

Educational Program

Post-Secondary Enrollment Options Program and Concurrent Enrollment

Davis County juniors and seniors will have the opportunity to take post-secondary courses. A ninth or tenth grade student who is identified as a gifted and talented student according to the school district's criteria and procedures may participate under this act. Any approved two or four year post-secondary institution in Iowa would qualify for this program. It is anticipated, because of location, that interested Davis County students would take classes at Indian Hills Community College although they would not necessarily be limited to that institution.

Any student wishing to participate in the post-secondary enrollment program or concurrent enrollment must qualify as follows:

- Must demonstrate proficiency in each of the three (3) academic areas: Reading, Math and Science. This is primarily determined using most recent Iowa Test of Basic Skills (ITBS) or Iowa Test of Educational Development (ITED) scores.
- Demonstrate competency on COMPASS test.

In addition the following regulations apply:

- A student must be enrolled in a minimum of four regular classes plus physical education if enrolled in two or more post-secondary courses.
- A student must be enrolled in a minimum of five regular classes plus physical education if enrolled for only one post-secondary course.
- Courses cannot be taken if a comparable course is offered by the Davis County Community School District. Post-secondary courses are not to supplant high school courses.
- Courses taken must be nonsectarian.
- A student may not audit a course.
- This program is not eligible for summer courses.
- It shall be the parent or guardian's responsibility to provide transportation to and from the post-secondary institution for the student.
- Priority may be given by the institution to post-secondary students before enrolling 11th and 12th grade students in courses. However, once an 11th and 12th grade student has enrolled in a post-secondary course, the student cannot be displaced by another student for the duration of the course.
- Any student not attaining a "C" or better in a post-secondary course or who drops a course before completion shall be ineligible to participate in the program the following "regular" semester.
- Any student failing a post-secondary course shall be ineligible to continue to participate in the program.
- Any student who drops a post-secondary course prior to completion shall be assigned a class and/or activity to fill that time void during the regular academic day for the remainder of the semester. The credit to be earned, if any, shall be determined at the time of schedule modification.
- Parents and students must be aware that the dropping and/or failing of a post-secondary course may affect the graduation status of the participating Davis County High School student.
- Poor attendance or improper social behavior relative to this program may result in the student becoming ineligible for the current as well as future semesters. Hours earned by a student shall count for both high school and college credit.
- Post-secondary credits earned by a student shall count toward their grade point average as well as their class rank.

Concurrent Enrollment

Concurrent enrollment courses are offered through contractual agreements between community colleges and school districts.

- The program shall be made available to all eligible resident students in grades 9 through 12.
- Notice of the availability of the program shall be included in a school district's student registration handbook, and the handbook shall identify which courses, if successfully completed, generate college credit under the program.
- A student and the student's parent or guardian shall also be made aware of this program as part of the development of the student's core curriculum plan (i.e. eighth grade plan) in accordance with Iowa Code Section 279.61.
- A student enrolled in an accredited nonpublic school may access the program through the school district in which the accredited nonpublic is located. A student receiving competent private instruction may access the program through the school district in which the student is dually enrolled and may enroll in the same number of concurrent enrollment courses as a regularly enrolled student of the district.
- A student may make application to a community college and the school district to allow the student to enroll for college credit in a nonsectarian course offered by the community college. A comparable course, as defined in rules adopted by the board of directors of the school district, must not be offered by the school district or accredited nonpublic school which the student attends.
- The school board shall annually approve courses to be made available for high school credit using locally developed criteria that establish which courses will provide the student with academic rigor and will prepare the student adequately for transition to a postsecondary institution.
- Concurrent enrollment courses must not supplant high school courses.
- A school district may not use concurrent enrollment course to meet the accreditation requirements in Division V of 281 - IAC 12 (i.e. offer and teach requirements) other than for career-technical courses.
- If an eligible postsecondary institution accepts a student for enrollment under concurrent enrollment, the school district, in collaboration with the community college, shall send written notice to the student, the student's parent or guardian in the case of a minor child, and the student's school district. The notice shall list the course, the clock hours the student will be attending the course, and the number of hours of college credit that the student will receive from the community college upon successful completion of the course.
- A school district shall grant high school credit to a student enrolled in a course under concurrent enrollment. If the student successfully completes the course as determined by the community college and the course was previously approved by the school board pursuant to 281 - IAC 22.11(3). Students shall not "audit" a concurrent enrollment course; the student must take the course for *college* credit.
- School districts that participate in district-to-community college sharing agreements or concurrent enrollment programs that meet the requirements of Iowa Code Section 257.1 1 (3) are eligible to receive supplementary weighted funding under that provision. Regardless of whether the district receives supplementary weighted funding, the district shall not charge tuition of any of its students who participate in a concurrent enrollment course.
- Community colleges shall comply with the data collection requirements of Iowa Code Section 260C.14(22) and 281 - IAC 22.11(7)

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