

Dual Enrollment Report

Academic Affairs

Executive Summary:

Studies conducted by the Community Colleges Research Center indicate that students benefit from dual and concurrent enrollment courses offered at community colleges. This is particularly true for student participating in career pathways. For instance, dual enrollment programs can benefit underachieving students and those underrepresented in higher education. In one study, California students who participated in dual enrollment as part of their high school career pathway were more likely than similar students in their districts to graduate from high school, enroll in four-year colleges, and persist in college. They also accumulated more college credits and were less likely to take remedial classes.

At Peralta, we are partnering with high schools and local school districts to extend the benefits of dual enrollment to the students in our community. For instance, we partnered with the Oakland Unified School District (OUSD) to offer courses to almost 1000 students. In addition, our Colleges also provided courses to a number of other schools in our region beyond OUSD. Currently, we are in the process of revising our Memorandum of Understanding with Oakland and exploring additional partnerships. In addition, we are assessing how we can best utilize District resources to coordinate processes and strategically expand dual enrollment opportunities to our community.

During the Fall 2016, our Colleges offered 69 dual enrollment classes at area high schools. Out of those classes, 18 were career/technical courses, with 343 students enrolled and a total of 34.45 FTES. By comparison, last academic year, the District offered a total of 34 dual enrollment courses. While some of the courses have low enrollment (20-35), it is important to note that we are still building our partnerships and programs. In addition, OUSD reimburses us for courses that run with less than the agreed upon minimum stated in our agreement. In addition, these dual enrollment courses will continue to benefit our students and provide pathways to college for student who might not otherwise enroll, especially students from underrepresented and underserved groups. As a result, dual enrollment courses will not only strengthen our long term future enrollment, but also increase student success. As we continue to build partnerships, the number of students participating in these courses will continue to grow, especially as outreach and student awareness of these courses continues to increase.