

# Advance Adult Dual Enrollment for Your Community

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Since the adoption of Senate Bill (SB) 554 in 2019, an adult student pursuing a high school diploma (HSD) or a high school equivalency (HSE) certificate in California can benefit from dual enrollment. Dual enrollment allows learners to enroll as a special part-time student at a community college. Given its potential to equitably expand college access among California's nearly 400,000+ adult education students, adult dual enrollment (ADE) merits attention and expanded implementation.



## Benefits

### To Students

- Credit accumulation, and higher college grade point average
- Many colleges offer free tuition for dual enrollment students, and if there is a special partnership between the adult school and college called a College and Career Access Pathways Agreement, tuition, fees, and supplies are free
- Students may still be eligible for free College Promise programs after they earn their high school degree or GED even if they have some college through dual enrollment
- Access to college student services like counseling and tutoring
- Exposure to the college experience
- Credit earned from college classes may count toward both a high school diploma or equivalency, and a college certificate or degree

### To Colleges

- Increased enrollment
- Apportionment at an enhanced rate roughly one-third higher than standard Full-Time Equivalent Student
- If an adult school is governed by a school district or county office of education they can be included in the California College and Career Access Pathways (CCAP) agreement with the college district
- Ancillary improvements to cross-agency and internal (adult school or college) communications and collaboration

## Call to Action

- Be a champion for adult dual enrollment! Inquire about the programming at your college and make implementation and/or expansion a priority for your governing board.
- Move toward board review and approval of adult dual enrollment policy or a formal Memorandum of Understanding among partners.
- Create an adult dual enrollment team that can help form data-sharing agreements, advocate for broader understanding and commitment across their campuses, maintain open communication across partners, establish systems for student eligibility screening and admission, and help create person-to-person messaging of the benefits to increase student enrollment.

## Need Help?

- For general information or to engage in policy action, visit <https://www.caedge.org> or email [info@caedge.org](mailto:info@caedge.org)
- For technical assistance and information to implement adult dual enrollment in your community, email [dualenrollment@careeraddersproject.org](mailto:dualenrollment@careeraddersproject.org)

