Dual Enrollment Defined

What is Dual Enrollment:

The purpose of the Dual Enrollment program is to promote and increase access to postsecondary educational opportunities for Georgia high school students while increasing high school graduation rates, preparing a skilled workforce, and decreasing time and cost to postsecondary credential completion.

Georgia's Dual Enrollment Program provides funding for students who are dually enrolled in a participating public high school and post-secondary institution in Georgia.

Students take postsecondary coursework for credit towards both high school graduation requirements and postsecondary certificates, diploma or associate degree requirements.

Georgia has created a singular program known as Dual Enrollment for eligible students in grades 10-12. Students may enroll on a part-time or full-time basis as a Dual Enrollment student and take college courses at their high school or a postsecondary campus. Students will receive high school and college credit simultaneously when attending and passing eligible dual enrollment college classes.



Benefits of Dual Enrollment:

- Dual Enrollment helps prepare students for the transition to college after they graduate
- Dual Enrollment can provide students with a more flexible schedule
- Dual Enrollment can provide a more rigorous classroom environment for students
- Dual Enrollment can save students money as funding pays for the first 30 semester hours) of college credit.

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How many hours of college credit will the Georgia Dual Enrollment program fund?

House Bill 444 allows funding for 30 semester hours or 45 quarter hours of attempted college credit

Who is eligible to participate in the Dual Enrollment funding Program?

9th Graders: 9th graders are not eligible to participate in the Dual Enrollment funding Program.

10th Graders: Eligible students may enroll in **any approved Career, Technical and Agricultural Education (CTAE) courses l**isted on the Course Directory at a participating TCSG institution.

10th Graders with a minimum SAT score of 1200 or minimum ACT composite score of 26 in a single national test administration, may enroll in **any approved courses** listed on the Course Directory at a TCSG, USG or private eligible participating postsecondary institution.

11th & 12th Graders: Eligible students may take any approved Dual Enrollment courses listed on the Course Directory, at an eligible participating postsecondary institution (USG, TCSG or private).

What Courses are available for Dual Enrollment funding?

Core and CTAE courses are eligible for Dual Enrollment funding. Fine Arts and Physical Education courses are not eligible for DE Funding

Dual Enrollment Programs: Option A & Option B

Under the HB 444 law signed in May 2020, all dual enrollment students are subject to a 30-hour funding cap for eligible dual enrollment courses.

In 2019, the Dual Enrollment program was delineated into two sub-programs, Option A and Option B.

Option A

Option A is the largest of the Dual Enrollment programs. Option A students will complete the state required 23 credits to graduate as well as the required End of Course Assessments. Some graduation requirements will be completed through dual enrollment courses. These courses may be taken on the college campus, high school campus or online.

Option B

Option B, previously known as Senate Bill 2 or O.C.G.A. 20-2-149.2, provides qualified students an alternate path to high school graduation. The Option B path to a high school diploma is designed for those students who have already chosen a career path in which they will be ready to begin work upon earning either 1) two Technical Certificates in one of several eligible career pathways, 2) a technical diploma or 3) an associate degree while simultaneously completing the 9 required high school courses to earn a high school diploma.

These students will graduate with the necessary credential to move on to their chosen path in the world of work.

ALL Dual Enrollment students are subject to the 30-hour funding cap and Option B students may not be able to complete their technical certificates, diploma or associate degree programs using only state Dual Enrollment funding. Eligible students may be able to use HOPE grant or Career grant funds to help with completion of the technical certificates or diploma. Please speak with your post-secondary dual enrollment advisor.



Points to Consider:

- Eligible students must apply and be accepted to a participating eligible postsecondary institution (USG, TCSG or private institutions) to participate
- Eligible students are subject to the 30-hour funding cap
- Eligible students and parents must sign a participation agreement
- Eligible students must complete a dual enrollment funding application each year through www.GAFutures.org
- Eligible students may participate in high school competitive and other extracurricular events
- Dual enrollment courses do not count against any maximum hourly caps for the HOPE scholarships or grants
- Dual enrollment funding is available for up to 15 hours per semester
- Tuition, mandatory fees and books will be funded up to 30 hours of courses – there may be outside costs for course specific items
- Dropping a course or not following program rules and regulations may result in students losing credit, receiving a failing grade and/or being removed from Dual Enrollment; thus, affecting their high school graduation requirements and GPA
- Withdrawal from two (2) courses will make a student Ineligible to continue receiving dual enrollment funding
- Students may not receive funding for a repeated course
- Students must make annual progress towards graduation to continue participation the Dual Enrollment program

Helpful links and resources:

Dual Enrollment Information, Funding application and FAQs:
GAfutures.org

GaDOE Dual Enrollment Webpage:
Dual Enrollment GaDOE webpage

House Bill 444:
http://www.legis.ga.gov/Legislation/20192020/192065.pdf

USG (University System of Georgia) Colleges:
https://www.usg.edu/student_affairs/prospective_students/opportunities

TCSG (Technical College System of Georgia) Colleges:
https://www.tcsg.edu/

GA Independent Colleges:
https://georgiacolleges.org/page/dualenrollment2



Next Steps:

1. *Attend a dual enrollment information meeting at your high school or local college.*
2. *Explore the Dual Enrollment college website and apply to the college as a dual enrollment student*
3. Complete the Dual Enrollment Funding application in GAFutures
4. *Meet with your high school dual enrollment advisor to discuss plans for coursework and graduation.*
5. *Meet with your college dual enrollment advisor to discuss plans for coursework, class registration and any financial implications.*