

**Collaborative Agreement
between
The School Board of Sarasota County, Florida
and
The Sheriff of Sarasota County, Florida**

In an effort to provide quality instruction pursuant to law to the inmates of the Sarasota County Jail, the School Board of Sarasota County, Florida, and the Sarasota County Sheriff's Office agree to the following cooperating guidelines:

The School Board of Sarasota County, Florida, will provide:

1. An appropriate educational program for identified students.
2. Qualified instructional personnel as needed for program operations.
3. Adequate support services, educational materials, and supplies as needed for program operations.
4. Administration and supervision of educational programs and staff provided through the school district.
5. Promotion of the program.

The Sarasota County Sheriff's Office will provide:

1. Appropriate classrooms (currently nine) to accommodate students from the approximately 36 different housing units.
2. Payment of all utilities and maintenance for the aforementioned space.
3. Staff access to a telephone for educational program purposes.
4. Access to inmates during appropriate day and evening hours for the operation of the program.
5. Information to Program Coordinator regarding changes in Jail policy, and any special announcements that may affect the Jail educational program.
6. A liaison person who will facilitate the relationship between the correctional facility's staff and inmates with the educational program staff.
7. Payment of student registrations.

Instructional staff will comply with the policies of the correctional facility in matters relating to security. Instructional staff will cooperate with the corrections staff and will communicate through the person designated by the Sheriff as education liaison.

Neither party will discriminate against any person, staff, or student because of race, religion, age, sex, disability, or national origin.

As between them, the parties agree that each will be solely responsible for the actions of its employees and agents in performing the acts contemplated in this Agreement. Nothing contained herein shall be deemed to constitute a waiver of sovereign immunity on the part of either party or to affect, limit or reduce the protection afforded them under the provisions of Florida law. Notwithstanding the preceding, neither party shall be liable for the negligent acts or omissions of the other.

As changes to this agreement are needed, they may be presented in writing to the Sheriff and to the Director of Suncoast Technical College. This agreement is in effect from January 1, 2017 through

December 31, 2022, a six-year period. Either party may terminate this agreement, without cause, on 180 days written notice.

This cooperative agreement is intended to bring quality education to the male and female inmates of the Sarasota County Jail.

Sheriff Thomas M. Knight
Sarasota County Sheriff's Department

Chair
The School Board of Sarasota County, FL

Date

Date

Approved for Legal Content
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