



ROANOKE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Dear Parents:

With the start of the 2026-2027 school year, we wanted to emphasize some specific information related to the **Dual Enrollment** program for which we partner with **Virginia Western Community College**. As you are aware, dual enrollment classes are those taught by RCPS teachers who are credentialed as instructors with VWCC. This allows students the opportunity to not only earn high school credit toward graduation, but also college credit through VWCC. Dual enrollment courses are an opportunity for students, but also carry serious responsibility about which students and parents need to be aware:

- Even though dual enrollment courses are taught on the high school campus, enrolling for college credit through VWCC means strictly following VWCC deadlines for Fall and Spring semesters and understanding that the grade a student earns becomes part of his or her college transcript.
- VWCC courses that are required for the UCGS/HB will be transferred back for high school credit.
- All courses that are approved to complete the Passport Program and the Uniform Certificate General Studies Program (UCGS) will be free.
- Full VWCC tuition for the 2026-2027 school year is \$179.99 per credit hour for courses outside of approved courses for the UCGS and the Passport Program. Of this amount, RCPS **students pay \$44.17 per credit hour**. Students will pay tuition at their school; BCAT students pay for BCAT dual enrollment courses at BCAT.
- Any student who has not paid tuition in full by the official VWCC drop date will be dropped from the VWCC course which could lead to a schedule change for the student's high school courses.

For complete information about dual enrollment courses and proposed fees, please contact your son or daughter's school counselor and consult the VWCC website

<http://www.virginiawestern.edu/dualenrollment/index.php>

Sincerely,

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