# Dual Enrollment in Maryland: Highlights from the 2016 Dual Enrollment Report 

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## INTRODUCTION

- The annual dual enrollment report is a requirement of the CCR-CCA of 2013.
- As defined in Education Article §18-14A-01, Annotated Code of Maryland, a dually enrolled student is a student who is both:
- Enrolled in a Maryland high school
- Enrolled in a Maryland college.
- Required reporting:
- Number of students by high school district
- Course information for dually enrolled students.


## INTRODUCTION

- Increased focus on dual enrollment at the state and local levels.
- Dually enrolled students more likely to be:
- White, female, non-Hispanic, higher SES.
- Dual enrollment is associated with positive outcomes, including increased likelihood of:
- Enrolling in college
- Enrolling in a four year institution
- Pursuing a Bachelor's degree
- Earning a college degree.
(An, 2013; Karp et al., 2007; Marken et al., 2013; Thomas et al., 2013)


## Research Questions

- What are the demographic characteristics of Maryland students who are dually enrolled in a Maryland public high school and a Maryland college?
- What are the college enrollment outcomes of Maryland students who are dually enrolled in a Maryland public high school and a Maryland college?


## Method

- Data were from the Maryland Longitudinal Data System (MLDS)
- Dual enrollment was operationalized by identifying students who:
- Had overlapping enrollment dates in a Maryland public high school and a Maryland college
- Were enrolled in college for at least 30 days.
- 2014-2015 enrollments were the primary focus of this report


## Method: COURSE InFORMATION

- Public school districts assign course information for courses and identify students taking the courses.
- Each course is classified using the School Courses for the Exchange of Data (SCED) classification system.
- For this report, we identified dually enrolled students who were enrolled in college-level coursework (using data from MSDE).
- $29 \%$ of dually enrolled students had college level coursework identified.


## How Many Students were Dually Enrolled (2014-2015)?

Figure 1. Total Number of Dually Enrolled Students 2014-2015 by Grade
Level


## How Has the Number of Dually Enrolled Students Changed Over Time?



## How Have the Grade Levels of Dually Enrolled Students Changed Over Time?

Figure 4. Grade Levels of Dually Enrolled Students by Academic Year


How Does the Percentage of DISTRICT?

|  | Total 12 <br> Grade <br> Enrollme <br> nt | $\mathbf{1 2}^{\text {th }}$ Grade Dually <br> Enrolled <br> 2014-2015 | $\mathbf{1 2}^{\text {th }}$ Grade <br> Dually <br> Enrolled <br> 2013-2014 |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Maryland | 61,622 | 6,548 | 11 | 9 |
| District | $N$ |  |  |  |
| Washington | 1,727 | 515 | 30 | 28 |
| Baltimore <br> City | 4,895 | 119 | 2 | 3 |

## DEMOGRAPHICS: GENDER



## Demographics: Free/Reduced Price Meals (FARMs)



Better Data • Informed Choices • Improved Results

## DEMOGRAPHICS: RACE



## Demographics: Ethnicity



## Which Courses do Dually Enrolled Students Take?

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Maryland Longitudinal
Data System


## How Many Credits Do Dually Enrolled Students Earn?

Figure 11. Credits Earned by Dually Enrolled 12 ${ }^{\text {th }}$ Grade Students in Academic Year 2014-2015


- 0 Credits
© 1-3 Credits
$\square 4-6$ Credits
日 7-9 Credits
$\square>9$ Credits

Note. Twenty-six percent of dually enrolled students were not included due to missing data.

## What are the College Enrollment Outcomes of Dually Enrolled Students?



## Summary of Results

- Number and percentage of dually enrolled students greatly increased between 2013-2014 and 2014-2015.
- The majority of dually enrolled students were female, white, non-Hispanic, and not eligible for FARMs.
- Miscellaneous, English language and literature, life and physical sciences, and mathematics were the most popular courses taken.
- The largest percentage of dually enrolled students had earned 1-3 college credits.


## SUMMARY OF RESULTs (CONTINUED)

- Dually enrolled students were more likely to enroll in college after one year when compared to the $12^{\text {th }}$ grade population of students.
- Decrease of 8 percentage points in college retention into the second year was seen for both $12^{\text {th }}$ grade dually enrolled students and the $12^{\text {th }}$ grade population of students.
- Interpret with caution because dually enrolled students are also more likely to be female, white, not eligible for FARMs, characteristics associated with greater likelihood of enrolling in college.


## Directions for Future Research

- Improved course data collections $\rightarrow$ improved information on courses for dually enrolled students and trends in course taking over time.
- Additional years of data $\rightarrow$ examine longer term college outcomes (degrees earned, time to degree, etc.).
- Examine high school characteristics of dually enrolled students (high school course taking, assessment scores, attendance, etc.).
- Use dual enrollment to predict college outcomes after controlling for important differences in student populations.

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