

CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION POLICY BRIEF

Dual Enrollment for Grades 10, 11 and 12

Dual enrollment is a proven strategy that more and more districts and schools nationwide are using to advance the high school curriculum and promote college and career readiness for students. It is also a strategy that will help JTEDs with the new state requirement to have all their programs lead to industry certification or licensure. To accomplish this, it is necessary that most programs start students on their chosen career pathway beginning with the sophomore year in order to finish prior to high school graduation. In Arizona, dual enrollment is limited to juniors and seniors with only 25% allowed to participate as sophomores.



Source: Pima County JTED

The reason this statutory restriction was enacted was to minimize the financial impact to the state budget as these enrollments generated Full Time Equivalency (FTSE) dollars. Since that legislative limitation was enacted, the state budget has eliminated most of the FTSE dollars that were going to community colleges thereby eliminating the fiscal need to limit the students to only include 25% as sophomores. Furthermore, there are statutes in place that speak to the

students' academic readiness to take dual enrollment classes so there is no need to limit student participation as Sophomores.

Therefore, it is recommended that the legislature remove the requirement that dual enrollment be limited to the Junior and Senior year. It should also be noted that this action is supported by Pima Community College, Arizona Association for Economic Development and the Education to Work Task Force.