Case Study Executive Summary

Scaling Dual Enrollment in Rural Communities

This document outlines barriers to implementing dual enrollment programs in rural communities and solutions three Texas high schools enacted to overcome these barriers. Click here to read the full case study.

Overcome Distance to Higher Education Partners

**Solutions**

*Create multiple partnerships.* Work with more than one higher education institution to access programs that meet local labor market needs.

*Employ multiple delivery methods.* Offer college courses at the high school campus, college campus, or online.

*Offer students transportation to local higher education partners.* Create a bus route to transport students between college and high school campuses.
**Build Staff Capacity to Implement Dual Enrollment**

**Solutions**

*Create positions targeted at supporting dual enrollment.* Have dedicated staff positions, like a dual enrollment coordinator.

*Leverage or shift current staff roles to support dual enrollment.* Determine how existing staff knowledge and skills can support dual enrollment.

*Credential high school teachers as dual enrollment instructors.* Provide dual enrollment courses at the high school via a qualified high school instructor.

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**Support Students in Navigating the College Environment**

**Solutions**

*Align coursework and schedules.* Ensure programs of study align and offer flexible scheduling options to support coordination of coursework.

*Provide support for online dual enrollment courses.* Create a dual enrollment block where students can complete coursework together, with support from an adult.

*Leverage existing higher education services.* Take advantage of support opportunities including early alert systems, advising systems, and funding opportunities.