Dual Credit
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Definition and Benefits

Dual-credit programs offer high school students the opportunity to earn college credit at high schools, on college campuses, or online.

Dual-credit students are more likely to meet college readiness benchmarks, enter college—and enter shortly after high school graduation—and they are less likely to place into remedial English or math.

They have higher first year college GPAs, second year college retention rates, and higher four- and six-year college completion rates.

Legislation

- **1990**
  - Running Start Program Rules
    RCW 28A.600.390

- **2009**
  - Dual-Credit Programs
    Annual Report
    RCW 28A.600.280

- **2011**
  - Launch Year
    RCW 28A.600.280

- **2012**
  - Master List of Courses
    RCW 28B.10.053

- **2013**
  - Academic Acceleration
    RCW 28A.320.195

- **2015**
  - Dual-Credit Opportunities
    ESSHB 1546
  - AP Computer Science
    Education
    RCW 28A.230.097
  - The Ten-Year Roadmap
Roadmap and Strategic Action Plan

Educational attainment goals for 2023:

- All WA adults ages 25-44 will have a high school diploma or equivalent.
- At least 70% of WA adults ages 25-44 will have a postsecondary credential.

Identified near-term priority to expand dual-credit opportunities.
Improve Program Access and Availability:
Geography, faculty availability, student demand, age/grade restrictions, technology (both hardware and internet access).

Provide Clear information:
Consistent student advising, transparent credit policies at postsecondary institutions.

Reduce Student Costs:
Tuition, test fees, transportation, books.
WSAC partnering with OSPI, SBCTC and others to provide professional development.

WSAC created a tool which allows students to see how many credits public baccalaureates will award for specific AP exams and scores.

Colleges and universities working within their sectors to develop more consistent and transparent award of credit for AP and IB courses.

WSAC collaborating with OSPI, SBCTC, COP, AWSP to develop rules for College in the High School.

WSAC will provide a report on dual-credit access and affordability to the Legislature in September of 2016, per 2015 legislation.
National Trends

National Alliance of Concurrent Enrollment Partnerships
Education Commission of the States
Continue the conversation.

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