

What does dual credit mean?

Dual credit is a process through which a student earns high school credit by successfully completing a college course. For this reason, the TEKS and student learning outcomes of the high school and college courses, respectively, should be consistent.

What are the admissions requirements for dual credit classes?

Most academic classes require students to meet a minimum reading, writing, and/or mathematics score standard to enroll in the course. Several exams can be used to establish eligibility, including select STAAR End of Course exam scores as well as TSI (Texas Success Initiative), PSAT, SAT, and ACT scores. Most workforce, or Career and Technical Education (CTE), classes completed for dual credit are associated with a Level I Certificate that does not require students to meet a specific reading, writing, and/or mathematics score standard.

Will dual credit classes transfer to another college or university?

Most in-state public institutions will accept dual credit courses associated with the 42-semester credit hour Common Core. All other academic and workforce (i.e., CTE) courses are accepted on a case-by-case basis. Students should always have their college transcript reflecting dual credit coursework assessed by the receiving college/university.

Will a dual credit grade or withdrawal impact a student's ability to obtain financial aid?

Dual credit classes are counted toward Financial Aid Standards of Academic Progress. Therefore, these grades and/or withdrawals impact future financial aid. For more specific information, students should contact their campus and/or university personnel for complete details.

What does it cost to enroll in a dual credit course?

Dual credit courses are offered at no cost if the student has a high school administrator and parent/guardian approval to complete the course. If that approval is not provided, the student will be responsible for paying the course tuition and other expenses.

What is the process to drop or withdraw from a dual credit class?

Students should notify their counselor (and dual credit leader) of their desire to drop a class prior to the college's Census Date (typically 10 days following the start of the class). After this timeframe, a student is limited to taking a withdrawal (i.e., "W") for a course they do not wish to continue. This option is eliminated once the student has completed 60% of the seat time for the class. After this point, the student is limited to receiving a final letter grade in the course.

What is the minimum grade needed for credit to transfer to a public four-year university?

An institution of higher education may deny the transfer of credit in courses with a grade of "D" as applicable to the student's field of study or core curriculum courses.

How do dual credit courses impact rank?

Dual credit courses will be given the same weighting as other HISD postsecondary courses (i.e., AP, IB, and UT OnRamps), thus allowing students to achieve a higher class rank.

Who is the contact for dual credit questions or concerns?

All questions can be directed to the campus administrator designated as the dual credit leader. Additional support can be provided by the Dual Credit Specialist at the district office.