

Three Rivers School District

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EXPANDED OPTIONS PROGRAM NOTIFICATION

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Annual Expanded Options Program Notification

Date: _____

Student/Parent(s): _____

Address: _____

Parents and Students of Three Rivers School District,

This letter is to advise you about existing opportunities for earning college credit while students are still in high school (dual credit) and to explain a program that will be offered during the 2015-2016 school year called Expanded Options. Existing opportunities at our high schools for earning college credit include the Rogue Community College *College Now*, college credits earned by taking Advanced Placement courses and exams, courses articulated with RCC instructors and coursework, and the Advanced Southern Credit program offered through Southern Oregon University. Participating in College Now courses or classes that are articulated to the Advanced Southern Credit program can result in earning a significant number of college credits while still in high school, which equates to a significant amount of savings in terms of tuition. If you want more information about RCC College Now classes, AP courses, and Advanced Southern Credit, **please contact your high school counseling department.**

To be eligible for the Expanded Options program a student must:

- Be in grade 11 or 12 in 2015-2016 **and** be 16 years of age at the time of enrollment in a course approved under Expanded Options
- Have an educational learning plan developed in conjunction with the high school and approved by a high school administrator. This will be done in August 2015.
- Not have received a high school diploma
- Meet the entrance requirements of the post-secondary institution by taking a placement exam.

The purposes of the Expanded Options program are:

- To provide additional options and opportunities to students to continue or complete their education
- To expand options for students to earn concurrent high school and college credits
- To allow students to gain early entry into post-secondary education
- To promote and support existing accelerated college credit programs
- To support development of new programs unique to a community's secondary and postsecondary relationships and resources

- To allow eligible students to participate in full time or part time post-secondary programs
- To provide public funding to support the program
- Provide college credit opportunities for school age students and students who have dropped out of high school

The Expanded Options program allows eligible students to take courses at eligible post-secondary institutions as long as the course is part of the student's approved educational plan. The approved educational plan is the student's "road map" for graduation and transition into post-secondary endeavors. Students must inform their high school counselor and have appropriate interest forms turned into high school administration by May 15th, 2015. If requests exceed the cap, free/reduced lunch students will be given priority. The district will cover tuition and book costs but will not provide transportation.

Sincerely,

(Superintendent or Designee)