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## Saraland City Schools announces dual enrollment partnership with the University of Mobile

SARALAND, Alabama (August 9, 2017) – Saraland City Schools is proud to announce a dual enrollment partnership with the University of Mobile that will allow students studying health science to earn college credit while enrolled in high school. These students will also receive a tuition waiver from the university so there will be no additional charge to earn college credit.

This new partnership will allow students enrolled in Saraland City Schools to also enroll in health science courses offered by the University of Mobile, which allows them to earn high school and college credit simultaneously. By the time Saraland students complete four high school health science classes taught by Saraland faculty, who meet the standards and qualifications required by the University of Mobile and the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges, they will have also earned six hours of college credit that will be posted to a university transcript.

After graduating from Saraland High School, the students can decide to continue their education at the university or potentially transfer these credits to the institution of their choice.

“This program is something that’s not afforded to many students around the state of Alabama,” said Dr. Aaron Milner, Superintendent of Saraland City Schools. “It’s going to result in students having a great foundation for future careers in the medical field. I’m also excited for our students to have the opportunity to experience the simulated hospital environment the University of Mobile is making available.”

The partnership includes an added benefit, as participating Saraland students will have opportunities for hands-on experiences in the university's health science simulation labs. This program is the first phase of a growing dual-enrollment initiative in Saraland City Schools. Additional opportunities and expanded course offerings are expected in the future.

To enroll in this program, students must meet admission requirements. Saraland currently has 45 students participating in the certified nursing assistant program who are expected to participate in this dual-enrollment program.

“In this process, we couldn’t think of a better partner to turn to than Saraland, one for proximity, one for academic rigor and the quality of faculty that you employ,” said Dr. Timothy Smith, University of Mobile President. “We’re so excited about this process. These six credit hours are just the beginning as we continue to move forward.”

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