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Reduced Rate Dual Credit Program

What is dual credit?

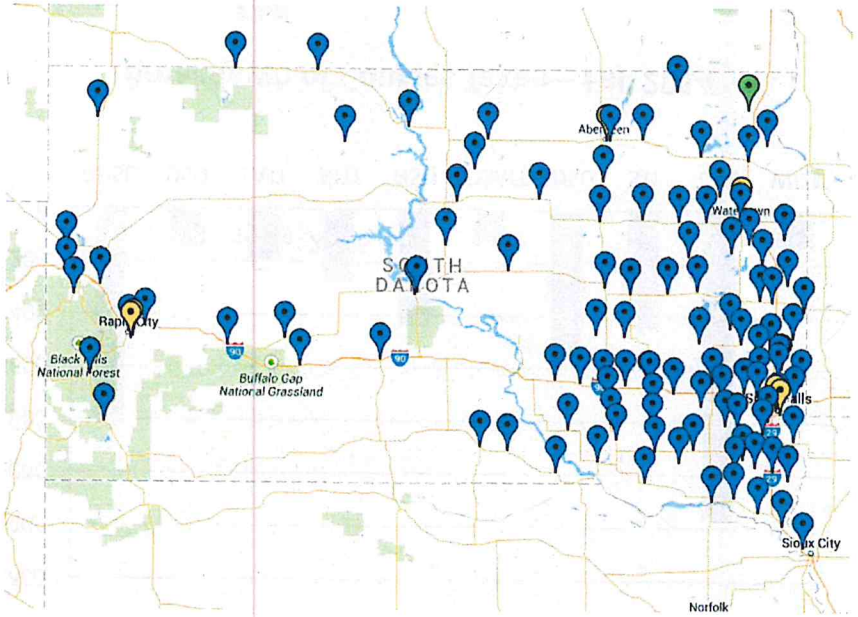
Dual credit is an opportunity for high school to simultaneously earn credits for both their high school diploma and postsecondary degree or certificate. Students who meet admissions standards can earn dual credit by directly enrolling into a postsecondary institution's coursework. These courses are offered by the postsecondary institution's faculty members, are governed by the postsecondary institution's policies, and follow the postsecondary institution's established processes for admissions, registration, billing and grade reporting.

What does the reduced rate program entail?

Starting with the Fall 2014 semester, dual credit coursework is available to 11th and 12th grade SD students at a rate of $40 per credit. That compares to about $200 per credit at the state's four technical institutes and $300 per credit at the state's public universities. Students are responsible for the $40-per-credit cost and any required textbooks or related course materials.

Students are able to choose from a number of on-campus and online classes, including general education and career and technical education courses. For a full listing of courses, visit www.sdmylife.com.

Fall 2014 Participation



- 105 public school districts (**blue**) - 8 private schools (**yellow**)
- 1 tribal school (**green**) - 14 homeschool students (not on map)

1,077 11th and 12th graders enrolled in the reduced rate program

- 20% Juniors, 80% Seniors - 34% Male, 66% Female

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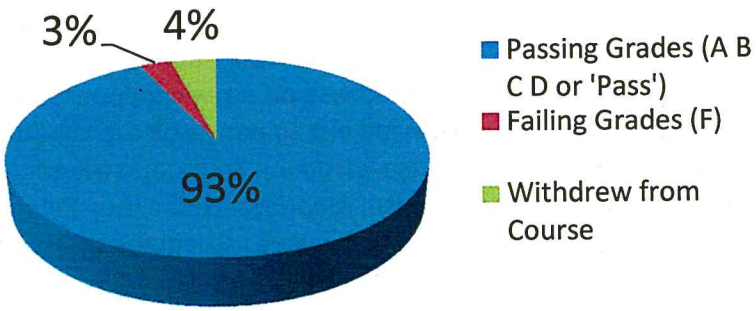
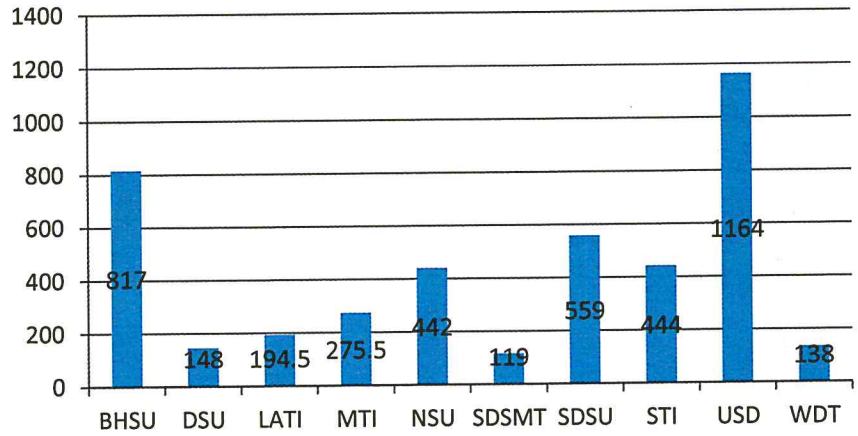
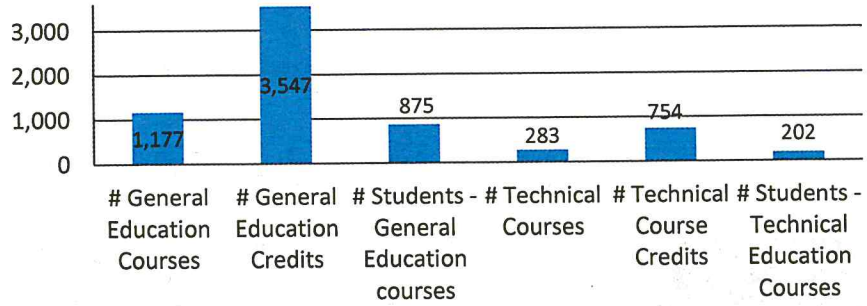
- 3,980 credits completed
  - 3.7 credits completed per student, average
- Most popular courses:
  - Math 102, English 101, Psychology 101, Speech Communications 101 and Sociology 101
- High rate of success:



Fall 2014 Investments and Savings

- Students spent $172,040 for the postsecondary courses
- The state invested $451,605
- Participating students saved approximately $900,000 by taking courses through this program

Fall 2014 - Credits Enrolled



Breakdown of Courses Taken – Fall 2014