

2010-11 Dual Enrollment Grant

Grant Overview: The Dual Enrollment Grant provides funding for students to take college courses and earn both college credit and credit towards graduation from their high school. In Warren County, the Dual Enrollment Grant has been used to provide courses from Clarion University of Pennsylvania to its students. For 2010-11, the administration intends to submit an application for Clarion University and St. Bonaventure University. St. Bonaventure is currently operating an independent dual enrollment experience funded through a public-private partnership that includes the district, St. Bonaventure, local non-profits, and parents.

For 2010-11, the administration intends to offer only online courses through Clarion University, which should alleviate the low enrollment issues experienced in the past with WCSD students. Programmatically, the St. Bonaventure dual enrollment effort will be similar to what occurred in 2009-10.

Amount of Award: To Be Determined.

Due Date/Notification of Award: Due February 15, 2010. Notification of preliminary award prior to the start of school.

Alternatives if not Awarded: The district will have to review the viability of offering the courses with its partners if funding is not available.

WCSD Resources Required: The district has subsidized the Clarion program over the past two school years in an effort to get students involved and spark interest in dual enrollment. The administration does not recommend that for the 2010-11 school year. The Board of Directors committed to the financial support of the St. Bonaventure effort for 2009-10. Whether or not this will continue must be negotiated between the Board and St. Bonaventure. Transportation was provided by the district for students attending the St. Bonaventure facility in 2009-10, and will be necessary in 2010-11.

Administrative Recommendation: That the Board of School Directors approves the submission of an application to the PA Department of Education Dual Enrollment Grant to provide dual enrollment courses to district students through partnerships with Clarion University of Pennsylvania and St. Bonaventure University.