

Greater Altoona Career and Technology Center

Program Title: Dual Enrollment

Goals/Objectives: To afford students the opportunity to earn college credits while still enrolled at the Greater Altoona Career and Technology Center

Description:

Greater Altoona Career and Technology Center has completed its fifth year of dual enrollment with Penn Highlands Community College (PHCC). With the completion of the second year of service by the Perkins-funded guidance counselor, the number of students participating in dual-enrolled courses increased from 62 student in 2007-08 to 66 students in 2008-09. However, in 2009-10 enrollment decreased slightly to 63 students. In addition to the five approved dual-enrolled courses, this spring PHCC approved a sixth program, Welding, to be dual-enrolled for 32 credits.

The dual enrollment process was achieved by aligning courses within the six programs with PHCC's scope and sequence for each program.

The Perkins-funded counselor's activities included:

- Two parent-student sessions with more than 70 in attendance
- Classroom presentations
- Information letters mailed home
- Through a PDE Dual Enrollment Grant, students/families will be partially reimbursed for tuition costs at the end of 2009-10.

Evaluation Tools & Procedures:

GACTC and PHCC were able to offer these credits to the students at a minimal cost of \$30 per credit. The 63 students who participated in dual enrollment in 2009-10 earned 400 credits.

Results of Activity:

Current enrollment is as follows:

<u>Program</u>	<u>Students</u>	<u>Total Possible Credits</u>
Comp Prog/Oracle	11	24
Comp Tech/Cisco	14	35
Electronics	14	23
Multimedia & Web Design	13	31
Welding	1	32
English 12	11	3

Resources and Other Related Information:

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