# **Dual Credit Conversion Study**

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# **Purpose**

There have been many discussions about the benefits of recruiting dual credit students. Dual credit students are associated with higher high school and college GPAs, enhanced college readiness, and increased college retention and completion. Given the close physical proximity of Devils Lake High School (DLHS) and other area high schools to Lake Region State College, these students are already targeted for honor scholarships based on counselor recommendations and ACT/SAT scores. Most of these scholarship amounts are small, ranging from \$200 to \$1,000. As LRSC determines how best to allocate scholarship dollars, one cohort of students who may benefit from these dollars, and in turn benefit LRSC's retention and completion rates, are the dual credit students.

#### **Process**

This study tracks:

- the number of students who took dual credit during their senior year in high school, then enrolled as degree-seeking students at LRSC during the fall semester immediately following their high school graduation;
- 2. the number of DLHS students who took dual credit during their senior year in high school, then enrolled as degree-seeking students at LRSC during the fall semester immediately following their high school graduation; and
- 3. the programs these students enrolled in at LRSC.

### **Results**

#### All Dual Credit Students

The table below shows the number of students who took dual credit during their senior year in high school, then enrolled as degree-seeking students at LRSC during the fall semester immediately following their high school graduation.

High School	# of Dual Credit	# of DC Seniors	% Enrolled at	
<b>Graduation Year*</b>	Seniors	Enrolled at LRSC	LRSC	
2023	482	39	8.09%	
2022	401	30	7.48%	
2021	449	31	6.90%	
2020	525	43	8.19%	
2019	555	44	7.93%	
2018	439	41	9.33%	
2017	386	23	5.96%	
2016	351	27	7.69%	
2015	417	24	5.76%	

<sup>\*2018-2023</sup> include students taking dual credit in the fall and spring semesters of their senior year. Prior years included students taking dual credit only in the fall semester of their senior year. This count is unduplicated.

The table below shows the programs of the dual credit students who graduated and then enrolled at LRSC.

Program*	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Liberal Arts (AA/AS)	12	15	12	22	16	15	10	16	15
American Sign	2	0	0	2	1	-	-	-	-
Language									
Automotive	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	1
Technology									
Business	3	2	4	3	3	11	4	6	5
Administration									
Early Childhood	0	1	1	1	2	0	4	0	0
Education									
Fitness Trainer	0	1	0	1	2	1	0	0	0
Technician									
Information	1	1	0	1	2	0	0	1	0
Technology									
Law	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Enforcement/POTP									
Marketing	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	1
Nursing	4	5	4	4	12	6	4	4	8
Precision Agriculture	2	1	2	5	4	7	6	3	4
Simulation Technology	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0
Wind Energy	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0
Technician									

<sup>\*</sup>Program enrollment information includes associates, diplomas, and certificates. Students enrolled at LRSC as non-degree are not included in the above chart.

# **DLHS Dual Credit Students**

The table below shows the number of DLHS students who took dual credit during their senior year in high school, then enrolled as degree-seeking students at LRSC during the fall semester immediately following their high school graduation.

High School	# of DLHS	# of DLHS DC Seniors	% Enrolled		
<b>Graduation Year</b>	<b>Dual Credit Seniors</b>	Enrolled at LRSC	at LRSC		
2023	36	14	38.89%		
2022	39	12	30.77%		
2021	30	11	36.67%		
2020	56	12	21.43%		
2019	49	15	30.60%		
2018	34	11	32.35%		
2017	37	8	21.62%		
2016	34	16	47.06%		
2015	31	10	32.26%		

<sup>\*2018-2023</sup> includes students taking dual credit in the fall and spring semesters of their senior year. Prior years included students taking dual credit only in the fall semester of their senior year. This count is unduplicated.

The table below shows the programs of the DLHS dual credit students who graduated and then enrolled at LRSC.

Program*	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Liberal Arts (AA/AS)	6	12	4	7	7	5	5	6	7
American Sign	1	0	0	0	0	-	-	-	-
Language									
Automotive	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Technology									
Business	2	0	1	1	1	4	1	2	4
Administration									
Early Childhood	0	1	0	1	0	0	3	0	0
Education									
Fitness Trainer	0	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	0
Technician									
Information	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Technology									
Law	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Enforcement/POTP									
Marketing	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Nursing	1	2	2	1	4	2	1	3	1
Precision Agriculture	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	0
Simulation Technology	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Wind Energy	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Technician									

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