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More Than 115 High School Students Enroll in SWOSU-Sayre Concurrent Classes



115 juniors and seniors from 17 high schools are enrolled this semester in concurrent classes at Southwestern Oklahoma State University-Sayre.

Concurrent enrollment for high school students is a hit as more than 115 juniors and seniors from 17 high schools are enrolled this semester at Southwestern Oklahoma State University-Sayre.

SWOSU-Sayre Dean Bill Swartwood said that several high school students are taking advantage of tuition-free college classes through SWOSU.

While SWOSU has offered tuition-free concurrent courses to qualified high school seniors for many years, qualified high school juniors can now take tuition-free concurrent courses up to three credit hours per semester. The offer is made possible by funding provided by the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education and SWOSU.

Though some of the high school students come to the Sayre campus to take classes, most of them take the classes at their high schools through an interactive video format. The classes are taught by SWOSU faculty members at Sayre, but they are broadcast to several off-campus high schools using cameras and digital monitors. High school students participate in class and interact with instructors and students at Sayre.

“It’s similar to Skype,” Swartwood said.

The classes are very popular with juniors and seniors who can take the college classes without leaving their high schools.

High schools participating in the concurrent-enrollment program at SWOSU-Sayre include Apache, Arapaho-Butler, Canute, Cheyenne, Cordell, Elk City, Epic Charter, Erick, Hammon, Hinton, Hooker, Hydro-Eakly, Merritt, Reydon, Sayre, Sweetwater and Timberlake. Some homeschooled students are also participating.

Swartwood said that the Sayre campus has an important role in helping SWOSU provide much-needed college graduates.

“More college graduates are needed to provide the educated workforce necessary for Oklahoma’s economic growth,” Swartwood said. “SWOSU-Sayre is a great place for high school students to get their feet wet in college, which will help them acclimate to full-time college life after high school graduation.”

Swartwood said a smooth transition from high school to college contributes to having more college graduates, which is good for the state.

For more information about SWOSU-Sayre classes and programs, call 580-928-5533.

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