



# STATE OF NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

A Memo from the New Jersey Department of Education

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To: Local Educational Agency Leads in LEAs with High Schools  
Route To: Principals, Guidance Departments, School Counselors, Assistant Superintendents of Curriculum and Instruction  
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## Online Resources and Statewide Technical Assistance Offered to Expand Dual Enrollment Programs

Governor Phil Murphy today [announced](#) that the New Jersey Dual Enrollment Study Commission (“Commission”) has released its report calling on the state to expand access to dual enrollment programs that allow high school students to earn college credit while still in high school. The independent Commission consisted of representatives from institutions of higher education and local education agencies (LEAs).

Research has shown that students who are dually enrolled are more likely to graduate high school and earn a credential or degree. Students in these programs are also less likely to need remedial math or English upon entering college, receive a higher-grade point average in their first year of college, and take less time to earn a bachelor’s degree. Today’s announcement signals a statewide commitment to increase the number of students taking part in dual enrollment programs and the number of schools offering such programs.

The New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE) recognizes that throughout the State, there are excellent models of dual enrollment and even early college programs, in which students earn college diplomas before they graduate high school. By shining a light on best practices and highlighting strong dual enrollment and early college programs throughout New Jersey and increasing NJDOE’s supports and technical assistance, New Jersey can expand and enhance students’ dual enrollment opportunities. To begin, in conjunction the Office of the Secretary of Higher Education, the NJDOE is today releasing [website resources](#), including the report and a step-by-step toolkit, and moving forward will provide technical assistance for high schools and colleges looking to expand their dual enrollment offerings.

The ultimate purpose of creating dual enrollment opportunities is to increase the number of students earning credentials and degrees, leading to more New Jersey residents with livable wages and fulfilling careers. The NJDOE stands ready to support educational leaders who are looking to expand such important opportunities for our high school students.

Please take the time to review the new resources and please reach out with feedback, concerns, and questions to [dualenrollment@doe.nj.gov](mailto:dualenrollment@doe.nj.gov).

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