RIO SALADO COLLEGE
GROWING YOUR PROGRAM
Dual Enrollment

Rio Salado College
Education Your Way
Fall 2009 – Spring 2010
Number of Students 6,500
Number of High Schools 58
  - Forty-two public high schools
  - Eleven school districts
  - Nine private schools
  - Seven charter schools
Number of Courses 189
Number of Teachers 391
Semester Hours Awards Last Year 55,385

Our enrollment continues to grow!!
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It’s more than you know

Fall 2009
- Gilbert Public Schools - $76,553
- Mesa Public Schools - $128,846
- Tempe Union School District - $350,533
- Dysart School District - $24,800
- Private Schools - $275,440

Spring 2010
- Higley Unified School District- $20,033
- Paradise School District- $17,500

...Just a small example
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Stipends make a difference

- Professional Development
  - *Teachers are able to further their education and use it towards tuition*

- Textbooks

- Labs
  - *Mountain Pointe High School saved stipend for two years and used it towards a state-of-the-art Computer Lab*
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Develop a culture of Dual Enrollment

- Get Teachers on board
- Get Administrators on board
- Get Students on board
Teachers

Schedule Dual Enrollment Presentation at staff or department mtg.

E-mail other teachers about the benefits

Talk to your administration about benefits
Schedule Dual Enrollment presentation to administration

Hire new teachers qualified to teach dual enrollment

Stipend, how it can be used to increase dual enrollment offerings, use to pay tuition for potential DE teachers

Use portion of stipend to assist needy Dual students with tuition
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Compliment vs. Compete

Student Success

DE

AP

IB
Fall 2008
- 19 sections offered
- 117 students taking 139 classes

Fall 2009
- 117 sections offered
- 243 students taking 462 classes

Fall 2010
- 136 sections offered
- 260 students taking 547 classes

Summer 2009
Hamilton transitions nearly all of DE classes to Rio

School Year 2009/10
Hamilton has 719 students take 1432 AP Exams
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Students & Parents

- Schedule parents night
- Letter home during the summer
  - Examples – Mountain Pointe High School created a bookmark with vital DE information as a marketing tool
- Email to parents
  - Red Mountain High School promotes DE through marketing pieces and placing RSC DE link on the school website!
- Distribute the DE Flyer during open house and first day of school.
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Before Registration

- Send information to school newsletter (RMHS flyer)
- Collect testimonials from former students
- Post DE information on web site (Brophy College Prep)
- Put link to Rio Salado’s DE Program on web site
- Snap grade, list serve to communicate to all parents
- Ask site coordinator to speak to class
- PowerPoint Presentation
Dear Parent:

Registration for the 2010-2011 school year starts this week, and current Spanish II students can now enroll in Highland’s Spanish III Dual Credit, which is also Rio Salado College’s Spanish 101-102. This means that your child can earn eight transferrable college credits next year. If s/he chooses to take Spanish IV Dual Credit the following year, s/he can earn another eight credits, for a maximum of 16 college-credit hours while still in high school! Since most college majors now require a minimum of two semesters of college foreign language, this is a chance for your child to fulfill that requirement now. The credits can then be transferred to any in-state college or university and many out of state ones.

Although the high school honors credit is free, the current cost for college credit is $71/credit hour, plus a $15/semester registration fee. Rates may increase slightly over the summer, but community college rates are still much cheaper than those of the four-year universities, and the four-year in-state schools have approved several drastic tuition hikes in recent years, with the possibility of more to come. There are some need-based scholarships available for this class as well.

Please read the following fact sheet for more details, including what the class covers (focus on conversational skills), payment details, transferability, and more. I visited the Spanish II classes this month to share this information with students directly, so please talk with your child about this. I can be reached at 480-813-0051, x6029, or by email at Donna.Carrier@gilbertschools.net if you have any questions. Thank you for your time!
Why I like having a DE classroom

-I can hang, “This is your first college transcript grade. It will follow you wherever you go!” over students’ heads.
-I can hang the above line over parents’ heads as well!
-Kids need to maintain decent grades. The fact that a C- or higher earns college credit is a big motivator not to let grades slip. (Mom/Dad will kill me if I lose this money!)
-No real discipline issues in these classes. (See above)
-I am a part of kids’ first college experience; they are excited to say they’re in a college class and to be able to use the library resources and other services at Rio, and it adds to their enthusiasm for the class.
-I can add, “Adjunct Faculty” to my email signature.
-We get fed at these events.
-I can get support whenever I need it from the Dual Enrollment team – and I seem to need a lot! (THANK YOU, DE TEAM!)
-I feel that I am valued by Rio and that I am a part of something valuable for students. I graduated college in 3 years at age 20 due to credits earned while in high school, and it helped me get ahead in my life. I believe this does the same for my students.
Credits: Eight (8) college credits total, four per semester. As long as the student passes the class with a C- or better, s/he will receive a transcript from Rio Salado College, part of the Arizona State Community College system. These credits WILL transfer to any state university, including ASU, U of A, and NAU, as well as any of the community colleges. They transfer to some out-of-state schools as well; if the student plans to go out of state, s/he should contact the out-of-state university directly to find out if they will accept these credits, or talk to a guidance counselor.

Cost: Currently $299 per semester, or $598 for the year ($71/credit hour plus $15 per semester registration fee). The first half will be due in August, and the second half in January. Students register in class; instructions will be sent home the first week of school. Scholarship funds are available. HHS provides the texts.
**Compare this cost to the cost of a class at ASU:** Cost for Spring ’10 part-time enrollment of 4 credits, including economic recovery and other fees, is $1,966/semester or $3,932/year ($428/credit hour plus over $250 in fees per semester, instead of $71/credit), and you have to purchase your own textbook and workbook ($120). (Taking 15 credits at ASU, cost per credit is $200, $800/semester or $1600/year plus fees.)

**What the class covers:** The first semester, SPA 101, is mainly a review of concepts learned in Spanish I, and the second semester, SPA 102, is a review of concepts learned in Spanish II with some new vocabulary and a few new grammar concepts in each semester. Focus is on conversational skills; since the “meat” of the course is mainly review, there is time to practice and master all of the grammar learned in previous years, to learn how to really use the language.
Grades: Since this is an Honors class, A’s and B’s are weighted on the Highland transcript. To earn college credit, students must earn a C- or higher each semester.

So why should I take this course? There are several reasons:

You can get a head start on college credits; a semester in college is 15 credits, and this course is over half that. In fact, there is a Spanish IV Dual Credit, which you can take for another eight (8) credits the following year. This would give you an entire semester’s worth of credit! You can graduate college sooner, and you can register ahead of those with no credit and get the classes you need.

The cost of this class through Rio is significantly cheaper than it would be at a four-year university!!!!!!!!!!

Many colleges and many majors require foreign language. Why not get it over with now? Having a second language makes you more marketable when you are job-hunting. There are obvious benefits to being able to communicate in the second most spoken language in the U.S. The main focus of this course is on actually speaking Spanish, not just learning to read and write it!