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“The Dual Enrollment program was a really beneficial experience for me because not only did it give me the chance to take new courses that were not offered at my high school, but it also allowed me to walk into Penn State University’s main campus with almost a full year of college credits completed.”

– *Christopher Franklin, Morrisville graduate, 2007;
entered Penn State University as a sophomore*

“I took Mandarin Chinese I because I’d always been interested in Asian culture and language. I couldn’t believe how much I loved the class and teacher, and I actually plan to minor in East Asian studies at college next September. Dual enrollment let me take a class that I never would have been exposed to in high school and has perhaps changed the course of my studies and my life. Above all, it was fun and interesting, and I even met some new friends. I can’t wait until Mandarin II comes out in the spring!”

– *Chelsea Dengel, will graduate from Central Bucks in 2008;
currently applying to colleges including Princeton and Yale.*

“Dual Enrollment has helped me in the most obvious of ways- by helping me earn college credits before I graduated high school- but it also helped me in ways I’d never imagined such as learning to deal with professors I wasn’t too fond of, learning how to manage college material, and, most importantly, teaching me to be more responsible with my work and my classes.”

– *Elizabeth Moran, Palisades graduate, 2007;
currently attending Juniata College*

“I participated in Introduction to Sociology and Effective Speaking during my senior year. They were truly a great experience and gave me wonderful insight on what to expect for college the following academic year. Introduction to Sociology was very interesting. Effective speaking was so much fun and I loved my professor. I love it here at ASU and I am grateful to have had to experience college first hand before I really started here. It’s also nice to have 6 extra credits done, and I am on a plan right now to graduate early because of the little jump-start Dual Enrollment gave me.”

– *Madeline Barrett, Bristol Borough graduate, 2007;
currently attending Arizona State University*

“The dual enrollment program provided me with a unique opportunity to learn a language. If not for the program, I may not have ever studied or even been exposed to Mandarin Chinese.”

– *Ryan Rosario, Council Rock graduate, 2007;
currently applying to colleges including Penn State University
and University of Delaware*

Dual Enrollment

What is Dual Enrollment?

In order to keep Pennsylvania competitive in an increasingly global society, Governor Rendell instituted a number of high school reform programs, including Dual Enrollment. The Dual Enrollment program, also called “concurrent enrollment”, encourages partnerships between postsecondary institutions and local school districts. Through these partnerships, high school students can enroll in college courses and earn both secondary and postsecondary credit for those courses. In addition, school districts submit grant applications to the state in order to help reduce the cost of college tuition and fees to each student.

Bucks County Community College has been a postsecondary partner in the Dual Enrollment program since the program’s inception during the 2005-2006 school year. Each college course is taught by a BCCC faculty member and is scheduled within the traditional 15-week fall or spring college semester.

What are the benefits of the Dual Enrollment program?

The Dual Enrollment program offers the following benefits to any participating student:

- Gain confidence in handling college work
- Sharpen critical thinking and study skills
- Transfer credits to BCCC or other colleges after high school graduation
- Utilize the resources of BCCC’s library to help with both high school and college courses
- Save time and money by taking college courses now

Who has participated in the Dual Enrollment program?

Since the spring 2006 semester, over 400 high school students from all parts of Bucks County have participated in the Dual Enrollment program. As of the spring 2007 semester, 141 seniors graduated from the program with the following number of credits:

- 84 seniors graduated with 3 credits
- 41 seniors graduated with 6 credits
- 8 seniors graduated with 9 credits
- 1 senior graduated with 12 credits
- 2 seniors graduated with 15 credits
- 3 seniors graduated with 16 credits
- 1 senior graduated with 19 credits
- 1 senior graduated with 27 credits

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