



Dual and Concurrent Enrollment Program Policy

I. 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 Opportunity¹

II. POLICY

The Local Education Agency (**LEA**) must adopt a local Dual Enrollment Policy as authorized under Rhode Island General Laws². 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.³ 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 earns high school and postsecondary credit (concurrent enrollment) or taking nationally recognized courses that earn college credit (Advanced Placement, International Baccalaureate).

III. DESIRED OUTCOME

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

IV. 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
- Students engaged in concurrent enrollment may take 1 college course per semester and during the summer 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. Variations to the number or type of courses a student is eligible to take can only be made in advance with approval from the principal in consultation with the student's school counselor.

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. Students who are enrolled in a dual enrollment program in their senior year may waive their PE/Health Requirement for their senior year.
- 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.

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

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.



V. 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 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.

VI. COST

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.

¹[Chapter 16-100 - Index of Sections](#)

²[16-100-3\(a\) and 16-100-4](#)

³[16-2-9](#)

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