

**DESCRIPTION OF NATURE OF PARTNERSHIP for the
One+ Connected Learning for College and Career Success
Roles & Responsibilities of Each Partner**

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1. **Aligning Programs**
 - a. **Serve collaboratively on PK-16 team to create a seamless unified system of dual enrollment services across all partners**
 - b. **Explore offering developmental English and Math classes for non-credit at district or identify district English or Math course(s) that will meet requirement**
 - c. **Identify opportunities to expand college access programs within districts**

2. **Direct and Coordinate the Dual Enrollment Curriculum**
 - a. **Assist with identification and validation of local market needs/demands for future course and program offerings within districts**
 - b. **Identify dual enrollment courses to offer and work collaboratively to offer courses through multiple delivery modes when available: face-to-face on KSU or district campus, on-line or blended learning, distance learning, district adjunct faculty on district campus**
 - c. **Offer curriculum, student outcomes and other information to be used as a resource for district to recruit students and inform parents**
 - d. **Recommend schedule for course offerings with start dates, hours, staffing**

3. **Program Evaluation**
 - a. **Enter into discussions regarding a paid contract with district to provide evaluation services for grant project through the KSU Research and Evaluation Bureau**
 - b. **Assist with the dissemination and interpretation of results of the program evaluation to the districts, region, and state.**

DESCRIPTION OF NATURE OF PARTNERSHIP

A partnership is an association between a grant applicant and educational stakeholder(s) in which the stakeholder agrees to provide human and material assets or access to academic and administrative resources to the grant applicant to develop or execute a Straight A Fund grant application. However, in a partnership, only the grant applicant is responsible for ensuring the grant is developed and executed according to the terms of the grant agreement with the Straight A Program Governing Board. Grant applicant partners are responsible only to the extent provided in their Partnership Agreement with the grant applicant.

In order to ensure the effective implementation of the Straight A Fund throughout the state, applicants are encouraged to partner with education stakeholders. Each applicant must identify its partners and attach a description of each respective partner's roles and responsibilities. Each member of the partnership is responsible for the following assurances:

1. Be knowledgeable about the applicant's Straight A Fund grant proposal and application, including advocacy of the Straight A Fund program.
2. Maintain familiarity with the partner's services to enhance the proposal, including specific goals and practices.
3. Demonstrate a commitment to clear roles and responsibilities of each partner as it relates to the grant proposal and application.
4. Sustain consistent communication among partners and stakeholders with a shared vision of the goals of the grant proposal. This includes participating in regularly scheduled meetings for project management and identifying areas for improvement.
5. Ensure partners have appropriate access to data for purposes of grant program improvement and evaluation in accordance with state and federal law.
6. Develop a clear project management plan to sustain the project over time.

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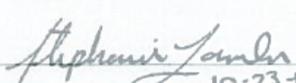
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