

MOSO CAPS
Memorandum of Understanding

This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) establishes a partnership between Joplin School District (“School District”) and Missouri Southern State University (“University”) to create the Center for Advanced Professional Studies (“MOSO CAPS”).

I. MISSION

MOSO CAPS is a program created to serve the educational interests of students in partner school districts by developing project-based, experiential learning opportunities between businesses/industries and students in partner school districts.

II. PURPOSE

The purpose of this MOU is to document the School District’s commitment to join the MOSO CAPS partnership. Partner school districts who approve this MOU are agreeing to support the development of programs, identify and enroll students in the program, and financially support the program to the extent determined by MOSO CAPS Advisory Board.

III. RESPONSIBILITIES

As a partner school district, Joplin School District agrees to:

- Appoint a district liaison (*preferably a high school administrator, counselor, or faculty member*) to serve as the primary point of contact between MOSO CAPS and Missouri Southern State University;
- Identify a qualified representative of the School District to serve on the MOSO CAPS Advisory Board;
- Pay annual program tuition costs of \$29,976 to the University on or before July 1 of each fiscal year based on the mutually agreed upon allocation of twelve (12) student seats (\$2,498 per student);
- Actively support MOSO CAPS by recruiting students and promoting the program to prospective students, their parents, faculty, and the business community; and
- Award high school credit, as appropriate and allowed by the School District’s academic policies, for work done by students in MOSO CAPS.

Missouri Southern State University agrees to:

- Manage the day-to-day operations of the MOSO CAPS program, including working with industry partners, strand coordinators, and high school liaisons to create experiential learning opportunities for partner districts' students;
- Serve as the primary point of contact for industry partners, collaborating on the development of high-quality experiential learning opportunities;
- Employ a MOSO CAPS director using funds available from program tuition revenue;
- Employ strand coordinators using funds available from program tuition revenue;
- Receive program tuition fees from partner school districts, prepare an annual budget for the use of those funds, pay approved MOSO CAPS expenses with those funds, and provide a complete accounting of the use of funds to the partner school districts annually; and
- Award college (*dual enrollment*) credit, as appropriate and allowed by the University's academic policies, for work done by students in MOSO CAPS.

IV. TERMS OF UNDERSTANDING

The term of this MOU is for a three-year period beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2026. The agreement may be extended upon written mutual agreement of both parties.

Either party may, upon 90 days' written notice to the other, terminate this agreement. Notwithstanding the foregoing, either party may terminate this agreement before 90 days' notice, in the event the other party defaults in the performance of its obligations and fails to cure the default within a reasonable time after receiving written notice.

Representing Missouri Southern State University:

Dr. Dean Van Galen , University President

Date

Representing Joplin School District:

Mr. Rylee Hartwell, School Board President

Date