

Early Postsecondary Opportunities

Unpacking the terms

Early Postsecondary Opportunities (EPSOs)

Courses that provide a pathway to postsecondary credit for high school students

Metro Schools EPSO Offerings

AP

Advanced Placement

IB

International Baccalaureate

CIE

Cambridge

DE

Dual Enrollment

DC

Dual Credit

IC

Industry Certification

college-level high school courses and assessments that can earn students college credit based on exam scores

College courses taken by high school students for college credit

College courses taken by high school students for both high school and college credit

Exam measuring skills in a specific industry after completing high school course

Understanding the impact



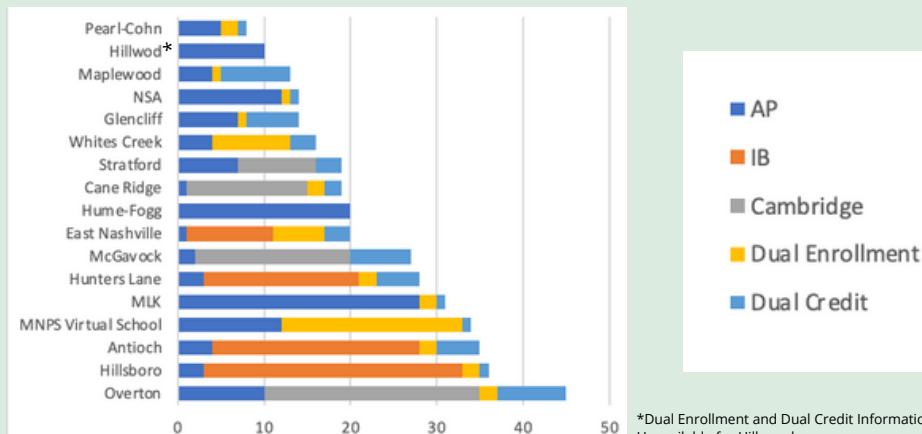
Tennessee holds districts accountable for student success through multiple metrics, one of which is the Ready Graduate indicator. **Students are considered Ready Graduates** by meeting benchmarks on the ACT or SAT or **by completing EPSOs**.

EPSOs are also important because they **decrease the financial burden of higher education** on our students. In some cases, students can earn an associate's degree - free of charge - while still in high school using EPSOs.



What the data tell us

EPSO offerings for college credit vary significantly across MNPS high schools



Promising practices

District Strategies for:

Articulating an EPSO Strategy

Assess patterns of student participation and college-going to determine EPSO offerings by school

Increasing EPSO Participation

Set goals for increasing underrepresented student participation in EPSOs and annually report on outcomes

Increasing EPSO Success

Codevelop with higher education partners faculty/adjunct training for working with high school dual enrollment students