

MEMO OF RECORD

Who: Kentucky Council on Postsecondary Education
Meeting Type: Dual Credit Advisory Committee
Date: November 20, 2025
Time: 9:00 a.m. ET
Location: CPE Offices, 100 Airport Road, Frankfort – Training room

Members Present: John Paise (KDE), Harmony Little (KCTCS), Becky Gilpatrick (KHEAA), Amanda Ellis (CPE), Joel Pace (Morehead State), Kara Schotter (JCTC), Jama Griffie (HCTC), James Catchen (Thomas More), Sandra Hancock (Christian County Schools), Angie White (Barren County Schools), Robin Hebert (CPE)

Members Absent: none

Guests Present: Lindsey Case, Council member

Meeting Objectives:

- Review results of general education survey and determine next steps
- Discuss updated dual credit data and implications for state-wide strategy
- Identify priorities for the Dual Credit Advisory Council in 2026

MEMBER UPDATES AND APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Robin Hebert welcomed members and guests to the meeting at 9 a.m. (ET), and provided an overview of the agenda.

Members provided brief updates of dual credit progress and approved minutes from the last meeting.

GENERAL EDUCATION SURVEY DISCUSSION

Becky Gilpatrick (KHEAA) led a discussion of implementation plans related to KRS 164.786 and the Dual Credit Scholarship Program. The statute requires that Dual Credit Scholarship Funds be limited to “General education courses that meet the criteria outlined in the statewide general education core approved by the Council on Postsecondary Education.” KHEAA and CPE will launch a survey of institutions who participate in the general education dual credit scholarship program to identify the current list of general education courses offered for dual credit.

Next Steps include:

- Explore the general education requirements for Kentucky's 8 public institutions and KCTCS
- Identify enrollment in general education courses currently offered, including which are paid by the general education scholarship
- Investigate more about scholarship use: Do students max out? What trends are evident?
- Consolidate the reports and include enrollment

The Council also discussed unintended consequences of the project, including how high schools might be impacted by narrowing of dual credit course choices, especially related to teachers' eligibility and availability to teach courses at the high school.

Dr. Christopher Ledford, Director of CPE's Data and Advanced Analytics Unit, presented the most recent analysis of dual credit trends in Kentucky, including the following points:

- Kentucky is making progress toward its Dual Credit Attainment Goal, with 46.2% of graduates completing at least one dual credit course with a "C" or better
- Kentucky's postsecondary students who earned dual credit while in high school consistently outperform their peers who did not take dual credit in high school in key indicators such as college-going rate, persistence rate, first year GPA, time to degree, and unmet need/debt at graduation

Robin Hebert led a discussion about priorities for the Dual Credit Advisory Council in 2026, including next steps related to the Attainment Goal, professional development to support implementation of general education core requirements and dual credit best practices, as well as investigating teacher credentialing opportunities.

The meeting concluded at 11 a.m. (ET) with a review of upcoming dates of work sessions and Council meetings:

- Jan. 15, 2026, 9 a.m. (ET) - Work Session
- Feb. 5, 2026, 9 a.m. (ET) - Quarterly Meeting
- April 16, 2026, 1 p.m. (ET) - Work Session
- June 11, 2026, 9 a.m. (ET) - Quarterly Meeting
- July 23, 2026, 9 a.m. (ET) - Work Session
- Sept. 4, 2026, 9 a.m. (ET) - Quarterly Meeting
- Oct 29, 2026, 1 p.m. (ET) - Work Session
- Dec. 3, 2026, 9 a.m. (ET) - Quarterly Meeting