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NCEIS student, Jenny Newby participates in many special education activities and takes home award in one of her special-education, free hand drawing. - Heather Mathias Photo

Special Education

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 (her second year of participation) and Lynn Graham - first place in the colorist division.
 In another art contest sponsored by Area Eight in Lexington, Jennifer Newby won a first place ribbon for her rendering of her joints and paws.
 In the future, special education students will be taking part in Kentucky's Special Olympics held in Richmond at Eastern State University in June and other activities taking place at NCEIS.

Dual credit program offers college hours

By Heather Mathias
 of the Carlisle Mercury Press
 What can students do who are intellectually ready for college level study but are still in high school?
 According to a state wide press release by State Government News, the answer is a dual credit program offered in some high schools that give college credit for a high school course and give advanced student a boost on their college career.
 Under the guidelines recently developed by Kentucky's public universities and adopted by the Council on Higher Education, qualified high school students can take up to four courses that will fulfill their high school graduation requirements and at the same time give them college-level instruction and academic credit.
 The courses are offered at participating high schools and are taught either by a college teacher or a high school teacher with at least three years teaching experience and at least 18 graduate credit in the subject being taught.
 To qualify for the program students must be a senior in high school, be taking Kentucky Pre-College Curriculum, have a 3.25 GPA in all courses at the 10 grade level or higher, rank at the 75th percentile or above nationally in the subject area of the dual credit course and above the national average on the ACT or SAT college admission tests.
 After all this the student must be recommended by their high school for the course.
 Dual credit courses are generally offered in conjunction with advanced courses such as honors or advanced placement classes.
 Although the program sounds ideal for those students that need a challenging experience, there are some problems.
 Debbie Voss, guidance counselor at Nicholas County High School, explained:
 "Only public or state universities accept this type of program and we have a large amount of students that are interested in Kentucky's top private colleges like Transylvania, Centre and Berea," said Voss.
 "These colleges do not accept the off-campus Freshman English courses, and this can prove to be a real problem for the students," Voss added.
 Nicholas County High School does offer alternate programs for those students and even something in which the public may participate.
 "Although we do not have dual credit at NCHS, we do have a type of advanced placement English class for those students that need a challenge," Voss said.
 "Also, through Mayeville Community College, English 101 and 102 taught by Mrs. Williams and College Algebra classes taught by Peter Chismore are offered at night for high school seniors and some juniors with special approval, and are also offered to the public."
 "However, these do not give dual credit, only college credit," Voss concluded.
 "If anyone does have any questions about the new program, they may contact Norman L. Holder, Counselor on Higher Education, (502) 564-3555."

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