

The Who, What, Where, When, and Why of DACC Program Changes at WHS

Who is making the change to DACC Programming?

Who is impacted by the change?

- The new DACC president has recommended the change and it has been approved.
- DACC has increased tuition for College Express and Dual Enrollment.
- Westville advocated strongly to avoid this change, but it is not our decision.
- All WHS programs at DACC are affected: College Express, Dual Enrollment, Middle College

Why is the change being made?

- DACC has decided to make the change, Westville has no control over the decision.

What programs are being changed?

- DACC has increased tuition for College Express and Dual Enrollment.
- Westville is responding in a way to minimize the impact to student programming.
- Westville's goal is to offer as much as we can by making minor changes to all programs.

How are the programs changing?

- The changes described here are for the upcoming 2017-18 school year only.
- Future changes at WHS are possible as we study all DACC programs next year.
- The district will provide financial support to as many DACC programs as possible for the upcoming 2017-18 school year.

- All DACC programs will have minor changes to sustain as much as possible.
- The DACC bus will be discontinued (students can drive or ride to DACC and must provide proof of insurance).
- \$40 DACC access fee – this is a one-time fee due at registration for access to DACC programs (students with financial need, homeless status, or special needs may have this fee waived)
- Access to some college express classes have been limited – horticulture, criminal justice, and culinary arts
- Referrals to the Middle College program will be limited to the most extra-ordinary student situations.
- While the district will be paying for tuition costs, textbooks and any specific course related fees would still be the responsibility of students and parents as it is currently.

- There has been discussion between area schools of providing cooperative education opportunities to students.
- A cooperative education program allows students to take general education courses for graduation part of the school day, and then students may be released to a job at a participating local business where students receive pay. This program is still tentative. It may not be able to be implemented. We are trying to gauge interest and availability through partnerships with other schools. A requirement for this program may be that students have jobs and willing employers.
- We want students engaged in an environment where they will benefit- on our campus, at college express, in cooperative programs, or dual enrollment.
- As a district we want to study the impact of these changes for a year and determine how best to proceed.
- We want to balance the need to stay fiscally responsible with the need to offer a wide range of student opportunities.

When will these changes go into effect?

- DACC has implemented these changes starting with summer programing.

Conclusion -

We want to make sure that students and parents understand that paying for DACC programs may not be sustainable after the 2017-18 school year. It may be that accessing DACC programs will require that costs be shifted towards students and families in the future. We know what these programs have meant to our students. It is our goal to try and support as many programs for as long as we can while it is financially responsible.