



**To: Directors of Education
Secretary/Treasurers of School Authorities
Executive Director of the Provincial and Demonstration Schools
College Presidents
Colleges Ontario**

From: Laura Elliott, Project Manager, School-College-Work-Initiative

Date: November 22, 2024

Subject: School-College-Work Initiative, 2025-2026 Approvals Process

Please forward this memorandum to the appropriate staff in your organization. Since its inception in 1997, the School-College-Work Initiative (SCWI) has contributed to the goals of increasing the number of students who graduate from secondary school and providing a seamless transition from secondary school to post-secondary education by supporting collaborative activities, forums and dual credit programs. The focus of the initiative continues to be building and sustaining better linkages between the college system and the secondary school system to support expanded and improved transitions by secondary students to post-secondary education. The primary focus of Dual Credit learning opportunities is on those students facing significant challenges in graduating, as well as students in Specialist High Skills Major Programs and the Ontario Youth Apprenticeship Program.

The [SCWI Program Guidelines, 2025-2026](#) document provides details on responsibilities, funding eligibility, and parameters for proposing and implementing activities, forums, and dual credit programs. Should the Ministry wish to communicate additional opportunities and priorities, the *SCWI Program Guidelines, 2025-2026* will be updated, and changes will be communicated to Regional Planning Teams (RPT) chairs and coordinators. These changes would be implemented using the regular SCWI Change Cycles.

Funding for approved activities, forums and dual credit programs for 2025-2026 will be based on carrying forward approvals as outlined in Cycle 3 of the current year (2024-2025) minus the activities and dual credit programs funded through expansion funding announced in the *Fall Economic Statement* on November 14th, 2022. This expansion funding will sunset at the end of the 2024-2025 school year and therefore will not be available in 2025-2026. Cycle 3 approvals will be finalized in December 2024.

The data in Cycle 3 becomes the basis of Cycle 1a for the following year. As is the current practice, RPTs will be able to propose changes to 2025-26 approved activities and dual credit programs several times throughout the year.



Funding and Accountability

As is the current practice, funding is contingent upon successful fulfilment of prior program commitments by RPTs and funds being appropriated by the Ontario Legislature and further allocated to this specific program.

RPTs will continue to be required to meet reporting requirements including SMART goals, and data and financial reports as outlined in [School College Work Initiative \(SCWI\), Reporting, Approval & Monitoring Process for the 2024-2025 School Year](#).

Highlights from 2023-24

There were 23,250 students enrolled in 24,725 Dual Credits across the province.

Student Data:

Retention Rate	89 %
Success Rate	93 %
% in Primary Target Group	86%
% having an Individualized Education Plan	29%
% having previously left school and returned	9%

The 13 English-language and three French-language RPTs received SCWI approval for 194 activities and forums. Over 40,797 students, teachers, college faculty and administrators participated in these opportunities.

The program's provincial websites for RPTs, administrators and educators (www.scwi.ca / www.iject.ca) continue to support the delivery of the Dual Credit program.

Thank you for your continued support of this important initiative.

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Attachment: *SCWI Program Guidelines, 2025-26*

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