



Accelerated College Credit Opportunities
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Definitions

- **Dual Credit:** the awarding of secondary and postsecondary credit for a course offered in a high school during regular school hours
- **Early College:** college course offered to high school students on a college campus
- **Advanced Placement (AP):** copyrighted curriculum, materials, and examinations developed by The College Board; students earning requisite scores on tests may receive either college credit or alternative placement
- **International Baccalaureate (IB):** A demanding pre-university course of study that leads to an internationally recognized diploma
- **Expanded Options:** established by the 2005 Oregon Legislature and amended in 2007, allows high school students meeting eligibility requirements to attend an eligible postsecondary institution, either full or part-time, to complete their high school diplomas; upon acceptance and enrollment at an eligible postsecondary institution, the student's resident school district pays tuition and other associated costs
- **Eastern Promise:** uses partner-developed proficiency criteria to award college credit

Statistics related to Dual Credit

- All 17 Oregon community colleges offer dual credit
- Over 25,000 students per year participate in dual credit programs in Oregon's community colleges and earn close to 200,000 college credits

Benefit to students

- Average **savings per student of \$859**
- Increased odds for persistence to second year of college at OUS (87% compared to 80% for non-dual credit students) (Oregon University System; Dual Credit in Oregon-2010 Follow-up)
 - Controlling for academic preparation (e.g. GPA), dual credit students are 17% more likely to persist
- Begin college with a considerable edge: taking dual credit courses in high school led to a cumulative difference, on average, of 11.5 credits more for students – nearly a full-time course load for a college term (Oregon University System; Dual Credit in Oregon-2010 Follow-up)

Benefit to Oregon

- This represents a **total Oregon savings of \$21,773,130** (based on 2011-12 average tuition and fees for full-time, in district community college student)