



Policy on Dual Credit Courses Taken in a High School Setting

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Preamble

The State of Indiana regards the offering of rigorous dual credit courses as means for expanding access to postsecondary opportunities, encouraging students to pursue higher education, and increasing college completion rates.

The following policy applies to Indiana public colleges and universities only.

The Indiana Commission for Higher Education's Policy on Dual Credit Taken in a High School Setting includes each of the following defining characteristics:

- 1) A dual credit course taken in a high school setting refers to courses taken at an Indiana: public school (I.C. 20-18-2-15), charter school (I.C. 20-18-2-2.5), accredited nonpublic school (I.C. 20-18-2-12), or career and technical education center (I.C. 20-37-2-2).
- 2) State funding for dual credit shall be limited to a set of priority liberal arts courses identified by the Indiana Commission for Higher Education along with all Career and Technical Educational (CTE) courses receiving postsecondary credit identified in the Indiana Department of Education's approved career pathways.
- 3) Under the authority granted to the Indiana Commission for Higher Education (I.C. 21-43-1.5-2), the rate charged to Indiana students for the identified dual credit priority liberal arts and CTE courses shall not exceed \$25 per credit hour for courses taken each fiscal year beginning July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2013.
- 4) State support for dual credit funding to public higher education institutions shall be identified separately under a formula prescribed by the Commission.
- 5) The state should help minimize the cost of dual credit delivery by coordinating data collection, marketing and professional development on a statewide basis.