

FLORIDA'S DUAL ENROLLMENT PROGRAM

What is dual enrollment?

Dual enrollment is a program that allows high school students to simultaneously earn college or vocational credit toward a postsecondary diploma, certificate, or degree at a Florida public institution that will also count as credit toward a high school diploma.

Who is eligible for dual enrollment courses?

Students must meet the following eligibility criteria:

- Be a student in a Florida public or nonpublic secondary school, or in a home education program.
- For Florida public or nonpublic school students, have a 3.0 unweighted grade point average to enroll in college credit courses, or a 2.0 unweighed grade point average to enroll in vocational certificate courses.
- Pass the appropriate section of the college placement test.
- Meet any additional admissions criteria set by the postsecondary institution.

Who pays the college tuition for dual enrollment courses?

Students who attend a Florida public college or university are exempt from registration, matriculation, or laboratory fees for courses taken through dual enrollment.

What about textbooks?

Public school students will have instructional materials provided free of charge. However, students enrolled in home education programs or nonpublic secondary schools must provide their own materials.

Are all college courses available through dual enrollment?

Most college courses are available for dual enrollment. However, there are some restrictions on choice of courses:

- Courses must count toward high school graduation.
- Not all college courses are available at all high school or college locations.
- Remedial, physical education skills, and some recreation courses are not available for dual enrollment.

When and where may dual enrollment courses be taken?

These courses may be taken before, during or after school or during the summer. They may be offered at the high school or college.

How many high school credits are awarded for dual enrollment courses?

Current practice is that six semester credit hours earned through dual enrollment will equal one high school credit. However, this may change for some college courses. Students should check with their guidance counselor for information regarding how dual enrollment courses apply to high school graduation requirements.

How are dual enrollment courses weighted?

School districts are required to weight college-level dual enrollment courses the same as honors and advanced placement courses when grade point averages are calculated.

State universities are not required to weight dual enrollment credit in calculating grade point averages for admission.

Will dual enrollment courses transfer to other colleges and universities?

Dual enrollment college credit will transfer to any public college or university offering that course with the same prefix and number and must be treated as though taken at the receiving institution.

However, upon high school graduation if students do not attend the same college or university where they earned the dual enrollment credit the application of transfer credit to general education, prerequisite, and degree programs may vary at the receiving institution.

Is dual enrollment right for everyone?

The dual enrollment program is an opportunity to take challenging courses and accelerate education opportunities. Students who successfully complete dual enrollment courses will save time toward their college degree and save money with free tuition and textbooks.

Dual enrollment courses are college courses. Students should understand that the amount of work necessary to succeed in dual enrollment courses may be much greater than in high school courses.

In addition, dual enrollment courses become a part of a student's permanent college transcript. It is important to do well in these courses to realize all the benefits of dual enrollment.

More information is available from:

Students should check with their high school guidance counselor or school district office prior to enrolling in dual enrollment courses.

The Florida Academic Counseling and Tracking for Students web site (www.facts.org) provides a wide variety of postsecondary academic and student services. Students can find information about postsecondary institutions, degree programs, fees, and financial aid.