

WHY A K-14 PROGRAM

Dual enrollment is the simultaneous enrollment of a student at both high school and college in which the student receives credit on both their high school and college transcripts for the same course. This provides a smoother transition to college after high school graduation for many students and allows them to complete college faster by earning college credits while still in high school. Dual enrollment also prepares students on a career-track to gain job skills and proficiency in technical and health science fields which may only require an Associates Degree, and thus enter the job market ready to work and earn a strong salary. They may also take Advanced Placement or AP courses that may add rigor to a high school student's learning.

Louisiana is among the five lowest ranked states when tested by ACT for college readiness (2015: <https://www.act.org/content/dam/act/unsecured/documents/CCCR15-NationalReadinessRpt.pdf>). To increase student success in post-K-12 education, as well as improve the employment readiness quotient of the population, it is important to improve student academic skills and their career navigation skills.

K-12 Achievement Index

A look at 18 state achievement measures related to reading and math performance, high school graduation rates, and the results of Advanced Placement exams. Based off of 2013 [National Assessment of Educational Progress \(NAEP\)](#) scores.

State achievement indicators	Louisiana average	Louisiana rank	National average
Achievement Levels - Percent proficient on NAEP (2013)			
4th grade math	26.3%	50	41.3%
8th grade math	20.8%	49	34.4%
4th grade reading	23.0%	48	34.0%
8th grade reading	23.9%	48	34.3%
Achievement Gains - Scale-score change on NAEP (2003-2013)			
4th grade math	+5.1	40	+7.2
8th grade math	+6.4	28	+7.5
4th grade reading	+5.7	12	+4.2
8th grade reading	+3.9	25	+4.7
Poverty Gap - National School Lunch Program, noneligible minus eligible			
Reading gap (4th grade, 2013)	27.3	25	28.6
Math gap (8th grade, 2013)	21.7	10	27.2
Reading-gap change (4th grade, 2003-2013)	-2.1	10	+0.7
Math-gap change (8th grade, 2003-	-2.3	10	-1.2

2013)

Achieving Excellence - Percent advanced on NAEP

Math excellence (8th grade, 2013)	3.3%	49	8.3%
Change in math excellence (2003-2013)	+1.5%	47	+3.4%

Advanced Placement - per 100 students

High AP test scores - (Scores of 3 or higher, 2012)	5.1	50	25.7
Change in AP Scores - (Change in high scores, 2000-2012)	+3.3	49	+16.6

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WHY UNIVERSITY VIEW ACADEMY

University View Academy is a proven tuition-free Louisiana K-12 online public school authorized by the Louisiana State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education. We are the state’s top academically performing completely online charter school, thus UVA allows students to learn and excel at their own pace while offering families a STEM education that embraces technology, innovation, and self empowerment. A student in any parish, in any type of area—urban or rural—is able to enroll in our program at any point in the K-12 timeline and join this program as long as they meet academic requirements. Our mission focuses each unique student for college or the work environment that best accommodates the needs and dreams of that individual learner.

A PROGRAM THAT WILL ENHANCE LOUISIANA’S EDUCATION MATRIX

The **University View Academy Early College Program** allows students entering the 9th grade the ability to earn a 2-year associates degree either online or on a campus of a local community college or four-year public university, all while attending high school online at UVA. This program is available to a limited number of students for free—there are no out-of-pocket student costs. Whether it’s early preparation for a career in a technical field or simply looking to accelerate earned credits toward a 4-year in-state college, the **University View Academy Early College Program** is truly innovative **for students who want to get ahead.**

UView is ready to enroll students in this K-14 program for the 2017-2018 school year. UView already allows any student in any parish to get an excellent public education with certified Louisiana teachers. This program will utilize our K-12 curriculum and adds a completely free component that utilizes the offerings of our community college system and four-year public universities. Thus the UView student graduates ahead of the game, proficient in freshman English and Math, which has been a chronic weakness for Louisiana students, and UView early college students are twoyears ahead in advanced degree financing.

TYPES OF DEGREES AVAILABLE THROUGH DUAL ENROLLMENT

- Associate’s in Arts, Sciences or Applied Sciences, as well as General Studies
- Technical Diploma
- Certificate of Technical Studies, General Studies, Post-Associate Studies, Applied

Science

ACADEMIC AREAS OF STUDY THROUGH A K-14 PROGRAM

Allied Health and Health Services, like Nursing
Arts and Humanities, including Communications
Math and Science
Business
Technology

OUR SUPERINTENDENT WILL DIRECTLY OVERSEE THIS PROGRAM

Dr. Lonnie Luce is recognized as one of the top public education leaders in Louisiana, having served as Superintendent of St. James Parish public schools for nine years and recognized as Louisiana State Superintendent of the Year (2014). He brings years of technological innovation from the St. James, Livingston, Baton Rouge and Orleans Parish public school systems, as well as the Greenville County, South Carolina School System. Dr. Luce created a regional virtual school while Superintendent of St. James Public School System. His school district consistently grew in the District Performance Score and as a state leader in technology, early childhood education, jumpstart career opportunities, college dual enrollment, and athletics. He initiated a one-to-one laptop program for all grades 2-12 in the parish, and modernized school facilities. He will be assisted in this program with a Director of Early College and Workforce Development and a special track of advanced degree educators dedicated to the Dual Enrollment track. Mandy LaCerte, former director of Dual Enrollment at Baton Rouge Community College, is the Director.