

THE MODEL PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT

Dual Credit partnerships are complicated. Good programs strike the difficult balance between rigorous standards and accessibility for students. The Model Partnership Agreement (MPA) simplifies the process by providing a template agreement for forming a Dual Credit partnership between a school district and an institution of higher learning. Unless each partner agrees to a unique agreement, the MPA is the default contract for establishing Dual Credit partnerships in Illinois.

The MPA provides standards for these key components of a Dual Credit partnership:

- Time frames, responsible parties, required documentation, and review processes for course approvals;
- Timelines, required documentation, and an appeals process for teacher approval;
- Course planning and delivery review processes to ensure adequate course rigor;
- Cost and fee limits based on course type;
- Student placement and admission standards;
- Guidance on student academic supports and data sharing; and,
- An annual partnership review process.

[Download and read the Model Partnership Agreement here.](#)