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## **Brookings-Harbor Voices – Dual Credit**

Hi, this is Sean Gallagher – Brookings Harbor School District 17C Superintendent here to talk to you about the dual credit offerings at Brookings Harbor High School for the 2016-17 school year. The school district has been working hard with developing strong relationships and agreement with both South Western Oregon Community College (SWOCC) and Oregon Institute of Technology (OIT) to further expand the number of dual credits offerings at the high school. This has been a project that is tied to curriculum resources, professional development, hiring practices, educator qualifications and integration between secondary and college level curriculum.

Dual credit courses offered at the high school level allows a student to take one course and receive both transcribed college credit through the partnering higher education institution and high school credit at the same time. Dual credit opportunities allow students to start their college careers during high school by exposing them to college level coursework and is rigorous and challenging. The credits costs are either waived by the college and/or a significantly reduced tuition rate is charged. This is a great academic opportunity for students to help with their transition to higher education. Students who participate in at least one dual credit opportunity during their high school career are much more likely to graduate from college within four years with a four year degree than those that don't. This potentially save students significant expenses since they can move either into the workforce during their fifth year or start with graduate school.

BHHS currently offers dual credit courses in all levels of mathematics, history, sciences, career technical education career pathways such as health careers and technology. If you are interested in exploring dual credit opportunities for your high school student at BHHS, please contact Lisa Dion – BHHS Principal at 541-469-2108. Many of these opportunities are brand new this year and are just emerging. I would encourage all parents and high school students to explore dual credit.

Again, thank you to everyone for their continued support of our School District, and remember, that only together we can ensure that Every Student Can Succeed here at Brookings-Harbor School District