

School Board Executive Summary

Topic: Annual AP / Dual Enrollment Update

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- Recommended Action:**
- ☒ Information Only
 - ☐ Presentation/Discussion
 - ☐ Discussion/Action by Board of Education
 - ☐ Presentation/Action Next Meeting

Purpose: To inform about current Advanced Placement (AP) and dual enrollment programming.

Advanced Placement: Last year, Westside High School offered 27 AP courses. We had more than 1,200 student enrollments in those classes, with 64% of those students taking the AP exam in May. Of the students who took the AP exam, 76% earned a 3 or higher, the typical benchmark for when colleges accept the exam score for credit. Close to 30% of the 2026 graduating class earned a 3 or higher on at least one AP exam at some point during their high school experience.

Dual Credit: Westside's main dual enrollment partners are UNO and Metro Community College. In order for a WHS course to offer dual enrollment, the course must meet the criteria of a college course, and the WHS instructor must have a master's degree with at least 18 graduate hours in the content area. At UNO, the majority of our dual enrollment offerings are connected to AP classes. This year we added dual enrollment options for Sports Medicine and Web Design.

For the past few years, we have focused on expanding dual credit offerings with MCC. MCC has multiple options for high school students to earn college credit while in high school, including traditional concurrent (dual) enrollment, Career Academies, the Kickstart Online Institute, College Now!, and Gateway to College. We continue to look to identify additional non-AP courses that could be offered for dual credit and to work with staff to earn graduate credit that will enable them to teach these courses. Outside of dual credit, we also partner with MCC Credential College to connect our current students and graduates looking to immediately enter the workforce with credential opportunities that will set them up with opportunities for high wage, high skill jobs in the Omaha area. Last year, 45 students earned a credential through credential college. This year, our WHS instructors will be teaching courses that lead to credentials for forklift operator, OSHA 10, and drone pilot.

We also offer some dual enrollment options with Nebraska Wesleyan University. For the 2026-2027 school year, we will offer dual enrollment with NWU in three AP courses: AP Language and Composition, AP Literature, and AP Calculus BC.

Attachment(s): Slide Presentation