

# POLICY

SOMERSET COUNTY  
BOARD OF EDUCATION

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<b>Subject:</b>  Financial Support for Dual Enrollment Students	<b>Date Approved:</b> December 17, 2013  <b>Date Effective:</b> December 17, 2013

## 1. **PURPOSE**

To establish policy to comply with the COMAR College Readiness and College Completion Act of 2013 (CRCCA 2013)

## 2. **PHILOSOPHY**

CRCCA 2013 is designed to improve overall percentage of Maryland citizens who have earned associate or bachelor degrees. To further this goal, Maryland community and 4 year colleges will charge reduced tuition fees to local school systems which will fund or partially fund dual enrollment courses to junior and senior students to promote enrollment and completion of college programs.

## 3. **PROCESS**

- A. SCPS administration will establish eligibility guidelines for juniors and seniors to apply to local colleges and universities as dual enrolled students to promote successful course completion.
- B. Somerset County Public Schools will establish procedures to pay the tuition charges of qualified Free and Reduced Meal Students (FARMS) for up to eight college courses.
- C. Somerset County Public Schools will establish guidelines requiring non-FARMS students to reimburse SCPS up to 90% of reduced tuition expenses for the first four courses and up to 100% of tuition for four additional courses.
- D. SCPS administration will annually review assistance percentages for dual enrollment students as part of the budget process in compliance with COMAR regulations.
- E. SCPS administration will annually review eligibility guidelines for dual enrollment participation to ensure that students are qualified to be successful.