**James Monroe High School**

**Understanding Dual Enrollment & Online College Class Offerings**

**What is Dual Enrollment?**

* Unique opportunity for high school juniors and seniors (exceptional freshmen and sophomores may be considered) to jump-start their collegiate and professional careers by earning college credit while they are still in high school.
* Dual enrollment credit earned in academic courses will transfer to [most 4-year West Virginia colleges and universities](http://www.schev.edu/students/transfer/default.asp). Please check out the individual college and/or university dual enrollment/ early online college class information on their websites. Most WV colleges and universities have online college transfer equivalency calculators to help students & parents compare offerings.
* Dual enrollment classes are held at a student’s home high school.
* Students may enroll in courses that are available online through the college, during hours that work with their schedule.

**What are the Advantages of Dual Enrollment & Early Enrollment?**

* Helps students and their families save a considerable amount of money, making access to a college degree more affordable.
* Provides valuable experience towards possible career fields of interest.
* Uses qualified instructors and a rigorous curriculum to prepare students for college or a career.
* Provides the knowledge and skills necessary to be competitive in today’s workforce.

**What are the Risks of Taking Dual Enrollment or Online College Course(s)?**

* Content of dual enrollment & online college courses are academically rigorous and will not be altered to accommodate high school students.
* A low or failing grade in a dual enrollment course will negatively impact both your high school and college GPA. A low or failing grade in an online college course will negatively impact your college transcript. For many scholarships, your college GPA must remain above a certain GPA,
* Low or failing grades in dual enrollment & early enrollment classes become a part of your permanent high school and college transcripts.
* A low or failing grade in a dual enrollment course & early enrollment classes could negatively impact your ability to obtain future financial aid for college.

\*Adapted from DSLCC Dual Enrollment Information Page: http://www.dslcc.edu/academics/dual-enrollment/