



Expanded Dual Credit 2025-26 Investments

To earn Dual Credit, a student must be enrolled in both a high school and college class or program synchronously. Both Kentucky Revised Statute 158.007(8) and 164.098 define the parameters upon which a student can participate and earn credit. The program is administered by Kentucky Higher Education Assistance Authority (KHEAA) in which state funding supports a maximum of two classes.

During the pandemic, Fayette County Public Schools received ARP Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief funding as a result of the American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act and the District utilized this opportunity to expand the Dual Credit program for students by providing funding for additional classes beyond KHEAA allocation and the District's Work Ready programs. To further support students, the District established a Senior College Fair and Freshman Career Expo to provide for Post-Secondary Readiness Recruitment of Tech Centers, Work-Based Learning, and Portrait of a Graduate Attainment.

FCPS has seen a major increase in students taking Dual Credit courses with an estimated cost over \$500,000 for both spring and summer sessions in 2023 which translates to roughly a 400% increase from two years ago. The number of students earning Associate Degrees has doubled with 3 in 2021, 6 in 2022, and 12 in 2023. Fayette County Public Schools is on track to expand the program to enroll 100 students in 3 years in attaining their Associate Degrees. During the spring of 2023, 383 students were enrolled in Dual Credit with summer enrollment topping 156 students. The expanded program allowed Fayette County Public Schools to pay for summer courses. More students could be enrolled however, the District does not always receive permission slips returned which limits participation.

The Senior College and Career Fair event allows all seniors to meet with over 100 different colleges and universities in one space as well as an average of 20 to 30 different employers. Freshman Career Expo success stems from providing freshmen class members an opportunity to engage in hands-on activities with over 75 different business partners to explore every career pathway offered in the District. This event helps freshmen decide on which pathways to explore further in order to be college and career ready. Last year, 1011 seniors attended the college fair and 2,967 attended the career expo from every school and program.

INVESTMENT COST:
\$700,000



STRATEGIC ALIGNMENT:



Student Achievement

**COMPREHENSIVE DISTRICT IMPROVEMENT
PLAN YEAR: 2022-25**

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PLAN OBJECTIVE:** Post-Secondary Readiness (High School only), KCWP 5 & 6, By 2024, Fayette County Public Schools will increase the percentage of students who are Post-Secondary Ready to 82.3. Currently, High School is 79.5.