



# Dual Enrollment and Transfer of Credit through NOVA

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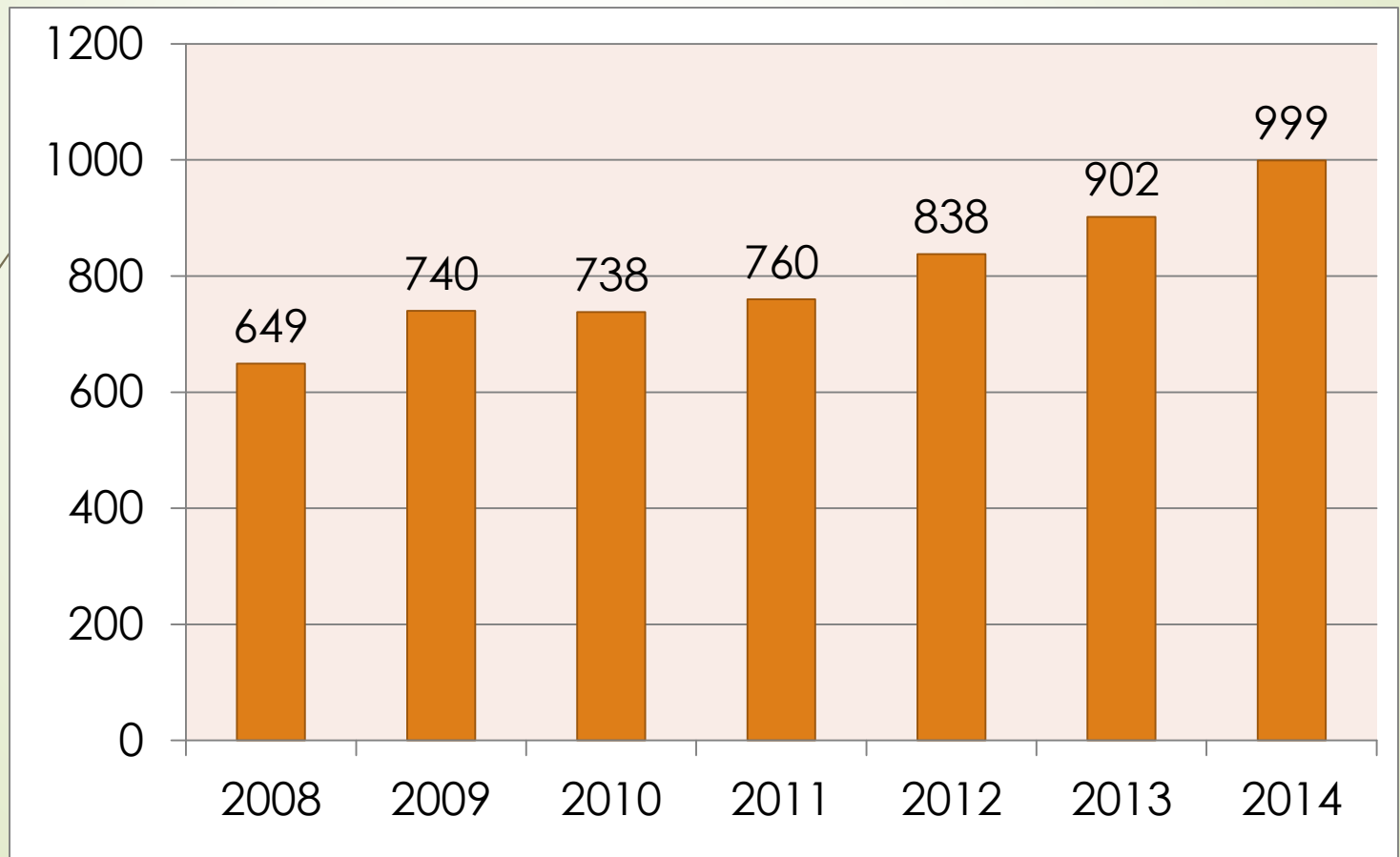
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# What Is NOVA/NVCC?

- ▶ One of 23 members of the Virginia Community College System
- ▶ 76,000+ credit students and 2,600 faculty and staff
- ▶ Largest educational institution in VA and Second largest community college in U.S.
- ▶ 6 Campus Locations and 4 Educational Centers
- ▶ Accredited by the Commission on Colleges for SACS
- ▶ Offer more than 160 Degrees at Associates level
- ▶ More than 1000 recent LCPS graduates attend NOVA each year
- ▶ Recognized for teaching excellence

# More LCPS Grads Attend NOVA than Any Other College or University (Fall Enrollments)



# What is Dual Enrollment?

- An **enrichment program** that allows eligible high school students the opportunity to take courses and earn high school and college credit at the same time
- NOVA college courses **may fulfill Virginia high school graduation requirements and begin a college transcript** towards a degree or certificate program



# Who is Eligible for Dual Enrollment?

- ▶ High School Juniors and Seniors who demonstrate college readiness
- ▶ Exceptional Sophomores on a case-by-case basis
- ▶ Proof of English and Math College Readiness
  - ▶ Just like any NOVA student
  - ▶ Use PSAT, ACT, SAT, SOL Math scores to qualify
  - ▶ Or VPT Testing
- ▶ Students can take contract DE courses at their high schools (greatly lower cost) or travel to campus to take them with college students (regular NOVA tuition)

# Benefits of Dual Enrollment

- Provides students with a wider range of courses to take
- Allows students to receive high school and college credit
- Can allow students to avoid the duplication of courses taken in high school and college
- Guaranteed college credit with a C or better
- Facilitate a seamless transition from high school to college
- Lower the cost of post-secondary education – effective this summer, courses within the high schools are \$10 per credit hour\*
- Allows students to use campus resources and participate in college events and activities

\*Tuition Assistance may be available



# We Listened and Made Changes

- This year's tuition per credit hour: \$24.26 (15% of NOVA's tuition rate)
- Next Year: \$10 (less than 6% of NOVA's tuition rate)
- Launching of payment portal
- Provision of staff support
- Simplifying Processes
- Improved Customer Service
- Loudoun's Own Coordinator (Amy Nearman)



# What NOVA Classes are LCPS Students Taking?

## **This Year:**

- ▶ English Composition I&II
- ▶ Vector Calculus
- ▶ Latin American History
- ▶ African History
- ▶ Student Success Course
- ▶ Administration of Justice
- ▶ Horticulture
- ▶ Automotive Technology
- ▶ Information Technology (IT)
- ▶ Medical Terminology
- ▶ Introduction to Medical Lab Tech
- ▶ Intro to Radiology and Protection

## **New Next Year:**

- ▶ Physics
- ▶ American Sign Language
- ▶ U.S. History
- ▶ Pre-calculus
- ▶ First Aid
- ▶ Cardio Resuscitation

## **Future Proposed:**

- ▶ **Cybersecurity (Funding Available)**
- ▶ **Engineering**
- ▶ **World History**
- ▶ **Biology**
- ▶ **Chemistry**
- ▶ **STEM Academy**



# General Education Certificate

Course	# Credits
English 111 / 112 College Composition I & II	6
Mathematics, MTH 151 or higher	3 -5
Physical or Life Science 1 & 2 Elective w lab	8
Social / Behavioral Sciences elective 1, 2 and 3	9
Humanities / Fine Arts Elective 1 & 2 (includes foreign language option)	6
SDV 100 College Success Skills	1
	33 – 35 total

\*AP Courses may also be accepted by NOVA toward General Education Certificate.



# How Many LCPS Students Earned NOVA Credit This Year?

- ▶ 1288 Individual LCPS Students Participated in Contract DE; perhaps another 35 earned credit on campus
- ▶ 2464 Course Enrollments (up from 1013 last year; a 143% increase)
- ▶ 17 new LCPS teachers participated
- ▶ 139 Sections offered
- ▶ **LCPS is now the DE Leader in Northern Virginia!**
  - ▶ Fairfax County: 884 students, 1466 enrollments
  - ▶ Prince William County: 352 students, 776 enrollments

# Tuition Rates Per Credit Hour


	Per Credit	Per Semester (15 Credits)	Per Year (30 Credits)
Average Public 4-Year Institution (In-State)	<b>\$330.63*</b>	<b>\$4,959.50</b>	<b>\$9,919.00</b>
On-Campus Dual Enrollment (In-State)	<b>\$161.75</b>	<b>\$2,426.25</b>	<b>\$4,852.50</b>
Contract Dual Enrollment within the High School	<b>\$10</b>	<b>\$150</b>	<b>\$300</b>

\*Averaged per-credit tuition rate of \$330.63 was calculated from [www.vawizard.org](http://www.vawizard.org).



# Types of Lower-Division College Courses at NOVA

- ▶ General education: Core courses such as English, History, Mathematics, Lab Sciences, and Social Sciences. Required for all or most bachelor's degrees and widely transferable.
- ▶ Major or specialty: Courses that are offered by both two- and four-year colleges. They usually transfer but will not apply to all degree programs. Examples are African History and Geographic Info Systems.
- ▶ Applied: Offered by community and technical colleges but not always by four-year colleges. They build toward degrees and certificates for immediate employment but often do not apply to a four-7year degree. Examples: Automotive Technology, Welding.
- ▶ Workforce Development: Offered for Continuing Education Units rather than credit. Often very useful for employment opportunities. Some have parallel credit courses.



# How Credit Transfers and Applies

- ▶ Credit is most beneficial when it applies to the student's degree or certificate program
- ▶ Not all credit is created equal
  - ▶ Transfer is up to the receiving institution
  - ▶ Institutional reputation matters
  - ▶ Blocks of credit matter
  - ▶ Taking courses that match closely matters
  - ▶ Course grades matter
- ▶ Beware of "elective credit"



# The College Transcript

- ▶ A legal record of student participation and performance
- ▶ Strict policies apply
  - ▶ A transcript must be generated after the “census date”
  - ▶ The transcript follows the student forever (under most circumstances)
  - ▶ Multiple withdrawals or Fs are *not* helpful; can jeopardize financial aid
- ▶ Transferred credits come in as a block of credit and are not transcribed by the receiving institution
- ▶ The more transcripts, the greater risk of credit loss and the harder it is to collect everything



# Protecting the Integrity of Credit

- ▶ SACS Commission on Colleges Requires that Dual Enrollment Faculty, Students and Courses all meet the same standards that are required on campus
- ▶ Placement testing required, as it is on campus
  - ▶ This replaced the “right to fail” at original two-year colleges
  - ▶ A best practice required at all VCCS colleges
- ▶ Faculty qualifications must be met by the person actually teaching the class
- ▶ Lowering standards risks both accreditation and transferability of credit

# NOVA Credit Transfers! Guaranteed Admission to Every Public University in Virginia

and Articulation Agreements for Admission to Some of the Best Schools in the Nation

- ▶ Subject to meeting the requirements of formal, written agreements, NOVA students can take advantage of 68 **guaranteed admission** agreements and 39 additional articulation agreements. No other 2-year college in VA. can match this.
- ▶ This guarantee includes admission to the **University of Virginia**, the **College of William and Mary**, **Virginia Tech**, **George Mason**, **George Washington University** and Catholic University
- ▶ NOVA also has special agreements for students wishing to transfer to **Georgetown University**, **Michigan State University**, **Syracuse University** and 13 other recognized institutions
- ▶ Transfer grants of \$1000 annually to qualified students--\$2000 in STEM fields







# AP And DE

## AP – Advanced high school course

- ▶ College credit is not granted for the class itself
- ▶ Enrollment in the course is open
- ▶ Award of college credit is contingent on two factors: exam score and college policy
- ▶ Weighted GPA bump of 1.0
- ▶ Instructor need not have master's degree

## DE – College course

- ▶ Successful completion generates award of credit
- ▶ Students demonstrate college readiness to be placed
- ▶ Instructors are qualified as college professors
- ▶ All elements and outcomes of the college class must be present
- ▶ Credit and a college transcript are guaranteed
- ▶ Weighted GPA bump of 0.5



# The Ask

Level the Playing Field!

Award a full grade point for Dual Enrollment, which results in the award of college credit, as is already done for Advanced Placement, which results in the potential for the award of college credit.

