TWO IS BETTER THAN ONE – especially when it comes to credits students earn in high school. Dual credit is a great way for high school students to get a jump start on their college education with credits that apply to both high school and college courses.

Dual credit allows students to simultaneously earn high school and college credits with a single course or sequence of courses at no cost to the student. Each credit represents a substantial savings on tuition costs to students and parents and is a saving for all taxpayers. During the past five years alone, participation in dual credit has doubled, with more than 21,000 high school students across the state currently taking advantage of opportunities through partnerships developed with their local technical colleges.

“In WITC’s district, there are now 29 high schools involved in dual credit,” says Barb Landstrom, WITC’s Director of Academic Advancement. “This past spring semester, there were 99 students enrolled at WITC who brought in dual credit.”

These partnerships not only ensure that the students know what to expect in college, but the college credits they earn can also mean cost savings and an accelerated career path.

With an estimated 65 percent of available jobs during the next 10 years requiring skills provided by technical education, the state’s economy depends on students being college and career ready upon high school graduation.

WITC plans to continue growing dual credit opportunities into the future; a benefit to students, parents, education and the workforce.

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