



DUAL ENROLLMENT

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

- 11th and 12th graders (10th graders can be considered with special exception requirements at Virginia Western)
- Students who have maintained a strong academic record & are approved by KCA

WHICH SCHOOLS CAN I ATTEND?

- Current options include, but are not limited to: Virginia Western, Regent University, Liberty University, and Ohio Christian University.

HOW MUCH DOES DUAL ENROLLMENT COST?

- Regent is most affordable at \$75 per credit hour (\$225 for a 3 credit course).
- Ohio Christian, Virginia Western, and Liberty would cost \$500-\$550 for a 3 credit course.



IMPORTANT CONSIDERATIONS

- Dual Enrollment courses are on a 5.0 GPA scale.
- Dual Enrollment courses are permanent features on your college transcript.
- It will take TWO Dual Enrollment courses to make up ONE HS credit.
- KCA can assist with applying for Dual Enrollment and must sign off on these courses.
- Don't start Dual Enrollment by overloading or replacing a HS course until you are used to the rigor as, if you choose not to finish, it will impact graduation.
- NOT all credits transfer the same- Virginia Western has a Passport Agreement that helps with transferring credits, but this largely depends on where you want to be post-high school.



ADVANCED DIPLOMA



WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

- KCA has specifically designed its HS course path so that each student is moving in the direction of an Advanced Diploma; however, students should maintain a B or higher average to be eligible.
- In addition, KCA sets up the HS course path to always exceed the minimum credits required for each diploma type (standard/advanced).

WHY DOES AN ADVANCED DIPLOMA MATTER?

- For colleges: An advanced diploma demonstrates that a student chose rigor and challenge, which reflects well on a student.
- For career: An advanced diploma teaches the student the importance and practice of diligence, effort, and managing complex tasks.

IMPORTANT CONSIDERATIONS

- While KCA sets up each student on the path of an Advanced Diploma, taking the classes alone is not enough. Students must demonstrate great effort, the ability to manage complex course loads, and a B grade average.
- The state requires certain courses to be taken regardless of diploma type; however, there are special requirements for an Advanced Diploma and merely fulfilling the courses is not enough. There are specific allowed courses that a student needs to take. KCA will advise all students interested in finishing with an Advanced Diploma of these options.
- Taking Dual Enrollment courses can boost a student's GPA (when they finish well) and help make the Advanced Diploma even more competitive.



FAFSA AND FINANCIAL AID



WHEN DO I NEED TO START CONSIDERING THE FAFSA

- The FAFSA is completed the fall of your senior year. Ordinarily, the program opens for applications on October 1st. It is essential that you have prepared your documentation and are ready to complete the FAFSA as close to the start of the application period to help get the most aid.
- The FAFSA does offer loans, but also offers grants, which do not need to be repaid and may help avoid college loan debt.

FINANCIAL AID

- Each college will have their own scholarship programs and merit-opportunities; however, collegeboard.org (Big Futures and scholarship search) and fastweb.com can be used for financial aid opportunities. Avoid loans at every opportunity!

IMPORTANT CONSIDERATIONS

- Start researching financial aid early so that you know what you wish to apply for and what you will need.
- When you register with places like fastweb.com and College Board, you are likely to get more spam emails about colleges and scholarships.
- The CCAP is a program that can offset the costs of Virginia Western.
- Avoid college loans by:
 - Researching and prioritizing colleges that are academically challenging, but fairly priced.
 - Researching scholarships early and giving yourself plenty of time to complete.
 - Completing your FAFSA as early as possible.
 - Knowing your top colleges and what they offer.
 - Consider community college for the first two years to offset costs.



PREPPING FOR COLLEGE

SAT / ACT

-Some colleges have become “test optional”, which means that the SAT / ACT can be submitted (depending on which test the school accepts) and may be used to help bolster an application, but wouldn’t be a requirement for entry.

-Use fact sheets or take a practice test to compare the tests to determine which is more fitting for you.

-If you are considering a school that is NOT test optional *or* you think the SAT / ACT may help you to be a more competitive candidate, plan to take the test.

HOW TO PREPARE

-Purchases test preps on Amazon and / or complete online practice at College Board and Khan Academy (SAT) and/or ACT.org (ACT).

-Plan to test in the early spring of your junior year for the first time and a second time in fall of your senior year. This will allow you to see where to study and to present the best test results to your school of choice.



IMPORTANT CONSIDERATIONS

-Taking the SAT / ACT without preparation may simply result in loss of time and money. Make sure to prepare!

-The SAT and ACT may help generate merit-based scholarships and help with college admittance decisions.

-To get more information about the SAT/to register, visit collegeboard.org.

-To get more information about the ACT/to register, visit act.org.

-These tests do have a fee each time they are taken.

-You DO NOT have to opt to send scores to schools prior to taking them, but you may have a fee if you wait until after the test.