MEMORANDUM TO: Directors of Education
Secretary-Treasurers of School Authorities
Directors of Provincial and Demonstration Schools
SCWI Regional Planning Team Chairs

FROM: George Zegarac
Deputy Minister

DATE: March 19, 2013

SUBJECT: Dual Credit Programs, Policy and Program Requirements, 2013

The dual credit program was introduced in Ontario schools in 2005 as part of the ministry’s Student Success strategy. The program represented one of several new learning opportunities provided through the strategy that would enable students to build on their strengths and interests in school. Today, all seventy school boards that have secondary schools and all Ontario colleges of applied arts and technology are involved in providing secondary school students with dual credit learning opportunities.

Attached to this memo please find the new policy document, Dual Credit Programs, Policy and Program Requirements, 2013. The document sets out policy and program requirements clearly, in order to provide guidance to administrators and educators who are involved in dual credit programs in their schools and boards.

Dual Credit Programs, Policy and Program Requirements, 2013 replaces Dual Credit Policy and Implementation, 2010 and incorporates policy originally outlined in ministry memoranda that address dual credit programs. This document gives boards and secondary school administrators a comprehensive policy document to assist them in ensuring consistent implementation in their board and schools.

Where appropriate, references to relevant policy documents and resources are included in each section. The online version of Dual Credit Programs, Policy and Program Requirements, 2013, available at http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/teachers/studentsuccess/dual.html, provides active links to these documents.
Please share this information with school administrators and superintendents in your board. A limited number of hard copies will be printed and made available through Publications Ontario.

Thank you for your support of dual credit opportunities for students.

George Zegarac

Attachment

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