

## MEMO OF RECORD

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Who: Kentucky Council on Postsecondary Education  
Meeting Type: Dual Credit Advisory Council Meeting  
Date: February 5, 2026  
Time: 9:00 a.m. ET  
Location: 100 Airport Road, Frankfort, KY 40601

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**Members Present:** John Paise (KDE), Harmony Little (KCTCS), Becky Gilpatrick (KHEAA), Amanda Ellis (CPE), Joel Pace (Morehead State), Kara Schotter (JCTC), Jama Griffie (HCTC), James Catchen (Thomas More), Sandra Hancock (Christian County Schools)

**Members Absent:** Angie White (Barren County Schools)

### WELCOME AND UPDATES

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Robin Hebert (CPE) welcomed members to the meeting and shared dual credit data points from the Council's April 2, 2026, work session. These included the following:

- Twenty-three 4-year and all 16 Kentucky Community and Technical College System (KCTCS) campuses participate in the dual credit scholarship program for general education and Career and Technical Education (CTE) courses.
- Institutions that lead in dual credit enrollment include Jefferson Community and Technical College, Bluegrass Community and Technical College, Campbellsville University, Morehead State University, and Elizabethtown Community and Technical College.
- In 2024-25, KCTCS campuses enrolled nearly 38,000 students; 4-year public institutions enrolled approximately 14,500 students; and 4-year private institutions enrolled just over 7,500 students in dual credit courses.
- In 2024-25, high school students in Kentucky earned just over 345,000 credits, up from 317,500 the previous year.
- As of the 2024-25 school year, Kentucky is at 47.5% of its 50% Dual Credit Attainment goal. By comparison, the National Association of Concurrent Enrollment Programs (NACEP) reports that nationally, 34% of high school students take at least one dual credit course.

### GENERAL EDUCATION DUAL CREDIT COURSE SELECTION UPDATE

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Dr. Amanda Ellis, Sr. Vice President of Student Access and Success, provided a summary and progress update on the approval process for dual credit courses paid by Kentucky's

Dual Credit Scholarship Program. Participating institutions submitted lists of courses within the five categories of Kentucky's general education core requirements to KHEAA. Dr. Ellis reported that the approval criteria for proposed courses includes:

- 1) alignment to one of five general education core requirements,
- 2) courses in the 100-200 level range; and
- 3) transferability as general education requirements among Kentucky's postsecondary institutions.

The review process will be on-going throughout April and May

## **DUAL CREDIT COURSE/INSTRUCTOR AUDIT (GREAT ADMISSIONS REDESIGN)**

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Dr. Robin Hebert, CPE Senior Fellow, reported that CPE is re-considering an audit of dual credit course and instructor availability across Kentucky. This subject was proposed during the Great Admissions Redesign project led by the Student Success Collaborative.

## **LEGISLATIVE AND BUDGET BILL DISCUSSION**

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Dr. Ellis provided an update about [HB 307](#) related to proactive admissions. Becky Gilpatrick, of KHEAA, facilitated a discussion regarding the 2026 budget bill and implications for the dual credit scholarship program. She reported that in 2026-27, the general education scholarship will be limited to one course for junior and senior high school students. CTE course scholarships will continue to be awarded at two per year during the freshman through senior years.

## **KHEAA UPDATE ON CTE COURSEWORK**

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Ms. Gilpatrick led a discussion regarding the timeline of approving current CTE course proposals for the scholarship program. She asked advisory group members for their input on the preferred timeline and process for developing a more formalized approval process for CTE course scholarship eligibility in the future.

## **ADJOURNMENT AND NEXT STEPS**

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Dr. Hebert reminded the group that April is Community and Technical College month and acknowledged Kentucky's CTC system, which will be featured in CPE's April webinar. The next meeting of the Dual Credit Advisory Council will be in-person on June 11 at 9 a.m. at CPE, 100 Airport Road, Frankfort, KY.

The meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m. ET.