

## Reedley College

Reedley, California

## Dual Enrollment Snapshot

## Integrating dual enrollment with pathways

Pathways at Reedley College in the Central Valley take various forms. There's a Middle College High School on its campus; a longstanding partnership with the local Regional Occupational Program (ROP); and an agreement with individual area schools outlining well developed pathways that can lead to degrees and transfers. Four aspects of dual enrollment at Reedley stand out:

- 1. **Coordination** Having a single point of contact improves communication on campus and smoothes enrollment, coordination of sections, and training of instructors. And the college district's dual enrollment committee ensures clear communication and a venue to anticipate concerns and design effective programs.
- 2. **Streamlined enrollment** Instead of requiring dual enrollment students to re-apply each term or use a paper form, the norms statewide, Reedley re-enrolls continuing students, communicates clearly, and provides a dedicated staff person.
- 3. Serving underrepresented students Most area students are the first in their families to attend college so dual enrollment provides an important introduction. Reedley includes intensive student supports: Each student meets regularly with counselors at the college and high school; faculty and counselors work together across institutions; and students enrolled in college courses also receive support from high school teachers.
- 4. **Integration with pathway strategy** Reedley involves students as early as eighth grade. Students take college courses each semester, starting as freshmen, and may complete an associate's degree even before they graduate from high school. And pathways are based on local economic needs, including a partnership with the Wonderful Company that offers work-based learning, scholarships, and jobs.



"They're starting to piece things together and see that this transcript means something....
It's real.... Parents and students [say], 'I can do this,' because we are doing this."

— Matt Canaday, Curriculum Support Provider, Sanger High School

## **QUICK TAKEAWAYS: DUAL ENROLLMENT AT REEDLEY**

• High school students enrolled:

2,300 per semester in 2017-2018 More than 10 times 2014-2015 participation

• Ways to participate:

Through pathways, independently, or through ROP or middle college

Notable elements:

Work-based learning, intensive student supports, faculty training