

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING [Template]
St. Mary's College of Maryland and [name of Local School System]
Teacher Academy of Maryland
Articulation Agreement

This Memorandum of Understanding establishes and affirms the relationship and obligations of St. Mary's College of Maryland and the [local school system] to establish the articulation of credit for successful completion of the state-approved Teacher Academy of Maryland.

The Teacher Academy of Maryland (TAM) is a research and outcomes-based program that prepares students for success in college and in the essentials of teaching by offering:

- Rigorous academic core courses
- Curriculum focused on children, teaching and learning
- Integrated instructional technology
- Performance based experiential learning
- Postsecondary credit opportunities

TAM's mission is to encourage a diverse group of students to enter the teaching profession highly qualified, with a passion for teaching and learning and a rigorous academic foundation in the knowledge and skills necessary for success as teachers and learners. The program advocates for teaching as both an art and a science, based on mastery of content knowledge and instructional skills that enhance student learning. The Teacher Academy of Maryland will develop highly motivated future educators for Maryland's schools.

[Local School System] agrees to certify:

1. That all TAM teachers are highly qualified as defined in the "*Guidelines for the Teacher Academy of Maryland*" and have completed an approved professional training/development option.
2. That the state-approved curriculum and assessments have been employed in the program at all participating high schools.
3. That the designated guidance counselor at each Teacher Academy will be responsible for verifying students' successful completion of the TAM program of study in accordance with the expectations of St. Mary's College of Maryland as outlined below.

St. Mary's College of Maryland *agrees to:*

1. Provide the high school with "TAM Program Completion Verification Forms."
2. Award four (4) elective credits as EDUC 140: Special Topics in Educational Studies, provided that:
 - a. The completed TAM form is received from the high school
 - b. The student successfully completed all requirements of the TAM, including all end-of-course and end-of- program assessments.
 - c. The student maintained a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 3.25 in the TAM program of study with no grade lower than a C in any of the four courses required in the TAM program of study.
 - d. The student has been admitted and matriculated at St. Mary's College of Maryland in a degree program as a first-year student.
3. Assign a member of the Department of Educational Studies as an academic adviser to the incoming student.
4. Provide the student with the option of early registration for the CORE 101 class offered by the Department of Educational Studies.
5. Reserve a space for the student in EDUC 206: The Child in America: Social Foundations of Education in the second semester following his/her matriculation to St. Mary's College of Maryland.
6. Provide a \$500 scholarship each semester to the student, so long as he/she remains an active student of Educational Studies and maintains a GPA of 3.0 or higher, up to 8 semesters of undergraduate study.

AGREEMENT

The undersigned have reviewed this Memorandum of Understanding and accept it as the basis for awarding articulated credits to the students of [Local School System's name] who have successfully completed all requirements of the Teacher Academy of Maryland as indicated above. This agreement is to be reviewed annually.

[Name of Local School System's Superintendent]
[Title], [Local School System's name]

Date

Dr. Ian Newbould
Interim President, St. Mary's College of Maryland

Date

Dr. Beth Rushing
Dean of Faculty, St. Mary's College of Maryland,

Date

Dr. Angela Johnson
Director of Teacher Education, St. Mary's College of Maryland

Date

1 The required courses in the TAM program of study are: 1) Human Growth and Development through Adolescence, 2) Teaching as a Profession, 3) Foundations of Curriculum and Instruction, and 4) The Education Academy Internship.

**Teacher Academy of Maryland (TAM)
Program Completion Verification Form
St. Mary's College of Maryland**

Student Information

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	
Street Address	City	State	Zip Code
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Home Phone Number	Date of Birth		
High School	School System		

TAM Program of Study

Course	Final Grade
Human Growth & Development through Adolescence	
Teaching as a Profession	
Foundations of Curriculum & Instruction	
The Education Academy Internship	
Program of Study Grade Point Average (GPA):	
Program Completion Date:	

Verification of TAM Program Completion

We, the undersigned, hereby verify that the student named above has successfully completed the Teacher Academy of Maryland Program of Study in accordance with the expectations of St. Mary's College of Maryland as stipulated in the TAM Memorandum of Understanding. As such, the above student has maintained a cumulative GPA of at least 3.25 in this program of study with no grade of less than a C in any TAM course.

Designated Guidance Counselor **Date**

Principal **Date**

Forward completed form to: **Registrar's Office, St. Mary's College of Maryland, 18952 E. Fisher Road, St. Mary's City, MD 20686**