

# Basics of Dual Enrollment: IT'S YOUR RESPONSIBILITY!

## 1. What is dual enrollment?

Dual enrollment is an acceleration program that allows students in grades 6-12, including home education and private school students and students with disabilities, to take postsecondary coursework and simultaneously earn credit toward a high school diploma, a career certificate, an industry certification or an associate or baccalaureate degree at a Florida public or eligible private postsecondary institution.

## 2. What is early admission?

Early admission is a form of dual enrollment permitting high school students to enroll in college or career courses on a full-time basis. As with all dual enrollment programs, students earn both high school and college/career credits for courses completed. Career early admissions is a form of career dual enrollment through which eligible secondary students enroll full-time in a career center or a Florida College System institution in postsecondary programs leading to industry certification, as listed in the CAPE Postsecondary Industry Certification Funding List. Participation in the career early admission program shall be limited to students who have completed a minimum of four (4) semesters of full-time secondary enrollment.

**3. How many credits must a student take in the early admission dual enrollment program?** Early admission students must enroll in minimum of 12 college credit hours per semester, but cannot be required to enroll in more than 15 college credit hours per semester.

## 4. What is career dual enrollment?

Career dual enrollment is an option for secondary students to earn industry certifications, which count as credits toward a high school diploma. Career dual enrollment is available for secondary students seeking a certificate or degree and industry certification through a career education program or course.

## 5. Who is eligible to take dual enrollment courses?

*Students must meet the following eligibility criteria:*

- Be enrolled as a student in a Florida public or nonpublic secondary school (grades 6-12), or in a home education program;
- Have a 3.0 unweighted high school grade point average (GPA) to enroll in college credits, or a 2.0 unweighted high school GPA to enroll in career dual enrollment courses;
- For college credits, achieve a minimum score on a common placement test
- Meet any additional eligibility criteria specified by the postsecondary institution in the Dual Enrollment Articulation Agreement; and
- Not be scheduled to graduate from high school prior to the completion of the dual enrollment course.

All students in grades 6-12 who meet these eligibility requirements and/or additional eligibility requirements as determined in the articulation agreement is allowed to participate in dual enrollment. Any additional eligibility requirements or limits on dual enrollment participation based on grade levels must be only to ensure college readiness and not to arbitrarily prohibit students who have demonstrated the ability to master advanced courses from participation. **Students must maintain at least a 3.0 unweighted high school GPA and the minimum required postsecondary GPA specified in the Dual Agreement Articulation**

## **Agreement for continued eligibility to participate in college credit dual enrollment courses.**

### **6. Are prospective college credit dual enrollment students required to take a common placement test such as the Postsecondary Education Readiness Test (PERT)?**

Yes. Students must still demonstrate readiness for college credit postsecondary instruction in Mathematics or English, by meeting or exceeding the college ready score(s). Public high school students shall have opportunities to test at the high school as described in the Dual Enrollment Articulate Agreement.

### **7. What if a student does not have the required GPA?**

Participation in dual enrollment by students without the required GPA is at the discretion of the postsecondary institution and the school district. Exceptions may be granted on an individual student basis if both educational entities agree and the criteria for exceptions are included in the Dual Enrollment Articulation Agreement.

### **8. What courses are available for students to take through dual enrollment?**

There are hundreds of rigorous courses available to students through dual enrollment. The Dual Enrollment Course-High School Subject Area Equivalency List is updated annually and approved by the Articulation Coordinating Committee (ACC) and the State Board of Education as a tool that identifies dual enrollment courses guaranteed to satisfy specific high school graduation subject area requirements.

*The current lists are available online by accessing the following links.*

- Academic List: <http://www.fldoe.org/core/fileparse.php/5421/urlt/AcademicList1920.pdf>
- Career/Technical List: <http://www.fldoe.org/core/fileparse.php/5421/urlt/CareerTechList1920.pdf>

For career dual enrollment in certificate programs, students are awarded the equivalent high school credit upon completion of the entire dual enrollment course. Students should be encouraged to complete postsecondary General Education Core requirements prior to participating in elective postsecondary courses. General Education Core requirements may be found at:

<http://www.fldoe.org/policy/articulation/general-edu-core-course-options.stml>. Additional dual enrollment courses that are not included on the Dual Enrollment Course-High Schools Subject Area Equivalency List may be taken. Any dual enrollment course not on the equivalency list must count, at a minimum, as an elective toward high school graduation. However, districts are not prohibited from granting subject area credit for those courses not included on the list, if appropriate. There is no explicit limitation in statute regarding the number of high school elective credits a student may earn through dual enrollment.

### **9. May a student take online dual enrollment courses?**

Yes, a student may take online dual enrollment courses if allowed by the postsecondary institution. There is no distinction in law made between dual enrollment courses taught in a face-to-face format versus those offered online.

### **You Need to Know Dates & Deadlines!**

If dual enrollment is an opportunity you want, you need to stay on top of the requirements and stay in communication with your guidance counselor, college & career counselor, and dual enrollment advisor.

### **Getting Accepted!**

This is a big deal. However, this means that all the college courses choose to take will be counted as high school credit and college credit. If you don't do well, it will affect your GPA and admission status for other colleges & universities you choose to apply to in senior year.

## **COMMUNICATION IS IMPORTANT AND YOUR RESPONSIBILITY**

### **Communication is up to YOU.**

It is highly recommended that you actively communicate with your DE Advisor at Valencia or OTech, Guidance Counselor at OCHS, and College and Career Specialist—as well as your Valencia professors. Save their contact information and below are a few more communication resources.

Before emailing with questions, please review the dual enrollment details and opportunities on our school website and this newsletter for dual enrollment requirements and procedures.