



This Amendment to the Memorandum of Understanding ("Agreement") by and between the **San Jacinto Community College District**, a public community college established under Chapter 130 of the Texas Education Code, an institution of higher education under Section 61.003 of the Texas Education Code, and political subdivision of the State of Texas ("SJCCD" or "College") and the **Pasadena Independent School District**, a public school district established by law and political subdivision of the State of Texas ("ISD" or "District") amends as of Fall Term 2023 ("Amendment Effective Date"). Individually, SJCCD or Pasadena ISD shall be referred to herein as "Party" and collectively, as "Parties."

The Parties agree to the following:

#### **I. PURPOSE**

- a) In July 2016, SJCCD and Pasadena ISD entered into an MOU documenting establishment of an Early College High School program. The document also defined the responsibilities of the Parties.
- b) At this time, both Parties wish to move forward in adopting the Financial Aid for Swift Transfer (FAST) program as recently established under House Bill 8 during the regular 2023 Texas legislative session and as implemented by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board.
- c) Recognition by both parties that the basis for participation in the FAST program include that FAST-eligible students may not pay for any component of their educational costs.

The following sections of the MOU shall be amended as follows (changes in *italics*):

#### **II. FISCAL MATTERS**

- a) Add at end of Section 15.a – *Students are eligible to participate in the FAST program after qualifying for the Free and Reduced Lunch program as outlined by the USDA Food and Nutrition Service at any time during the previous four years, and when qualified may not pay any portion of tuition, fees, course materials or other charges.*
- b) Add near end of Section 15.b - *The College will apply the FAST discount for the remaining percent of tuition for all students who qualify for FAST.* Notwithstanding the foregoing, SJCCD will waive 100% of the tuition for ECHS Program students enrolled in EDIC 1300 or PSYC 1300 courses. *PISD will be responsible for all course materials, fees, and other charges for FAST-eligible students.*

**II. STUDENTS**

- a) Add first sentence of Section 13.i - In accordance with Applicable Law, Pasadena ISO will maintain student records pertaining to ECHS Programs and provide SJCCD copies of the grades, progress, and other informational data on student assessment, promotion, retention, award of diplomas, PE/MS identifier and other student data necessary and advisable for SJCCD to perform its obligations under this Agreement. *The PE/MS identifier will be utilized to verify FAST eligibility.*

**III. GENERAL PROVISIONS**

- a) Miscellaneous. The MOU shall remain in full force and effect as hereby amended. Any capitalized terms used herein and not defined shall have the same meaning as the like term or terms used in the MOU. In the event of a discrepancy between the terms of this Amendment and the MOU, the terms and provisions of the Amendment shall prevail.
- b) Binding Effect. This Amendment shall inure to the benefit of, and shall be binding upon, the Parties hereto and their respective successors and assigns.
- c) Counterparts: Electronic Transmission. This Amendment may be signed in duplicate counterparts with the same force and effect as if all required signatures were contained in a single, original instrument. The Parties expressly agree that this Amendment may be signed and transmitted by the Parties through electronic means and such electronic execution and transmission shall have the same effect as an original.

Early College High School MOU Amendment executed as of the Effective Date:

**SAN JACINTO COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT**

**PASADENA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT**