

What is Dual Enrollment?

Dual enrollment provides a wider range of course options for high school students and avoids unnecessary duplication of programs. This plan promotes rigorous educational pursuits and encourages learning as a lifelong process; it recognizes that high school students who accrue college credit are more likely to continue with their education beyond high school than those who do not.

All high school juniors and seniors who are sixteen years of age or older are eligible to participate in the dual enrollment arrangement between the public school and the community college. However, students selected must be prepared for the demands of college level curriculum and be able to benefit from the enrichment opportunity for which they are applying. **The principal of the base school determines Initial Eligibility** one semester at a time. Students must have this approval and appropriate forms signed prior to course registration at the college.

College credit shall be awarded by the community college to participating high school students upon successful completion of a course. The award shall be in compliance with state and regional accrediting standards.

High school credit shall also be awarded to the participating high school students upon successful completion of the course. *The award shall be based on the college credit hour with one high school unit equivalent to six semester hours of college credit.* It is the student's responsibility to have the college transcript sent to the high school. Courses are taken at the appropriate Northern Virginia Community College Campus. All students must pass any required placement tests prior to acceptance into the program.