

February 8, 2010

Dear Eleventh Grade Parents and Students,

Marion Center has entered into a five year dual enrollment agreement with Indiana University of Pennsylvania. The purpose of this program is to provide qualified Marion Center High School seniors the opportunity to begin their college experience at IUP prior to graduating from high school.

To qualify for the dual enrollment program, students must have an overall grade point average of 3.0, 1350 combined SAT Math Critical Reading and Writing scores, an excellent attendance history and no record of disciplinary problems. In addition, students must earn proficiency on the PSSA. IUP courses must go beyond what is available at Marion Center. They cannot replace courses that MCAHS offers. High school graduation requirements must be met prior to, or concurrent with attendance at IUP. Students will receive an elective credit on their high school transcript, but the grade will not be included in grade point average and class rank calculations. Students will also be receiving college credit from IUP. These credits can be transferred to several other post secondary institutions.

A maximum of 6 credits can be taken each semester at IUP. The cost of a 3 credit course is approximately \$300.00 plus textbooks. A four credit course would cost approximately \$400.00 plus textbooks. This is a 75% credit reduction. A limited number of online courses are also available at this discounted rate. Tuition is the responsibility of the student/parent but there may be a possibility of being grant funded. If we are awarded the dual enrollment grant, students would be reimbursed tuition dollars based on our grant allocation. Please be advised that transportation to and from IUP is the responsibility of the students and parents.

If you are interested in this opportunity, please see me to further discuss enrollment procedures. An application, letter of recommendation and a high school transcript must be completed and forwarded to IUP. Their recommended deadline is May 1st for the fall semester.

Sincerely,

Michele R. Pearce