



Arizona Student
Opportunity Collaborative

Expanding Dual Enrollment for Rural Students

Billions to Gain, Helios Education Foundation

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A grassroots network leveraging highly qualified teachers already serving in rural schools by paying them to teach students who need their courses to graduate and go to college, all at no cost to the students, their families, or their schools



Filling the gaps as we find them...

Current courses offered	39
Students learning from AzSOC teachers	3250
Students utilizing AzSOC curriculum	825
Students in AzSOC FAFSA/College courses	480

Expansion under way

Doubling dual enrollment
20 academic electives
12 CTE programs
AP courses
School counselors

Funding

Helios Education Foundation
ESSER III Set-Aside
Bill & Marilyn Thoma Foundation



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Most importantly

4. Earning dual enrollment credits convinces students and families that they are ready and able to do college-level work.



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The biggest barrier to rural students attending college is not finances, nor the fact that they'll be the first in their family to go, nor the geographic distance.

The biggest barrier to rural students attending college is that they and their families see college as “other”, and believe that pursuing advanced education or training or certain careers means they must leave their home communities.

This is a false dichotomy but its effect is both significant and hidden.



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Prescott College

Prescott College:

Accredited by the Higher Learning Commission

Longstanding commitment to dual enrollment for underserved students

Ability to credential teachers & courses

How it works:

Prescott College approves AzSOC courses & teachers

We embed the college curriculum in the second half of the course

Students earn their high school credit plus enroll in college

Tuition is \$110 per 4-credit course (\$27.50 per credit)



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Currently offering 19 courses (76 credits):

College English, Novels & Film, World Conflicts

Urban Studies, Environmental Justics

College Algebra, PreCalculus, Trigonometry, Calculus I & II, Statistics,

Advanced Quantitative Reasoning, Personal Finance

Physics I & II, Chemistry I & II, Biology, Anatomy & Physiology

On track to double offerings by adding:

8 humanities electives

12 CTE programs



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Suggestions?

Questions?

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