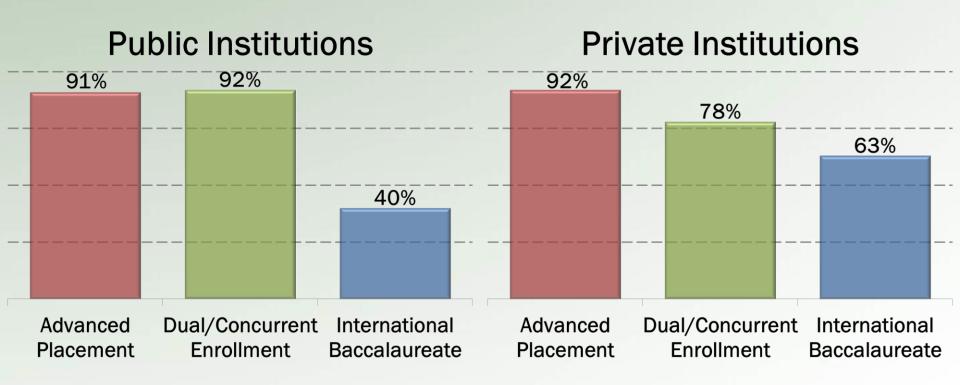


Advancing Quality College Courses in High School

# The Fundamentals of State and National Quality Standards

- History & Importance of Standards and Quality
- NACEP Standards: Guiding Principles

## **Credit is Widely Accepted**



**Source:** Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education, Accelerated Learning Options: Moving the Needle on Access and Success, June 2006.

# **Importance of Standards and Quality**

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**Report Shows Dual Enrollment Best When on College Campus** 

The Dallas Morning News

Not all colleges accept dual-credit hours amassed by Texas high school students

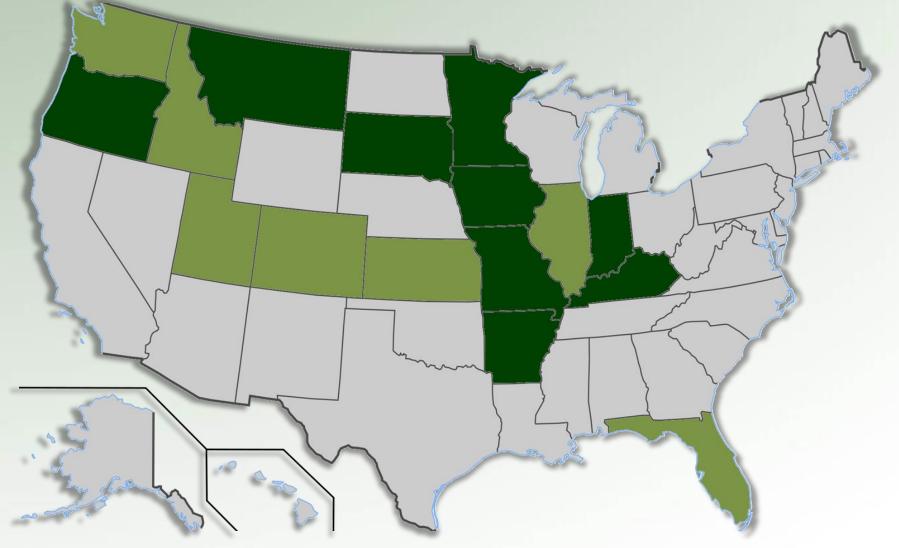


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**Council of Writing Program Administrators** WPA-L Listserv topic: "Credit Laundering"

#### **Quality Standards: NACEP in State Policy**



- State standards modeled on NACEP standards
- ~ State policy requires or encourages NACEP accreditation

## **NACEP Standards: Guiding Principles**

A high quality concurrent enrollment program (CEP) is one where:

- College courses offered in high schools are as rigorous as courses offered on the sponsoring college campus
- CEP students are held to the same expectations and standards of achievement as on campus students
- CEP instructors meet the same requirements for on campus adjunct instructors, and are provided support by faculty in their discipline
- CEP program oversight is sufficient to ensure the academic integrity of its courses, regardless of where they are taught and by whom

# **Faculty Collaboration is Critical**

- Instructors must be approved by the academic department
- Instructors must receive course-specific orientation prior to teaching the course
- Ongoing annual, discipline-specific professional development
- Mechanisms for alignment of curriculum, assessments, and grading scales
- Faculty site visits to ensure that the college course taught in the high school is the same as the course offered on campus

#### **Consistent Expectations**

- Students meet the same academic criteria to enroll in course (placement testing, course prerequisites)
- Courses must include same course content, learning outcomes, and grading scales
- Students must be assessed using consistent methods
- Course registration and transcripting is consistent with on campus procedures

# **Displaying Greater Accountability**

Because of the added scrutiny that concurrent enrollment faces, programs can display greater accountability by:

- Conducting end of course student evaluations for every CEP course section each term, regardless of the frequency of on-campus evaluations
- Preparing program evaluations through surveys of participating instructors, guidance counselors, and principals
- Research longitudinal student success, including student alumni surveys