

# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

## What is Dual Enrollment?

- Dual Enrollment offers high school students the opportunity to enroll in college-level classes to earn college credit while still in high school for FREE!
- Dual Enrollment students are considered Special Admit students and must submit a completed Dual Enrollment Special Admit application with signatures from the student, parent, and high school principal or counselor every semester a student would like to take a course.
- Students must be approved to take a course by their high school counselor or principal to participate in Dual Enrollment classes. Final approval is given by a Cypress College Dual Enrollment College Counselor.
- The application process includes filling out the Dual Enrollment Interest Form, an online application to Cypress College, and submitting a Dual Enrollment Special Admit application. Lists of courses and information on how to apply can be found on your high school website on the Dual Enrollment page.
- Finally, to secure a class seat, students who completed the application process will need register online for the class through their Cypress College student portal (MyGateway).

## Benefits of Dual Enrollment?

- Cypress College waives tuition, health fees, student fees, and provides textbooks for free.
- Dual Enrollment offers courses that are transferrable community college, CSUs, UCs or used to begin career pathways to gain industry-recognized certificates.
- Textbooks are provided and distributed by the high school district to students.
- Dual Enrollment students receive priority registration for classes held at Cypress College.
- Dual Enrollment college transition leaders and adjunct counselors offer students support throughout the application and registration process via class presentations, orientations, registration workshops, email, and text messaging applications.



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### Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA)

- Communication with faculty must comply with federal privacy laws (FERPA, Family and Educational Rights and Privacy Act) and therefore can proceed only through the student; in other words, faculty are required by law to NOT communicate with Dual Enrollment students' parents, teachers, or coaches about individual students. Keep in mind, parents can communicate with high school counselors, who are then in turn able to communicate with College counselors, and this can give families an additional communication option that non-Dual Enrollment students do not have.

### Academic Expectations

- **Importance of Final Grade:** Permanent grade will go on your Cypress College Transcript.
- **First Day Attendance is important:** Students must attend the first day of class. If absent a student is subject to being dropped from the class by the professor.
- **Attendance is Different:** High School verified absences do not change assignment requirements. Students must inform their professors of any conflicts they have with the class schedule.
- **Canvas:** Students must log into Canvas (college online learning platform) to access their course(s) and submit assignments. Some courses may utilize Canvas more than others.
- **Remote Classes:** Classes may be offered remotely, which means class meetings will be held virtually. Students are expected to attend all virtual class meetings and be available during the advertised timeframe for the course.

