

New York State Dual Enrollment Summary

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New York is home to the two first early college models in the United States, the first private option at Bard College at Simon's Rock, founded in 1966 and a public option at the Middle College High School at CUNY LaGuardia Community College in 1974. Like many other states, dual enrollment is currently growing across New York. Using the latest federal 2024 Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System (IPEDS) data, the New York Alliance for Early College Pathways (NY4ECP) found that New York has the third largest number of students in dual enrollment programs, behind only California and Texas with about 176,00 students, an increase of 14.9% from 2023 (NY4ECP, 2025). In New York, community colleges have the largest majority of dual enrollment students, but dual enrollment has also rapidly increased at four-year institutions. In six community colleges across the state, dual enrollment students make up a majority of students (NY4ECP, 2025). Dual enrollment in New York state has few unique features, namely the large portion of dual enrollment students at private institutions, 26% in comparison to 1% nationally (NY4ECP, 2025). At two private higher education institutions, Hilbert College and Long Island University, high school students comprise the majority of student enrollment (NY4ECP, 2025).

In New York City (NYC), CUNY's College Now program enrolls the highest number of high school students, who take college level courses at CUNY at no cost. College Now includes partnerships with high schools that either host college courses at the high school or hosts high school students on campus. CUNY reports that about 30,000 high school students take College Now courses and about 3,500 take CUNY courses (Zimmer, 2025). At CUNY Kingsborough Community College, 57% of students are high school students (NY4ECP, 2025). About 45 of NYC's 450 high schools offer some form of early college to its students (Zimmer, 2025). Some early college secondary schools like Hostos Lincoln Academy in the South Bronx and Pathways in Technology Early College High School (P-TECH) in Brooklyn allow students to graduate high school with an Associate's degree. While some early college secondary schools like P-TECH do not screen academic records for access, programs like Bard Early College, which has four NYC campuses, have an admissions process that includes testing and interviews. In 2025, HBCU Early College Prep in Queens, which has an online partnership with Delaware State University, introduced the newest dual enrollment model to be used NYC.

With the growth of dual enrollment in New York, the New York State Education Department has proposed new reporting regulations because New York does not have a statewide policy that governs dual enrollment programs. There are three state-funded dual enrollment programs that enable students to take college courses for free: New York State Pathways in Technology, Smart Scholars Early College High School, and Smart Transfer ECHS (Foss, 2025). However, individual school districts and Boards of Cooperative Educational Services have many dual enrollment programs outside the three state programs that have operated relatively independently. In 2025, New York State launched a College in High School Opportunity Fund, a \$9.1 million effort to increase access to dual enrollment programs and expand early college schools (Foss, 2025).

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