



# 2021 School Counselors' Virtual Conference

## MAXIMIZING DUAL CREDIT OPPORTUNITIES THROUGH ADVISING **JAIME CHERRY**

Session Time: 9:00 a.m.



# About me



I am the Dual Credit Program Coordinator for CCRB/NMPED. I also serve as a federal and state grant coach for the Southeastern part of the state and oversee STEM and IT programs of study. Prior to my role at NMPED, I was a middle school science teacher for APS and RRPS for 12 years.

# SESSION AGENDA

- Dual Credit Overview
- Benefits of Dual Credit
- Career Pathways and Advisement
- Policy and Procedures  
Manual/Resources
- Q&A/Discussion



# How many years of counseling experience do you have?

<1-5

6-10

11-15

16+

# How often does college and career advisement fit in to your time with students?

**often**

College and Career Advisement is discussed and revisited on a regular basis

**Sometimes**

When I have the opportunity, I fit it into discussions with students

**Rarely**

It is very rare that I can fit this into mine and my student's busy schedule.

**I would like more resources**

More resources would help me grow this area of advisement





# DUAL CREDIT IN NEW MEXICO

The goal of the Dual Credit Program is to offer structured opportunities for high school students to enroll in college courses that lead to a post-secondary credential and provide essential job skills. These opportunities can create a path to successful employment and in turn bring a higher skill-set and more competitive credentials to our work force.

## **Eligible Courses are those that:**

- Are academic or career technical
- Earn credit toward high school graduation and a postsecondary degree or certificate.
- Physical Education courses and remedial courses are do not qualify as dual credit.

## **May be taken as an elective or core course\* and:**

- Must meet the PED standards and benchmarks
- Shall meet the rigor for postsecondary institution credit
- May be offered at LEAS, postsecondary institutions and off campus centers.

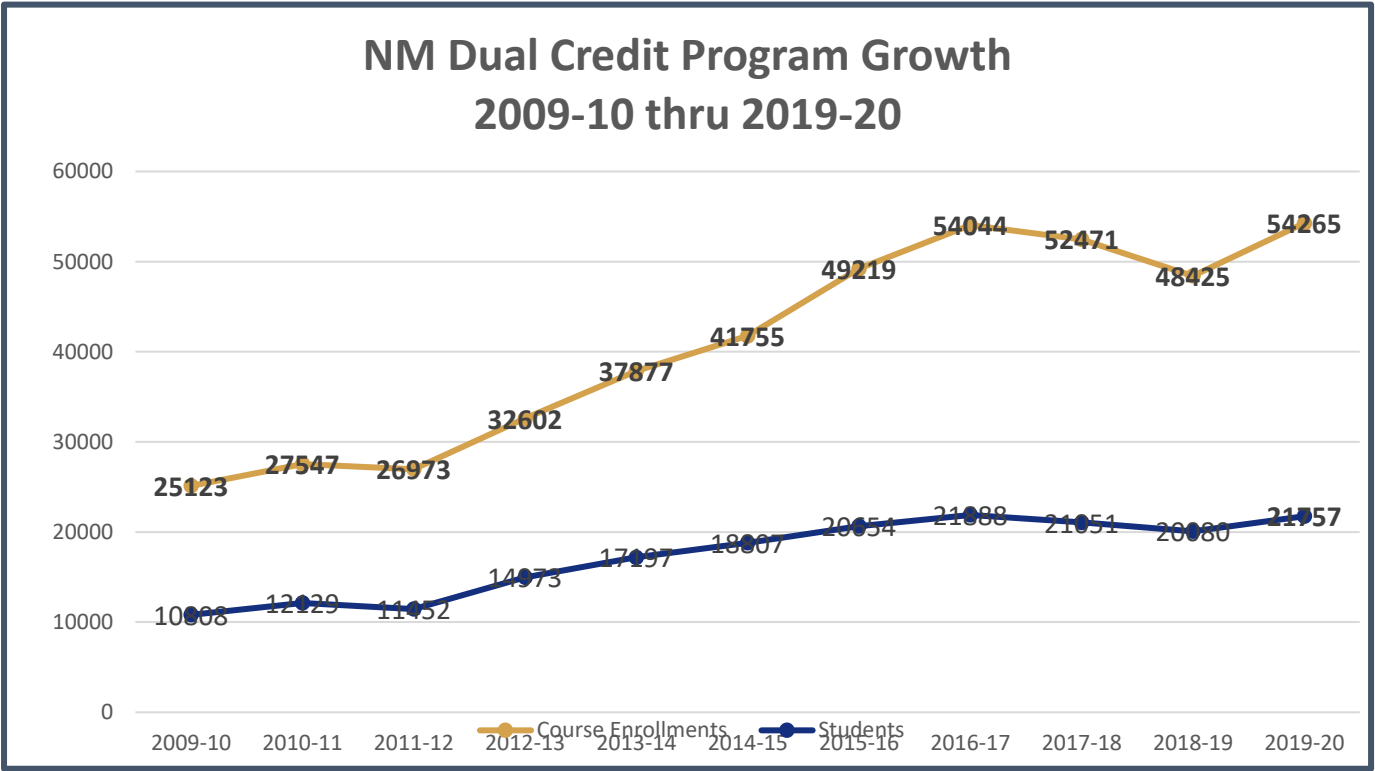
# Dual Credit Courses: Elective or Core Credit?

Because the majority of Dual Credit courses do not cover every New Mexico State Standard that is required, the majority of dual credit courses can only fulfill an elective requirement.

If your district has done a crosswalk of standards between the high school course and the college course, and it is determined that the course fulfills all of the core standard requirements, it can then be offered as core credit, once the district or local board approves it.



# Dual Credit Program Growth and Participation





# Benefits of Dual Credit

The program is a vital starting point for student to consider pathways that can lead them to certifications or a two or four year Program.



## Higher Graduation Rates

The overall statewide cohort graduation rate for students taking dual credit is 91.6 % this year vs. the statewide cohort of 75%

## Students can experience college without leaving home

Students acquire confidence and assurances that they can be successful in a higher Education setting.

## Save time and money

Students can participate in courses that align with their chosen pathway, remaining on track to a more secure future.

# Personal and Economic Impact

Dual credit can help address the needs of local business and industry and in turn provide students with credentials that lead them to high-skill, living wage careers.



# HIGH SCHOOL CHECKLIST


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- ☐ Complete a career interest inventory
- ☐ Choose a pathway and
- ☐ Choose a corresponding postsecondary pathway; and,
- ☐ Complete a Next Step Plan that includes a selected dual credit course.




# Career Pathways


Students can purposefully take a sequence of courses (Program of Study) that connects a student's education within their area of interest (Pathway)



Exploration of  
pathways/idea



Pathways allow  
us to see where  
students are  
headed



Student acquire  
knowledge and skills  
linked to postsecondary  
programs that lead to  
certificate or degree and  
or career



# Dual Credit Course and Pathway Alignment to Postsecondary

Students should carefully consider what they are taking

- Will it transfer to their program?
- Are they ready to meet the requirements of the course?
- Is the course in their area of interest?



# Courses and Pathways

## Career Cluster Guide

[State-NM-CCGB-2020.pdf](#)

# Additional Things to Consider

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## Do students demonstrate readiness for their college coursework?

- Academic aptitude may not always be the best indicator for college course readiness

## Financial Aid eligibility can be impacted

- Financial Aid eligibility is based on all records, including courses attempted as a dual credit student.
- GPA, along with completion rate and credits attempted factor in to Financial Aid Eligibility

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3

## Earning credit is not necessarily the most valuable take away from dual credit.

- Learning college course structure
- Self-advocacy
- Self-reliance
- Learning what they are not good at or what path they do not want to follow is valuable

# Student Experiences

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Brandy Ray  
Navaho Preparatory High  
School  
Class of 2021

“The dual credit program has helped me decide what to study and gave me a bigger perspective on what college work will look like.”

“I am confident that I will feel comfortable in college when it is time.”

Hannah Wood  
Tularosa High School  
Class of 2018  
NMSU

“Dual credit courses helped me have an idea of what kind of studies I enjoyed and did not enjoy, while also allowing me to be introduced to a portion of college learning environments.”

Pearl Huynh  
Manzano High School  
Class of 2018  
UNM

“I wasn’t as intimidated and knew that pursuing my degree would be a thing I was capable of doing, even though I would be a first generation college student.”



# Policy and Procedures Manual

A great resource for Dual Credit

Eligibility

Placement

Guidelines

Tuition and Fees

Operating Procedures



Student Application  
Procedures

# RESOURCES

- Career Cluster Guide [State-NM-CCGB-2020.pdf](#)
- NMPED Dual Credit Page [https://webnew.ped.state.nm.us/bureaus/college-career-readiness/college-acceleration/dual-credit/](#)
- NMHED Dual Credit Page [https://hed.state.nm.us/resources-for-schools/public\\_schools/dual-credit](#)
- Dual Credit Policy and Procedures Manual
- [CCRB-Dual-Credit-Policy-and-Procedures-Manual-4.2.18.pdf](#) ([state.nm.us](#))

# QUESTIONS/DISCUSSION





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# Thank You!

Please feel free to  
contact me.