MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

Early College High School
Use of Facilities, Programs, Events and Services
Academic Year 2008-2009

Ivy Tech Community College – Bloomington (herein called the “College”) and the Monroe County Community School Corporation (herein called “MCCSC”) enter this memo of understanding under the following terms:

WHEREAS the parties to this Memorandum of Understanding desire to establish an Early College High School, serving grades 9-12; and

WHEREAS Early College High Schools prepare high school students for successful career and educational futures through a full integration of high school, college, and the world of work, improve academic performance and self-concept, and increase high school and college/university completion rates; and

WHEREAS Ivy Tech Community College – Bloomington is committed to increasing the educational attainment of Indiana’s citizens and expanding partnerships with high schools to ensure that education is provided in a seamless continuum; and

WHEREAS Ivy Tech Community College – Bloomington realizes that engagement of students both in and outside the classroom leads to greater persistence, retention and completion rates.

FOR VALUABLE CONSIDERATION, the College agrees to provide the following for the 2008-2009 academic year as noted below:

I. USE OF FACILITIES:

1. Students in the Early College Program will have use of Ivy Tech Community College – Bloomington facilities subject to the terms and conditions of this document.

2. All students in the Early College Program will be given an Ivy Tech Community College – Bloomington identification card. This card will be used to access College facilities and programs.

3. The Ivy Tech Community College – Bloomington library will offer borrowing privileges for Early College students beginning fall 2008. Students can use the library, virtual library and computer resources of the College subject to the terms and conditions set forth for all students by the library.

4. All students in the Early College Program will be given an Ivy Tech Community College e-mail address and access to the College’s Campus Connect platform.
5. Students in the Early College Program will have use of the College’s Academic Support Center for tutoring and assistance.

II. PROGRAMS, EVENTS AND SERVICES:

6. The College, in cooperation with Indiana University, will arrange with MCCSC for IU Office of Student Financial Assistance representatives and Ivy Tech Community College – Bloomington Enrollment Services representatives to participate in Bloomington North and Bloomington South 9th Grade Open Houses/Freshman Orientation Nights/Early College Parent Nights on August 11 and August 27 (dates still to be finalized by MCCSC).

7. With MCCSC and the IU Offices for Admissions and Student Financial Assistance, the College will schedule January 2009 Early College Information Sessions with IU Financial Aid and Admissions staff at Bloomington Hospital for 2nd shift employee parents. Representatives will meet with area pastors to plan Sunday college access and affordability information sessions reaching Monroe County African-American and Hispanic congregations in advance of 21st Century Scholar sign-ups and FAFSA deadlines.

8. The Ivy Tech Community College Office of Student Life and Leadership will host a “College is not so Scary” Halloween themed event in late October (date to be finalized by Ivy Tech). The event will be held in the evening at the Ivy Tech campus, and Early College students and their families will be invited to attend.

9. The College will host Early College students at its O’Bannon Institute for Community Service on Friday, May 1, 2009. The event, which focuses on community service, engagement, and political participation, is the College’s signature event. Both breakfast and lunch will be provided at no cost to Early College students.

10. The College will host a Welcome reception for Early College students and their families in early September (date to be finalized by Ivy Tech). The event will take place in the Ivy Tech Community College – Bloomington Student Commons.

11. Ivy Tech Community College – Bloomington will invite Early College students to attend additional student life activities throughout the year. A full calendar of events will be made available to all students at the beginning of the fall and spring semesters.

12. The College’s Marketing Office will create “Welcome to College” gift bags for all Early College students. The bags will include Ivy Tech gifts, tools to assist students with their college experience, and information about Ivy Tech.

13. This MOU may be amended by mutual written agreement of both parties. The MOU will be in force for one (1) year following signing and is renewable based on the consent of the signatory parties. The College and School District reserve the right to terminate this MOU upon service of written notice to the other party 90 days prior to the date of termination. In this event, the date of termination will be the day after the end of the semester during which the 90-day period expires.
APPROVALS: Signed this _____ day of _________, 20____.

Ivy Tech Community College – Bloomington

[Name]
Chancellor

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Monroe County Community School Corp.

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