Assistant 2	PMT0071	150	2
		Welder, SMAW 1	PMT0072	150	2
		Welder, SMAW 2	PMT0073	150	1
		Welder	PMT0074	450	3
				1050	7
Diesel Systems Technician 1	T650100	Diesel Engine Mechanic/Tech Helper	DIM0101	150	2
		Diesel Electrical and Electronics Technician	DIM0102	300	2
		Diesel Engine Technician	DIM0104	300	2
		Diesel Brakes Technician	DIM0105	300	1
				1050	7
CNC Production Specialist	J200300	CNC Production Technician I	PMT0026	300	2
		CNC Production Technician II	PMT0027	300	2
				600	4

- The statutory eligibility requirements for career dual enrollment are a 2.0 unweighted GPA under section 1007.271, F.S., F.A.C. Rule 6A-10.040 and section 1004.91(2) F.S. Additionally, continued eligibility for career dual enrollment requires successful completion of each course within the career certificate, prior to graduation of the career certificate program. Students may lose the opportunity to participate in the dual enrollment program if they are disruptive to the learning process, and may be reassigned to their originating high school.
- Per section 1007.271, F.S., HCSD and Wilton Simpson Technical College will not deny dual enrollment participation to students who meet both the statutory requirements and any additional eligibility requirements established in the Dual Enrollment Articulation Agreement, provided that Dual Enrollment budget and available seating exist.
- A delineation of the high school credit earned for the completion of each career dual enrollment course and program will provide a clock hour to credit hour equivalency. The high school credit will only be awarded upon successful completion of the entire postsecondary course. The weighting for the dual enrollment courses will be weighted in line with Advanced Placement, International Baccalaureate, and Advanced International Certificate of Education courses in calculating the GPA.
- Statewide Articulation agreements may be awarded for individual industry certification earned to be used at the college level. Wilton Simpson Technical College is part of the Tampa Bay Career Pathways Consortium that provides career pathway agreements (<http://www.careerpathways.me/>).
- Per section 1007.271(3), F.S., exceptions to the required grade point average for entrance may be granted on an individual student basis by the parties to the agreement and on the recommendation of all parties. Consideration is on a case-by-case basis.
- The initial screening of potential applicants shall be the responsibility of high school certified school counselors to determine career readiness, appropriate GPA, attendance and behavior records. The Wilton Simpson Technical College administrative team will review progress throughout each session and take steps to ensure students stay on track. A sufficient GPA of 2.0 must be maintained throughout. HCSD and

Wilton Simpson Technical College will collaborate to monitor and maintain individual student performance in career courses.

11. Students participating in career dual enrollment will be responsible to meet Wilton Simpson Technical College rules for registration, attendance, and behavior as specified in the Wilton Simpson Technical College's student handbook.
12. Wilton Simpson Technical College will clock hours to credits, enter student grades and attendance records. Information will be available in student reporting systems at the originating school of record, and upon completion of the courses, will be reviewed by certified school counselors to ensure credits are properly reported in student reporting systems.
13. Sections 1007.271 and 1009.25, F.S. provide that dual enrollment students are exempt from payment of tuition fees, including laboratory fees and registration fees. For dual enrollment career course, the Hernando County School District will reimburse Wilton Simpson Technical College costs, such as tuition, registration fees, instructional materials, lab fees and certifications associated with each program, at the standard rate.
14. Dual enrollment students are responsible for arranging and paying for transportation to and from Wilton Simpson Technical College, as well as all other dual enrollment related transportation. Parents/guardians assume all financial responsibility and liability for dual enrollment related transportation.
15. Wilton Simpson Technical College shall be responsive to parent inquiries of their student performance and progress in the career dual enrollment program.
16. Withdrawal - Students who are withdrawn due to loss of eligibility to participate in the dual enrollment program; or a student with permission from his/her assigned school who drops out of a Dual Enrollment course, must return to the assigned HCSD high school for class assignment by the Principal or designee. Students are not permitted to drop courses after the fifth day of enrollment. Students with extenuating circumstances wanting to withdraw after the fifth day of enrollment must make a written request for permission to the Wilton Simpson Technical College.
17. Wilton Simpson Technical College represents and warrants to the HCSD that they do not and will not engage in discriminatory practices and that there shall be no discrimination in connection with the Wilton Simpson Technical College's performance under this Agreement on account of race, age, religion, color, gender, sexual orientation, national origin, marital status, physical or mental disability, political affiliation or any other factor which cannot be lawfully used as a basis for delivery of Services. Wilton Simpson Technical College further covenant that no otherwise qualified individual shall, solely by reason of his/her race, age, religion, color, gender, sexual orientation, national origin, marital status, physical or mental disability, political affiliation or any other factor which cannot be lawfully used as a basis for delivery of Services, be excluded from participation in, be denied Services, or be subject to discrimination under any provision of this Agreement.
18. To the extent permitted by law, each Party agrees to be responsible for liability that directly relates to its own negligent acts or omissions or the negligent acts or omissions of its employees or agents acting within

the course and scope of their employment or agency. Nothing stated herein shall waive the Wilton Simpson Technical College's or the HCSD's sovereign immunity under 768.28, F.S.

19. The Parties acknowledge that the education records of students at the District are protected by the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act ("FERPA"), 20 U.S.C. 123g. The Parties agree to comply with the requirements of FERPA and its implementing regulations at 34 C.F.R. Part 99 and to protect the privacy of educational records concerning any District student under this Agreement.
20. A student must satisfy the definition of a disability as established by the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973. Section 504 defines a disability as a condition that substantially limits one or more major life activities such as learning, walking, seeing, hearing, breathing, caring for oneself, and working. To be eligible for accommodations, a student must provide appropriate documentation of each disability that demonstrates an accompanying substantial limitation to one or more major life activities. To obtain services and accommodations, current documentation is required (within 5 years) and must be presented to Student Services.
21. Wilton Simpson Technical College assures students with disabilities equal access as described in Section 504 and 508 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act Amendments Act of 2008 (ADAAA). Disclosure of a disability is voluntary.
22. Neither party to this Agreement shall be liable for delays or failures in performance under this Agreement (other than obligations relating to confidentiality) resulting from acts or events beyond the reasonable control of such party (a "Force Majeure Event"), including acts of war, terrorism, acts of God, pandemic, earthquake, flood, embargo, riot, sabotage, labor dispute, governmental act, failure of the internet, power failure, or energy, utility, or telecommunications interruptions, provided that the delayed party: (i) gives the other party prompt notice of such cause; and (ii) uses its reasonable commercial efforts to promptly correct such failure or delay in performance. In the event that a Force Majeure Event lasts for more than 90 days, and the delay cannot correct its failure or delay in performance during that period of time, despite using its reasonable commercial efforts to do so, the other party may terminate the affected portions of this Agreement

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have made and executed this Agreement on the respective dates under each signature: Hernando County School Board, signing by and through its School Board Chair and Superintendent.

Signatures:

Mrs. Shannon Rodriguez,

School Board Chair, Hernando County Schools _____

Date: _____

Mr. Ray Pinder,

Superintendent, Hernando County Schools _____

Date: _____

Dr, Radiah Dent,
Director of Adult & Technical Education
Wilton Simpson Technical College

Date: _____

Approved as to Content & Form

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