

# The Power of Two: Starting or Expanding Dual Credit Programs

The logo features the word "DUAL" in large, bold, blue capital letters. The letter "D" is stylized with a white silhouette of the state of Illinois inside it. Below "DUAL" is a horizontal line that ends in a red underline. To the right of the line, the word "Credit" is written in a smaller, bold, red font.

**DUAL**  
**Credit**

*Saving Time and Money for Illinois Students!*

# 3 Partnerships Sharing Strategies

- Waubounee Community College Partnership
- Northwest Educational Council for Student Success (NECSS)
- Southwestern Illinois College Partnership



# WAUBONSEE

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## Who Are We?

- Southern Kane County, portions of Kendall, DeKalb, LaSalle, and Will counties
- Serve 22 municipalities, 12 public high school districts, 8 private high schools
- Programs for Transfer, Occupational, Developmental Ed., Workforce Dev., Community Ed.

## Who Are Our Dual Credit Students?

- Come from range of school sizes and demographics – 100 to 3600, urban and rural
- Desire both transfer credits and occupational programs
- Frequently require remedial coursework in Math and/or English

**One Size Does NOT Fit All!**

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25% of Area Graduates Enroll at WCC The Following Fall

- Traditional Gen Ed and CTE Dual Credit – Mostly taught within the high school or career center
  1. Transfer – Illinois Articulation Initiative (IAI)
  2. Certifications/Occupational – CNA, EMT-B, Fire Science, Criminal Justice, Welding

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Increased Focus on College and Career Readiness

Specific CCR Partnerships

- Remove Barriers to Progress
  1. Work with HS to align curriculum in Math and English (Use Dev. Math and English exams for measurement)
  2. Inclusion of Math (107) for Non-STEM students to complete Math requirement before college
  3. College Skills Courses

# The Power of Two: Starting or Expanding Dual Credit Programs

- Individualized Programming
  1. Fast Start Program (East Aurora High School)
    - Cohort of students completes their entire Senior year on campus in dual credit/enrollment format
    - \*Pell Grant Experimental Program
  2. Online/Hybrid Program (Yorkville Christian)
    - Online Chemistry & Travel to Campus for Lab

Goal = Provide Early College Opportunities For ALL!

# Northwest Educational Council for Student Success

## A High Impact Sustainable Partnership that Improves College Readiness



Northwest Educational Council for Student Success

*A partnership committed to college and career readiness*

Sheila Quirk-Bailey, Chair NECSS Board

<http://www.necsspartnership.com/>



# Northwest Educational Council for Student Success

Led by high school superintendents and community college president and a full-time Executive Director

## **Vision**

To ensure that every high school and college graduate is prepared for 21<sup>st</sup> century careers and postsecondary readiness and success

## **Goals**

- Ensure curriculum alignment
- Increase percentage of students who begin college ready
- Leverage resources
- Create pathways that lead to post-secondary credentials and employment

# NECSS by the Numbers

- Sp16: **341 FTE** and **1,363** dual credit students
- **170%** increase in dual credit students since 2010
- **34** aligned program pathways
- **21** secondary **industry** certifications
- **9%** increase in recent HS grads English ready
- **27%** increase in recent HS grads math ready
- **31%** recent high school grads attend Harper

# College Alignment Initiatives:

## Catch Up or Speed Up

### Determine Juniors' College Readiness

If College Ready Seniors:

- STEM College Math Course

**OR**

- Non-STEM College Math Course

If Not College Ready Seniors:

- Take Algebra III course aligned with highest Developmental Math
- Common Final

### **English:**

Aligned 098 with Senior English Composition course:  
If pass course, college ready – no retesting



# Program Options

## AP Courses

All AP Courses can contribute to the accumulation of 15 credits

## Dual Credit Options

- Transfer Focused
- Career Pathway Focused (40 courses offered)

- Students can take any combination of AP and Dual Credit
- Offer courses in High Schools and on College Campus
- Online being investigated

# Next Big Thing

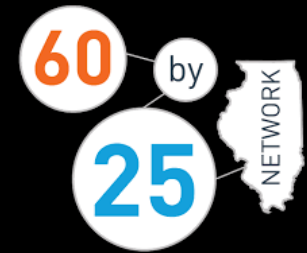
HARPER COLLEGE  
**PROMISE SCHOLARSHIP**



- **Employer, College and High School Defined Criteria**
  - **Earn Harper College Tuition Scholarship**
  - **Raising a \$10 million quasi-endowment**



# Southwestern Illinois College



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# **SOUTHWESTERN ILLINOIS COLLEGE**

- 2100 square miles
- 28 public high schools
- Less than 50 to almost 900 sophomores
- Southwestern Illinois, near St. Louis

*Program modeled after Rock Valley Community  
College*

# RUNNING START

- Traditional two year program
- One year program
- One semester program
  - 2012      10 students              1 school
  - 2013      47 students                4 schools
  - 2014      113 students              6 schools
  - 2015      169 students              9 schools



# PROGRAM DETAILS

- Flat fee
- Articulated crosswalk with each high school
- Intergovernmental Agreement
- Integrated into traditional classes
- COMPASS
- Summer developmental
- ED 101

# PROGRAM SUPPORT

- Internal team
- External advisory
- Targeted workshops
- Required student meetings
- Progress reports

# KEYS TO THE PROGRAM

- Total transparency
- Customization by high school
- Communication within the college
- Communication with high school partners
- Case management approach

# WIN - WIN

## High School

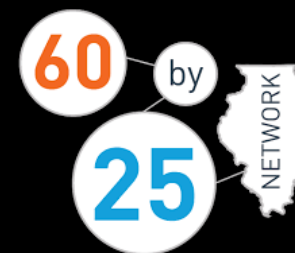
- Additional option at no cost
- State aid

## SWIC

- Attracts top tier students
- Strengthened high school relations



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**Questions**