



UTAH SYSTEM OF
HIGHER EDUCATION

MEMORANDUM

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Concurrent Enrollment: Access and Timely Completion

Concurrent Enrollment (CE) allows academically qualified students the opportunity to earn college credits while in high school at extremely low tuition rates subsidized by legislative funding. Concurrent Enrollment is offered by the degree-granting institutions and is focused on General Education courses that will aid with students' timely completion of degree requirements or on select Career and Technical Education programs. (A parallel program, with separate statutory requirements and funding streams, provides Technical College certificate programs to high school students.) Concurrent Enrollment is available to high school students across the state and is taught by faculty from degree-granting institutions or by high school instructors qualified with master's degrees or other requirements to serve as adjunct faculty on behalf of a degree-granting institution. Because Concurrent Enrollment courses simultaneously fulfill high school and college graduation requirements, the program is jointly administered by the Utah Board of Higher Education and the Utah State Board of Education. Additional funding through Senate Bill 196 (2015) specifically targets completion of Quantitative Literacy (math) General Education requirements through the Concurrent Enrollment program.

The Utah System of Higher Education has aligned the Concurrent Enrollment program with three tactics on the Board's Strategic Plan:

- Increasing timely completion rates through supportive educational practices in introductory courses and streamlining General Education requirements. The majority of CE offerings are General Education courses.
- Improving timely completion rates for underrepresented students by increasing equity in pass rates in General Education courses. Concurrent Enrollment can be a helpful tool for providing access to those courses and for helping students pass them. The major system-level Concurrent Enrollment initiative for the next three years will focus on addressing equity gaps in CE participation and course success.
- Increasing access to higher education by ensuring high school students are meaningfully informed about opportunities to earn college experience and credits while in high school and by helping students meet requirements for the Opportunity Scholarship (Concurrent Enrollment math is one of the options for meeting those requirements).

Commissioner's Recommendation

This is an information item only; no action required. The attached documents are required annual reports from the Utah Board of Higher Education to the Legislature.

Attachments