

# Dual Credit

Save money later by earning college credit now!

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# What is dual credit?

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- Dual credit is a process through which a student earns high school credit by successfully completing a college course.
- The final letter grade in the high school and college courses should be consistent.
- Students can take academic or workforce classes.

# HISD's dual credit program

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- Offered at 35 different high schools.
- More than 160 college courses have been completed for dual credit across HISD.
- 81% success rate (i.e., A, B, or C letter grade) for dual credit classes this past school year.

# Who can take dual credit?

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- Dual credit is open to 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade students who meet the eligibility requirement(s) for the college course.
- Students must receive approval from their high school administrative team and parent/guardian.

# What are the costs?

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- Nothing! Textbooks and tuition are covered by HISD and HCC.
  - Students will need to address the abovementioned expenses if they take a college course without approval from their high school and/or complete the class on their own time (textbooks only).

# What are the benefits?

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- Exposure to college-level coursework while still in high school.
- Opportunity to improve high school GPA.
- Obtain college credit that can lead to the completion of a postsecondary degree or certificate.
- Did we mention that it's FREE?!?

# How do I get started?

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- Meet with the dual credit leader at your campus to discuss course options.
- Complete the ApplyTexas application to obtain an HCC ID#.
- Take the TSIA exam if you do not already meet the college readiness score standard for the classes you are looking to complete.
- Submit all dual credit paperwork by June 15<sup>th</sup> for fall classes (Nov. 15<sup>th</sup> for spring term).

# How do I qualify?

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- Students must meet college readiness score standards to take academic classes.
- Testing options:
  - PSAT/NMSQT exam
  - English II STAAR exam, Algebra I STAAR exam & passing score in Algebra II
  - TSI Assessment (TSIA) exam
  - SAT/ACT exam
- Students do not need to meet a score requirement to complete most workforce courses.



# Keys to success in dual credit

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- Read, read, read your course syllabus.
- Understand how to use all facets of HCC's online student system, including Canvas.
- Utilize the HCC resources available to you (virtual library, online tutoring, etc.).
- Communicate with your HCC professors.
- Remember your HCC usernames and passwords!

# Final thoughts

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- Students don't have to pick between dual credit, advanced placement, or IB classes.
- Certain 4-year colleges may only take a "A" or "B" letter grade, so don't overload yourself with too many classes.
- Withdrawing from a dual credit class avoids a failing/poor grade, but it may have future financial aid implications.
- Have fun being a college student!

# Where can I get more info?

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- HISD's Dual Credit Web Site

[www.houstonisd.org/dualcredit](http://www.houstonisd.org/dualcredit)

- Families can search dual credit course offerings and point(s) of contact by campus.
- Guidance on transferability of credits.
- Support completing ApplyTexas application.
- HISD dual credit handbook, FAQs
- Dual credit teaching requirements

# Thank you

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