

BOARD OF REGENTS
BRIEFING PAPER
REDUCED FEES FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

BACKGROUND & POLICY CONTEXT OF ISSUE:

Current Board policy (*Title 4, Chapter 17, Section 13*) provides that high school students may enroll in a distance learning, college-credit course delivered to an off-campus site for a \$25 registration fee per course if the course fee is approved by the institutional President. This policy was passed by the Board to encourage more high school students to take college courses and transition seamlessly to an NSHE institution. CCSN proposed to the Academic Affairs Council that the policy be amended to include remedial courses delivered on high school campuses.

CCSN has entered into an agreement with Clark County School District establishing a dual enrollment pilot program whereby CCSN will offer remedial courses on CCSD high school campuses.

SPECIFIC ACTIONS BEING RECOMMENDED OR REQUESTED:

Amend Board policy (*Title 4, Chapter 17, Section 13*) such that Nevada high school students may enroll in remedial and 100-level courses offered by an NSHE institution for a reduced registration fee per course if the course is delivered on the high school campus and approved by the institutional President. The reduced fee will be institutionally determined, and may not apply to courses offered to students attending a high school that is located on an NSHE campus (i.e. TMCC High School).

IMPETUS (WHY NOW?):

This proposal is brought forward at this time at the request of the Academic Affairs Council who appropriately considered the matter in light of CCSN's pilot project with CCSD. In addition, this proposal has been discussed and endorsed by the Council of Presidents.

BULLET POINTS TO SUPPORT REQUEST/RECOMMENDATION:

If adopted, this policy will:

- Afford high school students the opportunity to take certain courses prior to enrollment at an NSHE institution, which will in turn prepare them for college-level coursework;
- Illustrate NSHE's commitment to working with the high schools in adequately preparing students for college-level learning; and
- Allow each institution to determine if offering remedial and 100-level courses at a reduced fee on a high school course campus is appropriate for their institution (permissible, but no mandatory policy).

POTENTIAL ARGUMENTS AGAINST THE REQUEST/RECOMMENDATION:

The revenue lost from decreased fees may have a negative impact on the institution.

ALTERNATIVE(S) TO WHAT IS BEING REQUESTED/RECOMMENDED:

Maintain the current policy whereby only distance education courses may be offered to high school students at \$25 per course.

COMPLIANCE WITH BOARD POLICY:

- Consistent With Current Board Policy: Title # _____ Chapter # _____ Section # _____
 Amends Current Board Policy: Title #4 Chapter #17 Section #13
 Other: _____
 Fiscal Impact: Yes No _____

Explain: *If adopted, this discretionary policy will provide that institutions electing to offer remedial and/or 100-level courses at a reduced per course fee must absorb the additional associated costs.*

**PROPOSED AMENDMENT
TITLE 4, CHAPTER 17, SECTION 13
Special Reduced Tuition and Fees**

Additions in *boldface italics*; deletions ~~stricken~~

3. Nevada resident high school students may enroll in a distance learning, college-credit course delivered to an off-campus site for a \$25 registration fee per course if the course fee is approved by the institutional President ~~and the Chancellor~~. The term "high school students" includes students formally enrolled in a school district sponsored Adult Education High School Diploma programs.
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4. *Nevada resident high school students may enroll in remedial and 100-level courses offered by an NSHE institution for a reduced registration fee per course if the course is delivered on the high school campus, excluding high schools located on an NSHE campus, and approved by the institutional President. The reduced registration fee shall be determined by the President.*