

Houston County Board of Education

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General

Students in grades seven through twelve (7-12) may enroll in available advanced courses including, but not limited to, advanced English language arts, mathematics, or science courses.¹

To enroll in Honors, Dual Credit, or Dual Enrollment courses offered in Houston County Schools, students shall meet the following standards:

- a. B- average (2.75 GPA) in the previous/prerequisite class (if applicable)
- b. Overall GPA of 2.75
- c. Tennessee Comprehensive Test Program (TCAP) performance of “On Track or Mastered”
- d. No more than five (5) unexcused absences in the previous semester

To enroll in a Dual Enrollment course with an Industry Certification offered in Houston County Schools, students shall meet the following standards:

- a. Completion of prerequisite courses
- b. Overall GPA of 2.0
- c. No more than five (5) unexcused absences in the previous semester

The principal of each school shall have the authority to require additional criteria for the enrollment in advanced courses to fit the needs of the students within the school.

NOTIFICATION¹

Parent(s)/guardian(s) shall be provided written notification of a student’s eligibility to enroll in advanced courses. The notification shall state that a student will remain enrolled in the course unless the parent/guardian timely submits a written request for removal. The Director of Schools shall determine the deadline to submit the request for removal.

Students may also be removed from an advanced course if the student’s teacher determines that the student should be removed based on performance after thirty (30) days of instruction and the principal approves the request to remove the student.

COLLEGE LEVEL COURSES²

Students may earn credit by enrolling in a postsecondary institution and taking college level courses. Students who take and pass dual enrollment courses at a postsecondary institution shall have their postsecondary credits accepted for high school credit as a substitution for an aligned graduation requirement course.

These courses may be offered at the high school, postsecondary institution, or online. If not offered on the high school campus, the Board shall not be responsible for transportation. Any tuition or fees due to enrollment in college level courses are the responsibility of the parent(s)/guardian(s).

Grades earned in such college level courses shall be used to determine class rank, grade point average, and class valedictorian or salutatorian.

Legal References

1. Public Acts of 2021, Chapter No. 170; State Board of Education Policy 3.301
2. TRR/MS 0520-01-03-.03(8)