MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT

THIS ARTICULATION AGREEMENT is between any Kansas high school student who has successfully completed a state approved ***Visual Arts*** Career Cluster Pathway and ***Pittsburg State University,*** Pittsburg, Kansas. It will provide students with a smooth transition from high school to a postsecondary program/degree and one hour of Pittsburg State University credit. The intent of this cooperative effort is to provide the students with a non-duplicative program of study leading to enhanced employment opportunities.

NOW, THEREFORE, it is agreed by and between the parties as follows:

1. The Bachelor of Science Degree in **Family & Consumer Services / Fashion Merchandising or Interior Design** may be granted through the College of Arts & Sciences, Pittsburg State University joint agreement. The awarding of such a degree is contingent upon the joint cooperation of the specific program by the two institutions.

2. The secondary student will attain concentrator status through successful completion of his/her high school Career Cluster Pathway sequence of courses.

3. Pittsburg State University will provide the courses listed on the attached program of Study/Course Sequence form.

4. Details of this agreement are outlined below:
    a. The student will provide PSU with proof of completion of the high school pathway sequence of courses.
    b. PSU will coordinate the issuance of one college credit upon the student's completion of FCS 100: Career Management in Family & Consumer Sciences at PSU.
    c. No fee will be assessed for the college credit awarded.
    d. This agreement provides for a smooth transition into a Family & Consumer Sciences degree program and 1 hour of elective credit in the program.
    e. Pittsburg State University faculty advisors will provide advising to the student.

5. Students must complete a minimum of 124 hours of coursework which includes 43 credit hours of general education coursework and 49 credit hours of FCS related content as outlined in the program of study. Students in most programs are also required to have a minor which typically consists of 19 – 23 credit hours of coursework. The students must have a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 2.0 or better to be eligible for a Bachelor's Degree.

6. The college and any high schools offering the approved Career Cluster Pathway may advertise the programs and will jointly advise the students that this option is available to them.

7. This agreement may be revised/modified as needed, or in the event of cancellation, discontinuance or disapproval of any course or program by the Kansas State Department of Education or the Kansas Board of Regents.

8. The college agrees to evaluate this program on an annual basis and in the context of student benefits, program efficiency, and effectiveness.

9. This agreement shall begin January 1, 2012.

10. This agreement is subject to change or cancellation by the Legislature at any time in accordance with Article 6, Section 5 of the Kansas Constitution.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties accept and approve THIS AGREEMENT.

Robin Harris	9-26-2011
KSDE Representative	Date
Duane Whitbeck	9-20-2011
College Representative	Date