DUAL ENROLLMENT

The legislature recently passed Public Acts 131-134 which amends both the Postsecondary Enrollment Options program and the Career and Technical Preparation Enrollment Options program. These amendments impact the way postsecondary institutions bill and receive payments for high school students



who are enrolled in high school and taking college courses. The language allows students to begin taking dual enrollment classes in the 9th grade and to continue to take up to ten dual enrollment classes in grades 9-12. There is also a change for students attending an approved non-public high school.

A simplified summary of the changes:

Old

- Both public and private high school students may dual enroll.
- Students attending a private high school must attend at least one class at their local public high school before they can enroll at a postsecondary institution.
- Dual enrollment is limited to juniors and seniors.
- Postsecondary institutions bill the public school district.
- The public school district pays the institution.
- Any refund is returned to the school district.

New

- Private students can go directly to the postsecondary institution and are not required to take a class at the local public high school first.
- Students from grade 9-12 are eligible for dual enrollment up to a maximum of ten (10) courses in four years.
- Postsecondary institution bills separately for public and private high school students.
- Public school districts are billed for students from a public high school.
- The Michigan Department of Education (MDE) is billed for the students from a private high school.
- MDE calculates the correct payment amount and sends the information to the Department of Treasury's Student Scholarships and Grants (SSG) division.
- SSG pays the postsecondary institution.
- Any refund is returned to SSG/Treasury.

MDE administers the Dual Enrollment Program and a memorandum was sent to all local and intermediate school district superintendents and public school academy directors. Included is a link to the MDE updates on dual enrollment and a <u>FAQ document on dual enrollment</u>. Questions should be directed to:

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