

RESEARCH BRIEF

**Contract Dual Enrollment Savings to Parents
by Area Public School System: Spring 2022 through Fall 2023**

This report presents the savings to parents of Northern Virginia Community College (NOVA) contract dual enrollment students who were enrolled in NOVA courses in the Spring 2022 through Fall 2023 semesters. The student data in this report are presented by the region’s public school system. Contract dual enrollment students (i.e., students who take NOVA classes at their high school with a qualified high school teacher) do not pay tuition for their dual enrollment courses.¹ Table 1 presents the number and percentage of NOVA contract dual enrollment students who were enrolled in NOVA courses from Spring 2022 through Fall 2023.

**Table 1. Number and Percentage of NOVA Contract Dual Enrollment Students
by Area Public School System: Spring 2022 through Fall 2023**

Area Public School System	Spring 2022		Fall 2022		Spring 2023		Fall 2023*	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
Alexandria City	269	2.7%	488	3.0%	308	2.6%	486	2.6%
Arlington County	585	6.0%	1,005	6.1%	778	6.5%	1,233	6.6%
Fairfax County	2,701	27.5%	6,109	37.3%	3,326	27.9%	6,783	36.6%
Falls Church City	3	0.0%	17	0.1%	9	0.1%	3	0.0%
Loudoun County	4,188	42.7%	5,086	31.0%	4,688	39.3%	6,002	32.3%
Manassas City	122	1.2%	256	1.6%	178	1.5%	275	1.5%
Manassas Park City	12	0.1%	33	0.2%	30	0.3%	65	0.4%
Prince William County	1,550	15.8%	2,327	14.2%	1,665	14.0%	2,601	14.0%
Other Counties	376	3.8%	1,079	6.6%	936	7.9%	1,106	6.0%
Total	9,806	100.0%	16,400	100.0%	11,918	100.0%	18,554	100.0%

Source: NOVA Office of Strategic Insights, IRIS.

*Fall 2023 numbers are Preliminary Data from SIS on October 2, 2023.

Note: Numbers for Fall 2022 and later include contract dual enrollment and Early Online College students.

¹ Tuition is required when high school students take classes outside their high school—i.e., directly at a NOVA campus (in person or virtual/remote) or through NOVA Online.

Table 2 presents the number and percentage of credits earned by NOVA contract dual enrollment students who were enrolled in NOVA courses between Spring 2022 and Fall 2023.

Table 2. Number and Percentage of Credits Earned by NOVA Contract Dual Enrollment Students by Area Public School System: Spring 2022 through Fall 2023

Area Public School System	Spring 2022		Fall 2022		Spring 2023		Fall 2023*	
	Credits	%	Credits	%	Credits	%	Credits	%
Alexandria City	942	2.7%	2,160	3.3%	1,166	2.8%	1,953	2.6%
Arlington County	2,171	6.3%	4,744	7.2%	2,858	6.9%	5,627	7.6%
Fairfax County	8,504	24.8%	22,183	33.8%	10,467	25.1%	24,850	33.7%
Falls Church City	3	0.0%	119	0.2%	9	0.0%	21	0.0%
Loudoun County	15,047	43.9%	20,856	31.8%	16,609	39.9%	24,445	33.1%
Manassas City	372	1.1%	1,376	2.1%	621	1.5%	1,525	2.1%
Manassas Park City	72	0.2%	201	0.3%	192	0.5%	420	0.6%
Prince William County	5,625	16.4%	9,794	14.9%	6,005	14.4%	10,299	14.0%
Other Counties	1,560	4.5%	4,215	6.4%	3,705	8.9%	4,619	6.3%
Total	34,296	100.0%	65,648	100.0%	41,632	100.0%	73,759	100.0%

Source: NOVA Office of Strategic Insights, IRIS.

*Fall 2023 data are preliminary as of October 2, 2023.

Note: Numbers for Fall 2022 and later include contract dual enrollment and Early Online College students.

Table 3 itemizes the tuition and fees per credit for in-state students at NOVA. Contract dual enrollment students (i.e., students who take NOVA classes at their high school with a qualified high school teacher) do not pay tuition for their dual enrollment courses.

Table 3. Tuition and Fees Per Credit for NOVA Dual Enrollment Students: Spring 2022 through Fall 2023

Tuition and Fees	Spring 2022 Fall 2022 Spring 2023	Fall 2023
Tuition	\$180.40	\$185.01
Capital Fee	\$0.00	\$0.00
Student Activities Fee	\$3.10	\$3.10
Parking Infrastructure Fee	\$2.00	\$2.00
Total Per Credit	\$185.50	\$190.11

Table 4, on the next page, provides the total savings to parents of NOVA contract dual enrollment students who were enrolled in NOVA courses from Spring 2022 through Fall 2023. The savings were calculated by multiplying the number of credits in Table 2 by the total tuition and fees per credit given in Table 3.

**Table 4. Total Savings to Parents of NOVA Contract Dual Enrollment Students
by Area Public School System: Spring 2022 through Fall 2023**

Area Public School System	Spring 2022	Fall 2022	Spring 2023	Fall 2023*
Alexandria City	\$174,741	\$400,680	\$216,293	\$371,285
Arlington County	\$402,721	\$880,012	\$530,159	\$1,069,749
Fairfax County	\$1,577,492	\$4,114,947	\$1,941,629	\$4,724,234
Falls Church City	\$557	\$22,075	\$1,670	\$3,992
Loudoun County	\$2,791,219	\$3,868,788	\$3,080,970	\$4,647,239
Manassas City	\$69,006	\$255,248	\$115,196	\$289,918
Manassas Park City	\$13,356	\$37,286	\$35,616	\$79,846
Prince William County	\$1,043,438	\$1,816,787	\$1,113,928	\$1,957,943
Other Counties	\$289,380	\$781,883	\$687,278	\$878,118
Total	\$6,361,908	\$12,177,704	\$7,722,736	\$14,022,323

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Table 5 provides the average savings per student for NOVA contract dual enrollment students who were enrolled in NOVA courses from Spring 2022 through Fall 2023. These savings were calculated by dividing the number of credits earned in Table 2 by the number of students in Table 1 and multiplying the quotient by the total tuition and fees per credit given in Table 3. Note that the data provided in Table 5 should be interpreted with caution since these amounts do not reflect the actual apportioning of savings per student.

**Table 5. Average Savings to Parents of NOVA Contract Dual Enrollment Students
by Area Public School System: Spring 2022 through Fall 2023**

Area Public School System	Spring 2022	Fall 2022	Spring 2023	Fall 2023 *
Alexandria City	\$650	\$821	\$702	\$764
Arlington County	\$688	\$876	\$681	\$868
Fairfax County	\$584	\$674	\$584	\$696
Falls Church City	\$186	\$1,299	\$186	\$1,331
Loudoun County	\$666	\$761	\$657	\$774
Manassas City	\$566	\$997	\$647	\$1,054
Manassas Park City	\$1,113	\$1,130	\$1,187	\$1,228
Prince William County	\$673	\$781	\$669	\$753
Other Counties	\$770	\$725	\$734	\$794
Average Cost	\$649	\$743	\$648	\$756

Note: Data does not reflect actual apportioning of savings per student and should be interpreted with caution.

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