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Exploring Alberta's Dual Credit Pathways: Expanding Opportunities for Student Success

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Our Dual Credit Approach

St. Albert Public Schools believes strongly in reducing barriers and promoting equity for our students. Our approach to dual credit programming includes finding ways for our courses to be accessible to all interested students. We cover the cost of the courses and any necessary materials, including textbooks. We also look for courses that will connect well with our high school career pathway courses, to help enhance our collegiate programming as well as increase engagement and successful completion of the dual credit courses.

Key Features of Our Approach

Collaboration - St. Albert Public Schools believes in strong partnerships and collaboration. We connect not only with the various post-secondaries through which we offer the dual credit courses, but also with surrounding school divisions in order to seat-share and give greater access to courses for all of our students.

School Connection - The other method of delivery we've found to be successful is connecting a dual credit course to an existing high school course, ensuring that we do not take away from the high school course content, but rather enhance or complement them, while enriching our career pathway opportunities.

Communication - Communication is key! Raising awareness and getting information out to administration, teachers, students, and parents has led to higher enrollment and engagement in our dual credit program. Ongoing connections with our post-secondary and regional partners is also a crucial piece to our dual credit programming.

Key Leadership Insight

The most important decision St. Albert Public Schools has made through this process of implementing and enhancing our dual credit programming, was the decision to initiate a regional collaborative working group of surrounding career education school division leaders. This has allowed for innumerable benefits, including: shared cohorts, cost sharing, creative problem solving, and ways of providing greater student access for our region's dual credit programming.

Resources and Further Information

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