

Dual Enrollment

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Note: There is currently a bill (HB444) in process that could impact Dual Enrollment. This might impact the grade students can start the program (11th & 12th only) as well as maximum number of credit hours that a student can take for free.

What is Dual Enrollment?

- Program paid for by the state of Georgia. High school students can take college courses for free.
- Credit counts for high school credit as well as college credit.

How much does it cost?

- The student's tuition is paid for by the state. The courses are free to the student.
- Books are rented to the student for free; however there is a lost book fee for any unreturned books.
- Some courses may have a lab or material fee.

What are the benefits of dual enrollment?

- Introduces students to college-level coursework.
- Helps students adjust to certain aspects of the college experience (e.g., classes, coursework, and instruction, being on a college campus).
- Students may be able to take classes that are not offered at their high school, especially in subject areas they are interested in for a potential career.
- Participating in a dual enrollment program demonstrates a student's ability to handle more difficult coursework which is something college admissions officers may look upon favorably during admissions and recruiting.

At what grade level can I start?

- This varies per college. Some colleges allow students to start in the 9th grade; however others require students to be in the 11th grade.
- The majority of our students start in the 11th grade due to maturity and readiness. Additionally there are certain 9th and 10th grade core courses that must be completed at the high school.

What College Can I Attend?

- Any public college in Georgia, or private college that is approved.
- Visit [GA Futures](#) for a list of all participating colleges.
- To see admissions requirements per college, visit the [GA DOE dual enrollment site](#).

What classes can I take at the college?

- Core classes and electives are available to students.
- Complete course list per college: google “[GSFC Approved Course List](#)” or access list via www.gafutures.org.

Does the college class go on my high school transcript?

- Yes, all approved courses taken at the college are included on the student's transcript and calculated into the student's cumulative GPA.
- Course grades are weighted on a 5.0 scale for the student's cumulative High School GPA.
- For HOPE GPA, only core (academic classes) are calculated. The course weight is only .5, up to 4.0.

How many classes can I take per semester?

- 15 credits per fall and spring semester
- 9 credits in the summer semester

Can I take all of my classes at the college?

- Yes, students can take all of their classes at the college, or some at the high school and some at the college.
- Students must have at least four classes per semester.
- If a student has classes at the high school, they are still eligible to take up to 15 credits at the college.

Do I have to take a test at the end of the course to receive college credit?

- Students will take the tests required for the course; however there is not an additional test students must take to receive the college credit.
- A passing grade in the college course = college credit.
 - Note: a D is considered passing for High School credit; however will not transfer as college credit.

Do all credits transfer to my future college?

- The Technical College System of Georgia (TCSG) & University System of Georgia (USG) have 28 core courses that will transfer to all TCSG & USG colleges.
- Out of state colleges and private colleges will make their own decision. Information can be found on the college's admissions page.
- For Georgia public colleges classes outside of the 28 approved core courses may be counted as electives, cores, or not at all. This is up to the discretion of the college.

What if I want to drop the course?

- Any withdrawals must be approved by the student's high school counselor.
- If a student drops a course, they must be placed in an alternate course at the high school. Depending on the timing, the student might not receive credit due to lack of seat time.
- The student will receive a "W" or "WF" on their transcript depending on timing and their grade at the time of their withdrawal.

Do I have to take an admissions test?

- For the University System of Georgia colleges (USG) students will need to take either the ACT or SAT.
- For 2 year colleges, students can take the ACT, SAT, or the Accuplacer
- For technical colleges (TCSG) students will take the Accuplacer or qualify by EOC scores, HOPE GPA, or PSAT scores.

When can students take the test?

- ACT test dates: www.act.org
- SAT test dates: www.collegeboard.org
- Students can take the Accuplacer at GPTC or GSU Perimeter during testing hours. Students will report to the testing center.

Is transportation provided?

- No, students must provide their own transportation to and from their college classes.

What are the steps to apply?

Students should visit the dual enrollment admissions page of their college of interest. On the counseling website the application procedure for Georgia State and Georgia Piedmont are listed on the dual enrollment tab.

Applications include:

1. Paper or Online Application
2. Transcripts (mailed or sent through www.gafutures.org)
3. Test Scores or alternate placement scores
4. [GSFC Online Funding Application](#) (completed each semester courses are taken)
5. Student Participation Agreement (completed each semester courses are taken)
 - *note: this will be a digital form starting summer 2020.*

What happens after I am accepted?

- Students will meet with their counselor to complete the Student Participation Agreement (SPA). This agreement must first be signed by the student and parent.
- While meeting with the counselor and completing the Student Participation Agreement classes will be determined.
- Once accepted many colleges have a required orientation and/or college advisor appointment. This information will be provided by the college.

When is the deadline to apply?

- Colleges set their own deadlines; however, Dekalb County Schools has deadlines in place. Students must apply, gain acceptance, and meet with their counselor to complete the Student Participation Agreement prior to the deadline.

Dekalb County Deadlines:

- Summer/Fall Courses: April 15th
- Spring Courses: October 15th

Do I have to re-apply each semester?

- No, once admitted to the college as a dual enrollment student students can continue taking courses at the college throughout high school without re-submitting the application, high school transcript, or test scores.
- Students must complete a new Student Participation Agreement (SPA) and the [GSFC Online Funding Application](#) each semester courses are taken.

Can I take classes through dual enrollment for longer than 4 years?

- No, the state will only pay for four years of dual enrollment tuition based on the student's 9th grade entry date.
- The last semester the state will pay for tuition is the spring semester of the student's fourth year of high school.

Where can I find additional information?

- GA DOE Site – [Dual Enrollment Page](#)
- GA Futures - [Dual Enrollment page](#)
- Counseling Website- Dual Enrollment Tab (main page)
<https://dhhs counseling.wixsite.com/mysite>