

## **Online Courses and Programs**

### **Co-Enrollment Course Available Through DSLCC Illuminate Program**

Dabney S. Lancaster Community College has courses that are offered each semester through Illuminate or the Blackboard classroom management tools. Although students must be involved in classroom activities via computer during the meeting time each week, they do not have to be physically present on campus. Students would participate in this course utilizing Covington High School's computer labs during the class period they have scheduled. To be eligible for these courses, students must complete a DSLCC application and they must also take a placement test or provide a copy of the SAT/ACT score report with satisfactory scores. Students must also submit an official high school transcript and payment for the course. For the 2016 fall semester, the tuition cost for a three credit hour course was \$447.75 (college tuition is subject to change). Prior to registration for these courses students must request approval from the Covington High School principal and Guidance Department. Students can utilize these courses as an elective if he or she plans to transfer to a four year college or remain at a community college. In order to take these courses, students will have to coordinate their schedules with the guidance department. All the requirements to enroll including registration fees, tuition payments, and the cost of textbooks must be complete by the end of the current school year and are the responsibility of the student and his or her parents. Course offerings are subject to change and will vary per semester. Students will only be allowed to take a course that coincides with the Covington High School daily schedule.

### **Dual Enrollment Courses**

Dual enrollment gives high school students the opportunity to earn college credits while meeting the requirements for high school graduation. College credits earned through dual enrollment can be applied toward graduation at Dabney S. Lancaster Community College and most may be transferred to another college or university. To enroll in a dual enrollment course, a student must be a high school junior or senior who is prepared for the demands of college-level course work. Students must obtain permission from their parent/guardian, school counselor, and high school principal, as well as, complete the College's placement testing process, and be accepted for admission by DSLCC. DSLCC provides dual enrollment opportunities in a variety of formats for eligible students. Several dual enrollment courses are offered exclusively for students at Covington High School. Any Covington High School student who withdraws from a dual enrollment class before the class concludes will be responsible for the tuition, textbook, and any other fees associated with the dual enrollment class.

#### **Early College Scholars**

Students enrolled as Early College Scholars will have their tuition and AP exam fees paid by the Virginia Department of Education. Early College Scholars receive a certificate from the Governor recognizing their achievement. Students become Early College Scholars by signing an Early College Scholar Agreement. To qualify, a student should meet the following criteria:

- \*Have a B average or better
- \*Be on track for an Advanced Studies Diploma
- \*Be in the process of completing or have already completed college level course work that will earn at least 15 transferable college credits.

The Early College Scholar agreement is located at

<http://www.doe.virginia.gov/VDOE/senioryearplus/earlycollegescholars.shtml>

### **Virtual Virginia Course Offerings**

Virginia Virtual, a program of the Virginia Department of Education, is the Commonwealth's online course program; it provides Advanced Placement, world language, elective, and core classes to students across the state and nation. The courses utilize rich media, text, video segments, animation, audio clips, whiteboard demonstrations, and online discussions. Students do not have to take any of the classes in real time, so the courses may be scheduled at any point throughout the student's school day. Many Virtual Virginia classes require an Advanced Placement Exam at the conclusion of the course. Students must obtain permission from the CHS Administration and Guidance before they may enroll in a Virtual Virginia class. Students who are enrolled in these courses have 21 days from the first class to withdraw from the course. If a student drops after the 21<sup>st</sup> day of a Virtual Virginia class they must reimburse Covington City Public Schools a \$75.00 withdrawal fee and the cost of any required textbooks.