MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT

THIS ARTICULATION AGREEMENT is between Kansas high school students who have successfully completed a state approved ***Manufacturing OR Agriculture Career Cluster-Power, Structural &Technical Systems Pathway*** Career Cluster Pathway and ***Northwest Kansas Technical College, Goodland,*** *Kansas.* It will provide students with a smooth transition from high school to the postsecondary program/degree **AAS in Welding** It is the intent of this cooperative effort to provide the student with a non-duplicative program of study leading to enhanced employment opportunities.

NOW, THEREFORE, it is agreed by and between the parties as follows:

1. The **Associate of Applied Science *(AAS)*** in **Welding** may be granted upon completion of all **AAS in Welding** requirements. The awarding ***AAS in Welding*** is contingent upon the graduating high school's continuance of their KSDE approved Career Cluster Pathway.

2. The secondary student will attain completer status through successful completion of his/her high school Career Cluster Pathway sequence of courses.

3. ***Northwest Kansas Technical College*** will provide the courses for attaining **AAS in Welding.**

4. Successful completion of the following Career Cluster Pathway course(s) will result in the student being awarded college credit for the equivalent course(s) listed:

PATHWAY COURSE(S)	**KS COURSE CODE**	*(name of college/university,* **COURSE(S)**	**COURSE CODE**	**COLLEGE CREDIT**
Introduction to Industrial Technology **OR** Introduction to Welding **OR** Intro to Agriculture **OR** Welding Processes I **OR** Welding Processes II	38001 13207 18001 39207/18404 39208/18407	Shield Metal Arc Welding (SMAW)	WD 141	3

5. Successful completion of the following secondary academic course(s) will result in the student being awarded college credit for the equivalent course(s) listed:

HIGH SCHOOL COURSE(S)	**KS**	*name of college/university,*	**COURSE**	**COLLEGE**

	COURSE CODE	COURSE(S)	CODE	CREDIT

6. Postsecondary Credit will be considered Advanced Placement Credit to be awarded to the student upon submission, by the student, of the high school transcript to the college/university.

7. The details of this agreement are outlined below:

To receive a certificate, students must complete all graduation requirements of Northwest Kansas Technical College.

8. The college/university and any high schools offering the approved Career Cluster Pathway are required to advertise the programs and will jointly advise the students that this option is available to them.

9. Students must complete a minimum of **12.5** hours of coursework which includes **0** credit hours of general education coursework and **0** credit hours of related content as outlined in the program of study. The students must have a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 2.0 or better to be eligible for a Bachelors Degree.

10. This agreement may be revised/modified as needed, or in the event of cancellation, discontinuance or disapproval of any course or program by the Kansas State Department of Education or the Kansas Board of Regents.

11. The college/university agrees to evaluate this program on an annual basis and in the context of student benefits, program efficiency, and effectiveness.

12. This agreement shall begin ***January 1, 2022***.

13. This agreement is subject to change or cancellation by the Legislature at any time in accordance with Article 6, Section 5 of the Kansas Constitution.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties accept and approve THIS AGREEMENT.

Renee L Nus
KSDE Representative

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Date

College Representative

11-29-21
Date