

# **Dual and Concurrent Enrollment Program Policy**

## **Purpose**

The purpose of this policy is to ensure that Barrington Public Schools (BPS) and Barrington High School (BHS) are in full compliance with the Dual Enrollment Opportunity Act (R.I.G.L. 16-100).

## **Position**

The Local Education Agency (LEA) must adopt a local Dual Enrollment Policy as authorized under Rhode Island General Laws 16-100-3(a) and 16-100-4. These laws were established for the purpose of adopting a statewide Dual Enrollment Policy that allows students to enroll in public postsecondary education courses both in the student's high school and at postsecondary institutions to satisfy academic coursework requirements in high school and earn credits at public postsecondary institutions. This policy is intended to expand student access to postsecondary coursework and is not intended to preempt existing agreements or to prevent future agreements between school districts and Rhode Island's public postsecondary institutions.

The LEA shall develop its program of study to meet the terms of the law. This may be accomplished by students attending public institutions of higher education (dual enrollment), taking established courses and career and technical center programs taught by district staff that earn high school and postsecondary credit (concurrent enrollment), or taking nationally recognized courses that earn college credit (Advanced Placement, International Baccalaureate).

## **Desired Outcome**

Students will have increased options to take and earn credit in postsecondary coursework, families will see reduced costs for college, and students will be more likely to achieve postsecondary success and earn degrees.

## **Implementation Strategies**

BPS will offer credit for the following programs that fulfill the aims of this policy and meet the needs of our students. These programs include:

- Johnson & Wales Early Enrollment
- New England Institute of Technology Credits for BHS Courses Identified as Eligible in the Program of Studies
- Concurrent and Dual Enrollment courses currently available from the University of Rhode Island (URI), Community College of Rhode Island (CCRI) and Rhode Island College (RIC)
- BHS Advanced Placement Courses
- BHS Courses identified in the program of studies as eligible for college credit
- 1 College course per semester at an accredited Rhode Island Public college or university in courses not offered on the BHS Campus, with prior approval from the principal and guidance.

BPS will ensure that students earn both high school and postsecondary credit for approved courses from CCRI, URI and RIC, and these credits are recorded on the student transcript, provided the students meet all requirements, including but not limited to those concerning grading, attendance, and conduct. Students enrolled in dual, concurrent, and advanced placement courses will fulfill all proficiency based graduation requirements, credit requirements and take final exams and/or proficiency assessments as a component of the district policy. Grades from concurrent and approved dual enrollment courses will be averaged into the student's Grade Point Average (GPA) in accordance with the high school grading policy.

- Dual enrollment courses will count toward a student's high school coursework graduation requirements if the student (1) complies with the postsecondary institution's course policies and successfully completes the course and (2) meets BHS requirements, including but not limited to those concerning attendance and conduct.
- The BHS guidance, administration and identified teaching staff will work with the assigned staff at the postsecondary institution to oversee the enrollment of students in dual and concurrent enrollment courses.
- For any concurrent enrollment course, BPS is responsible for providing students with disabilities, the protections, services and accommodations as prescribed by federal and state law.

The BPS will encourage participation of underserved populations in this program.

The BPS will develop programs to prepare and train their teaching staff to teach concurrent and advanced placement courses.

- It is the LEA and the school administrator(s) responsibility to ensure that students, staff, volunteers, and parents/legal guardians are provided information regarding the local Dual Enrollment policy.

### **Eligibility**

Dual enrollment courses are available to any student in the junior and senior class who meets the eligibility requirements of the college/university. Students may select one college course per semester that does not interfere with their BHS course schedule. Students may select courses that are not available in the BHS Program of Studies.

Students and their families will be notified of dual and concurrent enrollment opportunities through the BHS Program of Studies, at Open House, at course scheduling and through guidance planning sessions.

### **Costs**

Courses offered at/through CCRI, URI and RIC will be paid for by the Prepare Rhode Island Fund. BPS will be responsible for the costs of required books and required course materials at these three institutions. Students and their families are responsible for transportation. In the event that the Prepare Rhode Island Fund is not available, all expenses will be the responsibility of the student and their families. Students and their families will also be responsible for all costs associated with courses offered by private universities, colleges, and postsecondary career and technical institutions, as these institutions are not eligible for Prepare Rhode Island funding. Scholarships will be available for students who qualify. With prior approval from guidance and

the principal, courses offered by private institutions may be added to the supplemental transcript, but will not count as high school credits and will not be averaged into a student's GPA.

**Legal Reference**

R.I.G.L. - 16-2-9 – General Powers and Duties of School Committees

R.I.G.L. - 16-100 – Dual Enrollment Opportunity Act

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