

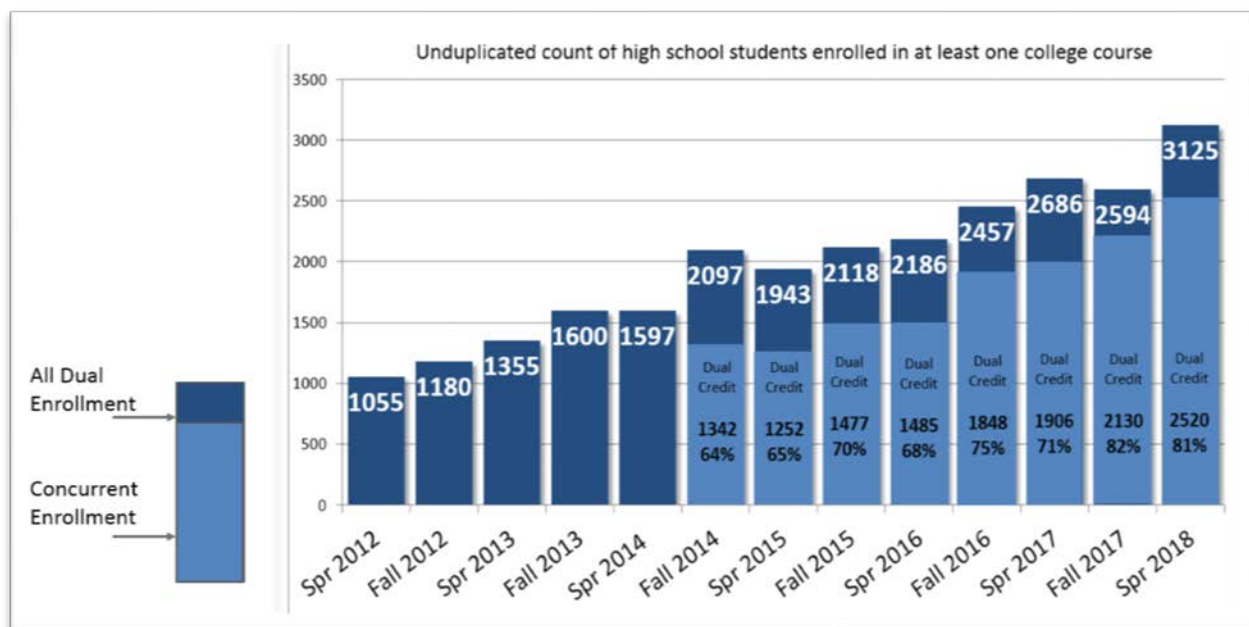


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Montana University System Dual Enrollment

Dual enrollment is a research-based strategy for increasing students' postsecondary education **engagement, readiness, persistence, and completion**. These courses allow students to earn college credit while in high school either on campus, online, or in their high school. The majority of Montana's dual enrollment courses are taught in the high school as concurrent enrollment for dual credit, 11% are online, and 17% on campus. Every year the MUS enrolls thousands of students in college courses at a steeply discounted rate, saving students time and money. Montana dual enrollment students pay \$50/credit (on average) and no fees. In the 17-18 academic year dual enrollment **saved Montana families almost \$6.2M in future tuition and fees**.



Dual enrollment classes in Montana high schools give students early exposure to the **content, rigor, intensity, and expectations** of college. Participating pays off. MUS dual enrollment students outperform their peers in college in three key student success areas. **On average, MUS dual enrollment students have 16% higher first year rate of retention, two tenths higher freshman GPAs, and attempt and complete more credits as first year students.** These benefits are seen regardless of their high school GPA, and often “B” and “C” students make stronger gains in college than “A” students, in comparison to their non-participating peers. **Most dual enrollment students choose the MUS, and most MUS graduates choose to live and work in Montana.** MUS dual enrollment participants are 25% more likely to enroll in a MUS college or university, and about 80% of Montana students who graduate from a MUS institution are employed in Montana within a year of completing their degree. This program helps ensure students go to college, are prepared academically when they get there, and complete on time.

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