MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT

Network Specialist

THIS ARTICULATION AGREEMENT is between any Kansas high school student who has successfully completed a state approved ***Information Technology*** Career Cluster and the ***Web and Digital Communications*** *(11.1004*) Pathway and ***Barton Community College,*** Great Bend, Kansas*.* It will provide students with a smooth transition from high school to a postsecondary program/degree in Network Specialist training. 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 secondary student will attain concentrator status through successful completion of his/her high school ***Web and Digital Communications*** *(11.1004)* Pathway sequence of courses.

2. Barton Community College will provide the courses listed on the attached program of Study/Course Sequence form

3. The *Associate of Applied Science* degree in *Network Specialist* may be granted through the Barton Community College joint agreement. The awarding of such a degree is contingent upon the graduating high school's continuance of their KSDE approved Career Cluster Pathway.

4. Successful completion of the following ***Information Technology*** Career Cluster Pathway course(s) will result in the student being awarded college credit for the following equivalent course(s):

High School Courses	KS Course Code	College Courses	College Credit
Successful completion of: Computing Systems **OR** Computer Applications IN ADDITION TO Two (2) full credits of Technical level and/or Application Level courses	10002 **OR** 10004	BSTC 1001 Introduction to Computers	3

5. Postsecondary Credit will be considered Advanced Placement Credit, and will be awarded upon student submission to the college of the student's high school transcript.

6. Details regarding credit awards and fees are outlined below:
    a. College credit will only be awarded for a grade of "C" or better.
    b. No fee will be assessed for the college credit awarded.
    c. Student must declare either Network Specialist as their major area of interest.
    d. College credits will be available for award after the student has successfully completed the next course in the sequence – *NTWK Microcomputer Repair & Upgrade.*

7. To receive an Associate of Applied Science Degree (AAS), students must complete a minimum of 64 hours of coursework, including 15 credit hours of related content as outlined in the program of study. Students must have a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 2.0 or better to be eligible for an AAS Degree from Barton Community College.

8. 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.

9. 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.

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

11. This agreement shall begin January 1, 2012.

12. 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.

Scott Smith	12-8-11
KSDE Representative	Date
Carl R. Heilman	12-1-11
Carl R. Heilman, Barton Community College President	Date