Dual Credit Opportunities in Minnesota

An Overview of Current Programs
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Advanced Placement (AP)

- 34 college level courses
- Legislative Appropriation of 4.5M shared with IB (75:25) MS120B.13
- Exam subsidies and reimbursement for teacher training
- Significant increase in percent of non-white students participating; 80% of students testing are white
- 40,701 exams earned a 3+, potentially saving MN families $22,466,952 (MnSCU institutions) and $56,655,792 at U of M

International Baccalaureate (IB)

- 4 Programs: Diploma Program (DP), Middle years Program (MYP), Primary Years Program (PYP) and the IB Career-Related Certificate (IBCC)
- Diploma Program offers 157 exams in 51 disciplines
- Additional requirements: extended essay, Theory of Knowledge course, at least 150 hours of extracurricular community action service.
- State provides exam and teacher training subsidies
- 107% increase in # of students of color since 2007
- All but two IB schools are located in the greater metropolitan area
- 6,144 exams earned a 4+, potentially saving MN families $1,970,088 (MnSCU institutions) and $4,968,048 at U of M

Postsecondary Enrollment Option (PSEO)

- Minnesota first in the nation (1985) to support course taking at postsecondary by high school juniors and seniors

  (MS 124D.09)
- In 2012- 6,353 participants reported through MARSS system (66% female)
- In 2012- 74% enrolled were from public schools; 18% were homeschooled; 8% were nonpublic/private school students
- In 2012- paid to postsecondary institutions- $ 25,520,262
- (2007-2012) Private colleges evidenced the greatest growth in participation (43%); community college participation grew by 20%
- No cost to students- state pays for tuition, books and lab fees

Concurrent Enrollment

- College in the Schools (CIS) is a branded, University of MN version of concurrent enrollment
- Generally taught by high school teachers on the high school campus
- Course assessment and content must be the same as that taught on the college campus
- Districts eligible for aid if the college/university courses are accredited by NACEP (National Association of Concurrent Enrollment Programs)- up to $150/student out of $2M appropriation (MS 124D.09, subd.10 and subd.16)
- In FY12, pro-rated reimbursement was $38.40/student/course
- Increasing numbers of students of color, but 91.2% of participants in 2012 were white

College-Level Examination Program (CLEP)

- A College Board product
- Includes 33 internet-based exams; currently $80 per exam
- Funded by MN Legislature from 2005-2009
- In 2006, 32 test-takers; in 2009, 1,044 test-takers
- 1,556 tests taken in 2009
- 57% earned college credit, at a cost to the state of $108,920

Career and Technical Education Program of Study

- A nonduplicative sequence of academic and technical courses
- Beginning no later than grade 11 and continuing for at least two years beyond high school
- Culminating in a degree, diploma, or certification recognized as valuable by our business and industry partners.

Each state-approved program of study includes an articulation relationship between one or more high schools and one or more community/technical colleges.

Technical courses qualify for support under Minnesota's concurrent enrollment program aid (M.S. 124D.091).

References and Guides

Available on MDE website:

- **Rigorous Course Taking- FY12 Legislative report**
  http://education.state.mn.us/MDE/Welcome/Legis/LegisRep/

- **Postsecondary Enrollment Options Reference Guide**
  http://education.state.mn.us/MDE/StuSuc/CollReadi/PSEO/