

# **Bowling Green Independent Schools**

**Superintendent Gary Fields**



**4,933 Students**  
Preschool - 12th Grade

5 Elementary Schools  
1 Middle School  
1 High School  
1 Alternative School

**64% Economically  
Disadvantaged**

**20% English Learners**

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# Scholarship Granting Organizations in Kentucky

**BGISD intends to partner with the Kentucky Education Fund and begin accepting donations in January 2027.**

***The first priorities for funding are Dual Credit Tuition and Advanced Placement Exam Fees.***



## BOWLING GREEN HIGH SCHOOL

Dual Credit 2025-2026

51

Dual Credit  
Courses Offered

Students Enrolled  
in Dual Credit

468

2,653

College Credit  
Hours Earned



## BOWLING GREEN HIGH SCHOOL

Advanced Placement 2025-2026

790

AP Exams Taken

Passing Scores

74%

354

Students with  
Scores 3+

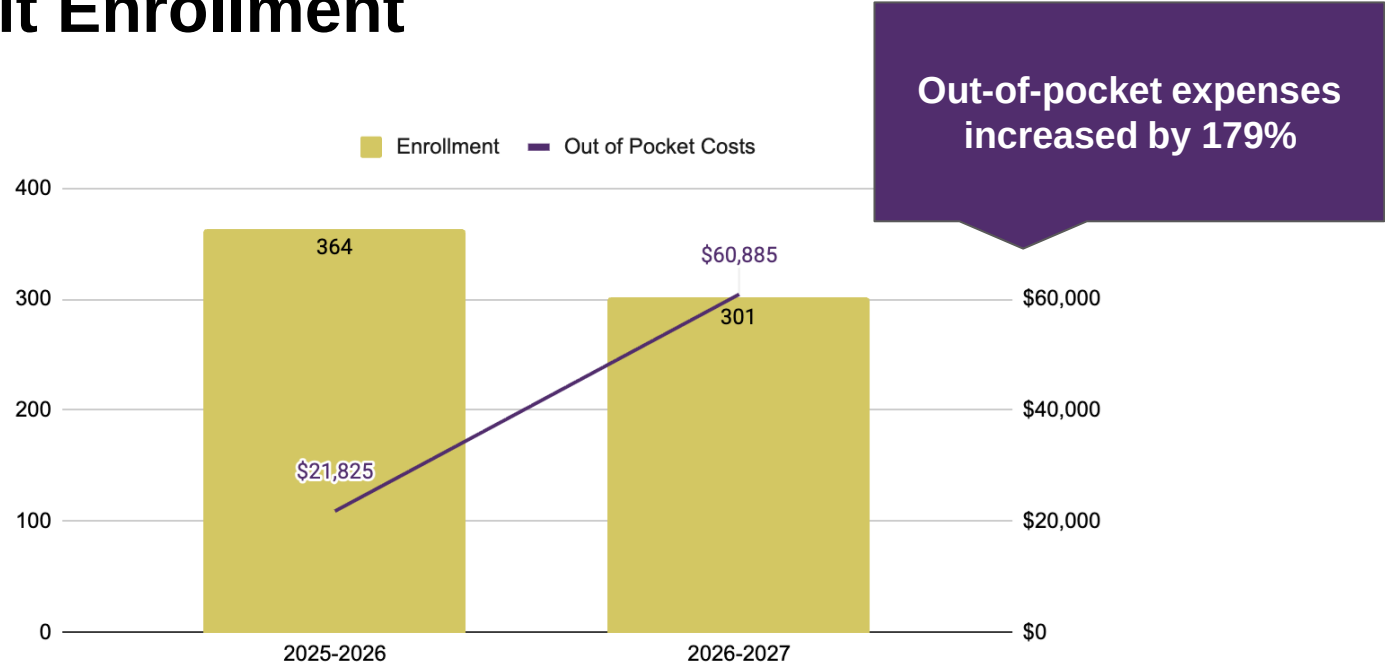


## Due to changes in legislation, starting in 2026–2027 the Dual Credit Scholarship has been reduced and subsidies for standard AP exams eliminated.

- **General Education Dual Credit:** In 2025, the Dual Credit Scholarship covered two courses per year for 11th and 12th grade students, this year, students must pay **\$297** for each additional course taken beyond the first.
- **Work Ready Scholarships:** Funding covers up to **two** Career and Technical Education (CTE) courses per year, though some pathways require more.
- **Advanced Placement (AP) Exams:** In 2025, students paid \$34 per exam, standard-fee students now pay **\$99** per exam, as the state subsidy for students not qualifying for free or reduced-price meals has been eliminated.

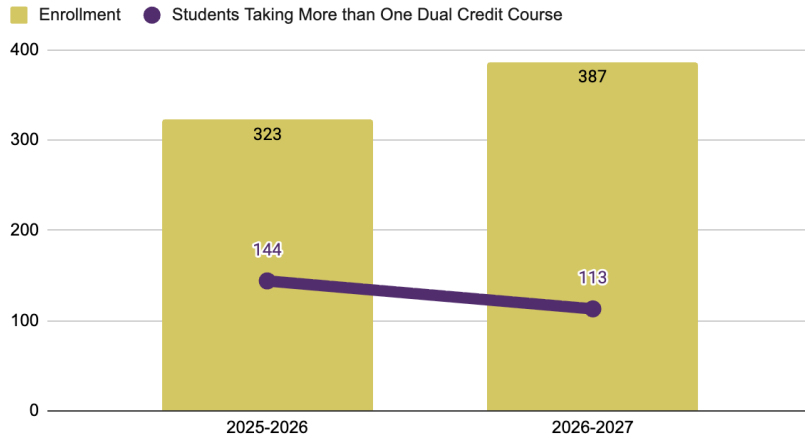


# Dual Credit Enrollment

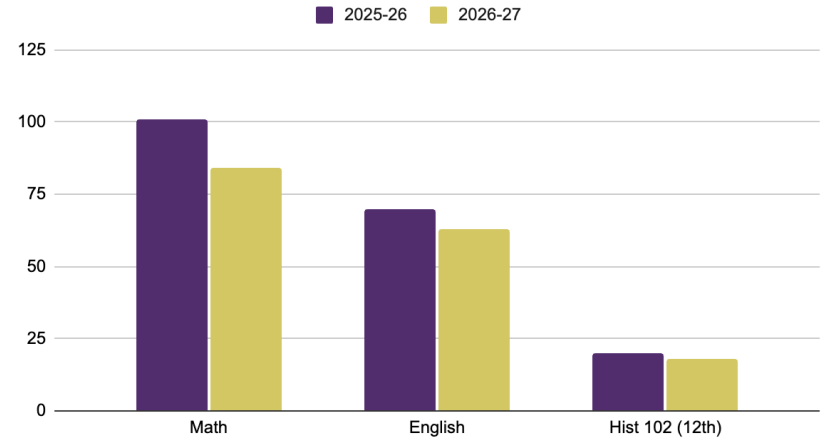


*Changes to the Dual Credit Scholarship created barriers for access to college-level coursework, especially for low and middle-income students.*

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*Although more students are enrolled in General Education Dual Credit courses, the number taking more than one course decreased by 21.5% in 2026-27, most significantly, a decrease in the number of students taking a second math class.*

## COST PER COURSE

High School Dual Credit Student: \$297

High School Graduate: SKYCTC: \$594, WKU: \$1,534.50

# Career and Technical Education at BGHS

**HVAC: 20 hours of college credit, 16 students per year**

- Using 2 Work Ready Scholarships
- Need: \$16,000

**Welding: 3 Courses, 7 Students Per Year**

- Using 2 Work Ready Scholarships
- Need: \$3,465

**Industrial Maintenance: 44 Students (2026-27)**

- Tuition is covered by the Work Ready Scholarship.
- However, students are one credit short from the *Dual Credit to Finish* eligibility at SKYCTC (\$5,000 renewable annually for students with 9 Dual Credit Hours and 3.0 GPA)

**BGHS estimates a need of \$34,000 to return to the 2025-2026 levels of earning Dual Credit.**

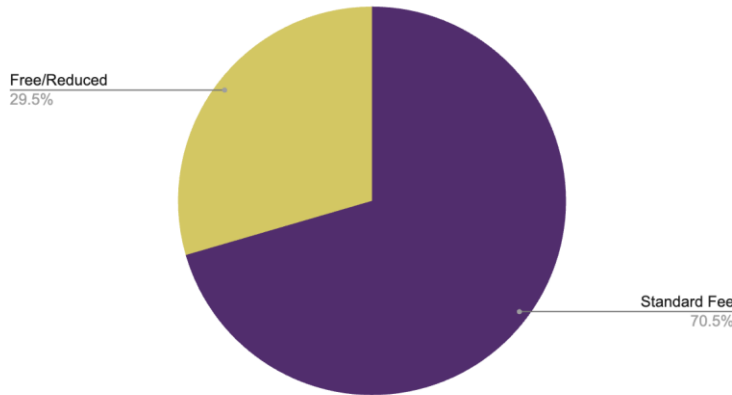


# Advanced Placement 2026-2027

The Kentucky General Assembly eliminated the state funding that previously reduced AP exam costs for Kentucky public school students.

**The full exam fee for 2026-2027 is \$99 per exam.**

AP Enrollment 2026-2027



**BGHS has 844 students taking at least one AP Course this year. Of those, 595 must pay the exam fee.**

More than **\$38,000** increase in out-of-pocket expenses.

# Scholarship Granting Organizations in Kentucky

Partnering with an SGO will help close the gap for Dual Credit tuition and AP Exam fees, but the process does create additional administrative burdens for public schools: student-specific invoices, assisting families with applications, managing payments, etc.

***“Every expense requires documentation.”***

Unlike private schools with thousands in tuition expenses, most fees from public schools are relatively small. Plus, fees like Dual Credit and AP Exam fees do not contribute to public schools operating budgets.

Although waiting for final guidance on allowable expenditures, Kentucky public schools have options with SGOs, however will likely leave funds unspent.