

## Case Study Executive Summary

# Scaling Dual Enrollment in Rural Communities

This document outlines barriers to implementing dual enrollment programs in rural communities and solutions three Texas high schools enacted to overcome these barriers. [Click here to read the full case study.](#)



### Overcome Distance to Higher Education Partners



#### Solutions

**Create multiple partnerships.** Work with more than one higher education institution to access programs that meet local labor market needs.

**Employ multiple delivery methods.** Offer college courses at the high school campus, college campus, or online.

**Offer students transportation to local higher education partners.** Create a bus route to transport students between college and high school campuses.



## Support Students in Navigating the College Environment



### Solutions

**Align coursework and schedules.** Ensure programs of study align and offer flexible scheduling options to support coordination of coursework.

**Provide support for online dual enrollment courses.** Create a dual enrollment block where students can complete coursework together, with support from an adult.

**Leverage existing higher education services.** Take advantage of support opportunities including early alert systems, advising systems, and funding opportunities.

## Build Staff Capacity to Implement Dual Enrollment



### Solutions

**Create positions targeted at supporting dual enrollment.** Have dedicated staff positions, like a dual enrollment coordinator.

**Leverage or shift current staff roles to support dual enrollment.** Determine how existing staff knowledge and skills can support dual enrollment.

**Credential high school teachers as dual enrollment instructors.** Provide dual enrollment courses at the high school via a qualified high school instructor.

