



*“Dual enrollment courses at Thomas Nelson Community College got my son off to a great start. He was able to complete college in three years and now has graduated Summa Cum Laude from dental school.”*

**Pat Taylor**  
Parent and Dean, TNCC

## Dual Enrollment provides high school students a unique opportunity to jump-start their college career

According to the US Department of Education, college credits earned prior to high school graduation reduce the average time-to-degree and increase the likelihood of graduation for the students who participate in dual enrollment programs. For parents, it is a chance to reduce future college expenses by shortening the time to college graduation.

### About Dual Enrollment programs

- Admissions requirements reflect current admissions standards at the college—students must take the college placement exam. Placement tests are offered at the high school at no cost to students
- All courses are taught by full or part-time faculty who meet SACS accreditation requirements
- All courses follow a community college course outline and use standard college textbooks
- Programs provide students the opportunity to access college-level student support services, including career counseling and mentoring
- Students may receive an official transcript from the college listing their college coursework
- Credit for Dual Enrollment courses is generally accepted at all Virginia private and public colleges

## Everyone has a role in Dual Enrollment programs

### ROLE OF STUDENTS AND PARENTS

- Complete college application online and schedule placement test
- Select course(s) with high school counselor
- Register and purchase necessary textbooks
- Visit the local community college to see what campus support services or activities are available
- Participate in class; do assignments on time

### ROLE OF COMMUNITY COLLEGE

- Choose dual enrollment courses that will be taught at the high school
- Hire adjunct faculty that meet community college credentialing requirements
- Ensure that course content and textbook are the same as the course offered on the community college campus
- Identify a coordinator of Dual Enrollment
- Offer informational sessions at high schools
- Facilitate meetings between college and high school stakeholders to discuss logistics
- Administer the placement test
- Assist the high school in getting the student registered

### ROLE OF HIGH SCHOOL

- Support the offering of Dual Enrollment with the high school staff, students, and parents
- Identify a single point of contact at the high school to work with the college coordinator for Dual Enrollment
- Recommend potential courses and students
- Assist all students in completing the admissions and registration processes and in obtaining necessary instructional materials



## Who is eligible for Dual Enrollment programs?

All high school students can benefit from college coursework, particularly—



- High school juniors or seniors attending a public or private school; but students must take a placement test to determine eligibility

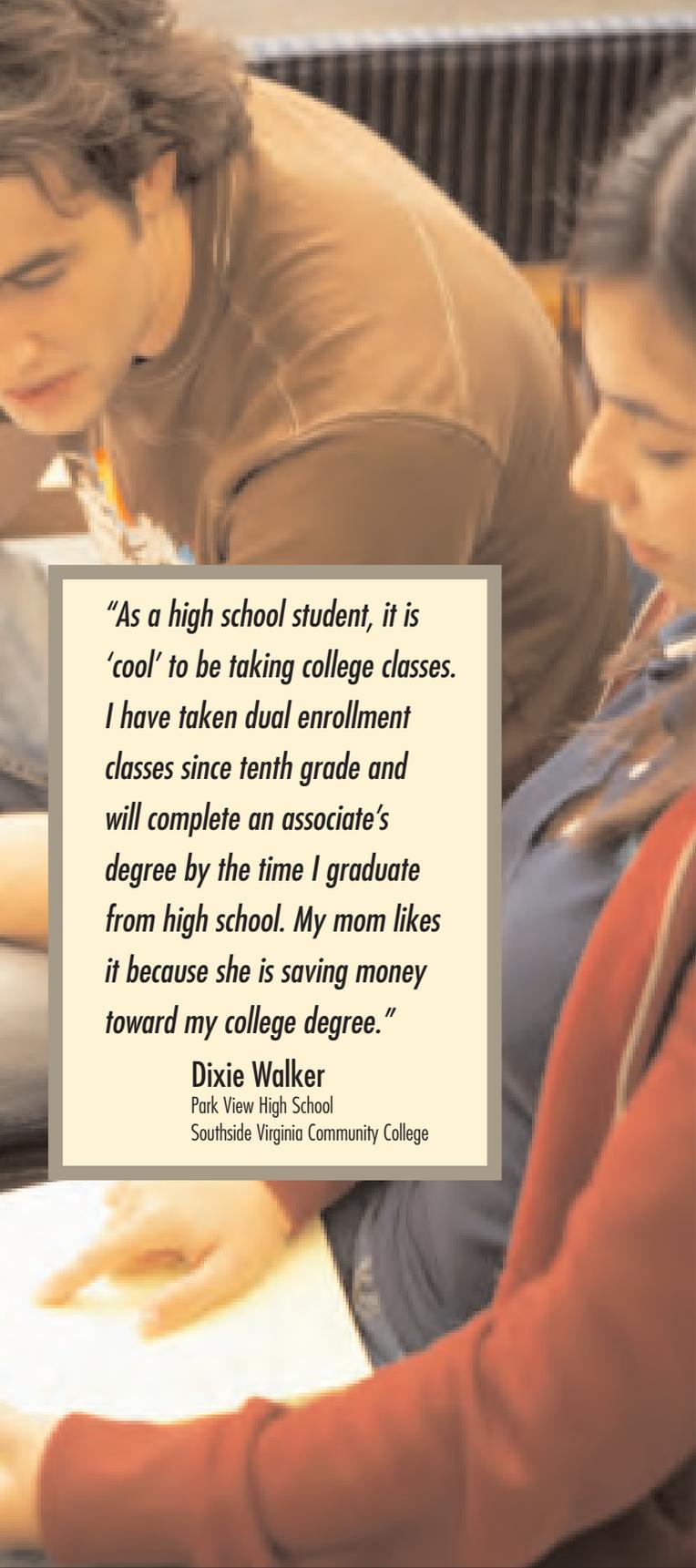


- Home schooled students are also eligible and students should contact their local community college to discuss options

## Advantages of Dual Enrollment

- Provides collegiate instruction to high school student during regular school hours
- Accelerates a student's college career and provides quality, affordable education close to home
- Provides students access to the same course content and curriculum that is offered on the community college campus, at the high school
- Provides highly qualified teaching faculty who meet the criteria set by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) Commission on Colleges
- Provides access to college resources, facilities and services such as advising, career counseling and mentoring

*(local college information would be pasted in this area)*



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*"As a high school student, it is 'cool' to be taking college classes. I have taken dual enrollment classes since tenth grade and will complete an associate's degree by the time I graduate from high school. My mom likes it because she is saving money toward my college degree."*

**Dixie Walker**

Park View High School  
Southside Virginia Community College

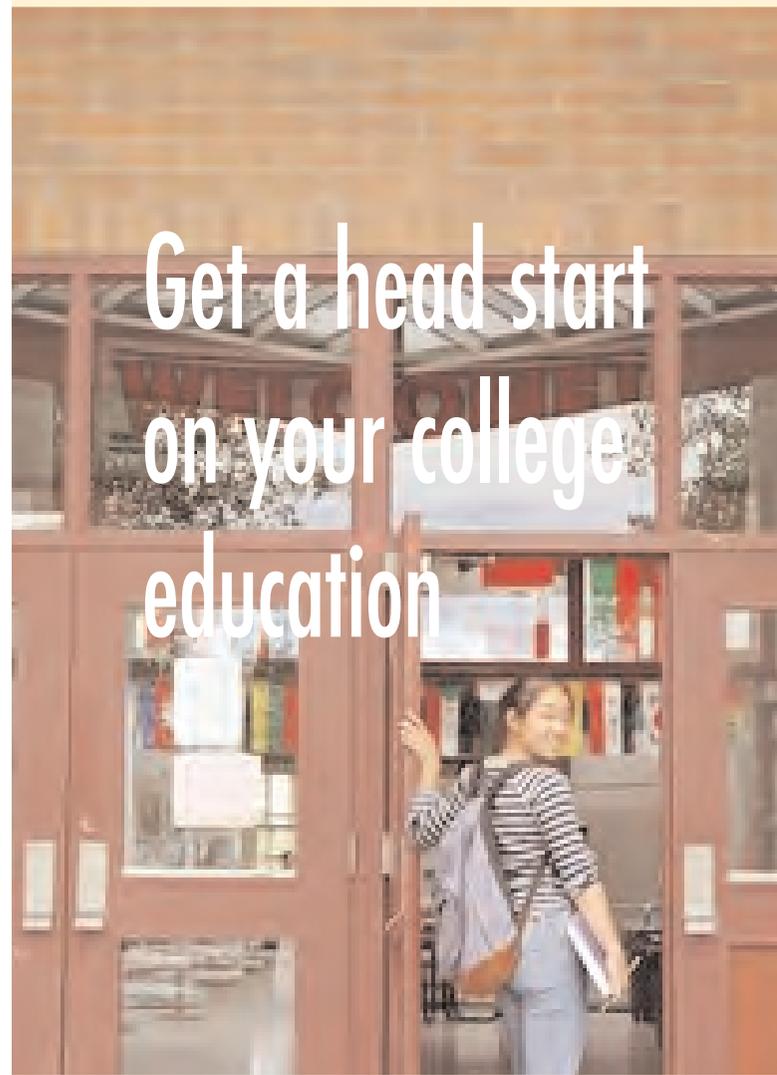


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Get a head start  
on your college  
education

VIRGINIA'S COMMUNITY COLLEGES



**Colt Malone**  
40 hours of credit at Southside Virginia Community College, graduated from SSVCC after one year and transferred to Virginia Tech

**Chase Malone (right)**  
32 hours at SSVCC and transferred to James Madison University

*"Dual enrollment is the greatest program going. I urge anyone who can get into dual enrollment early to get started."*