

## **Dual Credit Scholarship Correspondence**

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**Subject:** Update: Dual Credit Scholarship 2016-17 and 2017-18

Hello all,

As the 2016-2017 year comes to a close, I wanted to provide an update on the Dual Credit Scholarship (DCS) program for this year and next. Hopefully this helps you through some of the questions and concerns you're faced with at this moment. Please share this information with your district's finance officers too.

### **2016-2017 Funding**

- KHEAA is still working on fall semester grade reporting and disbursement. Unfortunately, the fall reporting has taken so long that no funds (like the 80%) were advanced to districts for the spring semester.
- KHEAA will be disbursing 100% of spring scholarships owed to districts within the next few weeks. We are requesting grades from the postsecondary institutions this week. Disbursement to schools follows grade submission by the institutions.
- KHEAA is aware that schools are receiving bills from institutions. You may pay these out of your own funds if you choose to do so, but you are not required to make payment until you receive funds from KHEAA. The Executive Order requires KHEAA to pay high schools after postsecondary grades are reported, and schools to issue payment to institutions within 15 days of receiving funds from KHEAA.
- KHEAA will send a roster that details the students and courses paid each time funds are transferred.
- Our goal is to have funds disbursed as quickly as possible so that high schools can receive funds and issue payment before the fiscal year closes on June 30.

### **2017-2018 Funding**

- The DCS program is pretty much starting over with 2017-2018. NO FUNDING will go through the high schools starting next fall. KHEAA will be disbursing funds directly to the participating postsecondary institutions upon receipt of student enrollment each semester.

### **2017-2018 Reporting**

- The 2017-2018 deadlines in last year's Executive Order are null and void now that HB 206 has been signed into law. High schools DO NOT need to REPORT DATA by JUNE 30.

- Beginning next fall, high schools will be reporting information to KHEAA that identifies students scheduled to take dual credit. KDE is working on the new file layout and will be sending information to KSIS contacts in the weeks/months ahead.
- The deadline for reporting initial 2017-2018 data will be mid-September. There will be multiple reporting opportunities throughout the year to accommodate students in trimester schedules and/or adding courses in the spring.

#### **Other Items to Note regarding 2017-2018**

- Regardless of scholarship status/eligibility, ALL Kentucky high school students taking dual credit coursework through a DCS-participating institution will receive the discounted course cost (estimated to be \$54 per hour next year).
- There is no guarantee all students will receive a DC scholarship next year. Scholarships awards are based on available funding. Seniors will receive award priority before juniors.
- Once KHEAA begins making scholarship awards, students will be notified of their award or denial status. KHEAA will have reports available to high schools as well.
- Students will be able to see their DCS award and disbursement activity through KHEAA's website. We are hoping to have the programming in place in August/September.
- High schools will be delivering college success counseling to students again next year. KHEAA and KDE are in the process of updating the presentation. Additional details to come after school starts in the fall.
- The naming convention for dual credit coursework will remain the same when setting up Infinite Campus. This was where the course abbreviation and course number populated the first ten characters of the class name.
- Students must be admitted to the postsecondary institution before scholarship payment is made. Please work with your postsecondary partners to navigate students through the registration/admission process as quickly as possible at or before the semester begins.

Last, but not least, ***KHEAA needs the names of postsecondary institutions you are partnering with for 2017-2018 dual credit coursework.*** Please send that information to me if you already have it. KHEAA's having the information in advance of the school year is critical to our new scholarship process.

There is much more to come. Feel free to contact me if you have questions in the meantime.

Best regards,

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