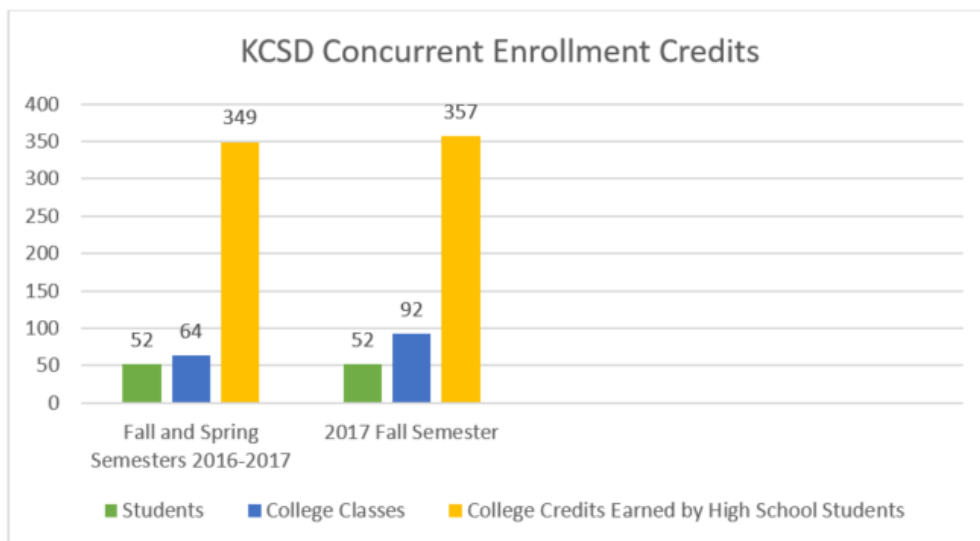


Rural Students in Concurrent Enrollment

School districts are classified as city, suburban, town, or rural, depending on their location. Kane School District is classified as a rural district. According to statistical reports by the U.S. Department of Education Report, rural students outperform their peers in urban districts on the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAPE) and have higher graduation rates than the national average. However, students in rural districts are less likely to attend college right from high school, when compared to urban and suburban school districts. According to the National Student Clearinghouse, 59% of rural students attend college after graduating high school compared to 72% for urban and 74% from suburban areas. In an effort to address the discrepancies between rural and urban districts, universities allow for rural students to enroll in concurrent enrollment classes before urban students. Concurrent enrollment courses allow for the student to take college classes while they are in high school and count the college credit towards their high school diploma. Rural students will be able to have the first opportunity to enroll in concurrent enrollment courses on October 20th for the upcoming spring semester beginning January 3, 2018. We have seen a substantial increase in the number of Kane District high school students who have enrolled in concurrent enrollment courses this fall. A comparison graph showing the increase college credits is as follows:



We have found students who enroll and complete concurrent enrollment courses are more likely to attend college and have a greater chance of graduating from a university. The concurrent enrollment courses are only \$5.00 per college credit. If you would like more information on concurrent enrollment, please contact your student's high school counselor.

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