The College participates in programs that allow local high school students (juniors and seniors) to take courses for credit. Two examples are Dual Enrollment and Diploma Plus. Each program has a coordinator or contact person on-campus. For example, all Dual Enrollment students meet with the Admissions Director or Senior Counselor to select courses etc.

The Admissions Office does not matriculate high school students. For financial aid purposes, they are not “regular students.” On occasion, a student may “graduate” in December, but not be attending the ceremony until June. If the high school counseling office provides Admissions with a letter documenting that the student is no longer in high school and has met all of the requirements for the diploma, the Director of Admissions may matriculate the student. These students are not part of Dual Enrollment or other partnership programs.

Beginning in the spring semester of 2002, the Commonwealth withdrew funding for the Dual Enrollment program. The College decided to continue the program on a semester-to-semester basis using institutional Whitehouse grant funds. {Discontinued Spr 2004}

Beginning in the spring 2004 semester, Diploma Plus awards must be placed in PowerFaids for disbursement. These students are clearly identified as non-aid. The program receives its own grant funding to provide tuition/fee coverage.

The Financial Aid Office relies primarily on the Admissions Office to prevent federal and state funds going to high school students. The FAO does occasionally receive ISIRs for high school students. If the student is not accepted into a degree or certificate program, the FAO will not award TIV or MA aid.