

Dual Enrollment FAQs

What is dual enrollment?

Dual enrollment is a program that allows high school students to take college level coursework and earn both college and high school credit. After the successful completion of a dual enrollment course, the student receives two transcripts-one from the high school and one from the college.

What are the benefits to dual enrollment?

Dual enrollment gives students a jump start on his/her college education, saving time and money. Participating in a dual enrollment course enhances students' ability and skills to do college-level work and gives them confidence for college success.

Are all dual enrollment courses the same?

Only college courses that lead to bachelor degrees (BA/BS), associate degrees (AA/AS/AAS), or certification programs that lead to an industry credential, can have the dual credit weighting. College orientation and remediation courses do not carry dual credit weighting, even if they are taken at the college.

What is dual credit?

Dual credit refers to dual enrollment courses that receive one quality point above regular college prep (CP) weighted courses.

The terms dual enrollment and dual credit are both used. What is the difference?

Lexington Richland County School District will only allow its students to take dual enrollment courses that lead to an associates degree or general studies certificate and therefore receive dual credit weighting.

How do dual enrollment and dual credit courses impact my grades?

Dual enrollment courses may carry extra academic weight and become dual credit. One quality point may be added to the CP weighting when the courses taken apply to BA/BS degrees, AA/AS/AAS degrees or a General Studies Certificate . For example, the grade "89" in a college prep course factors 3.900 into a student's Grade Point Average (GPA). If this course is dual credit weighting, the "89" is factored into a student's GPA as 4.900.

Are dual credit courses hard?

Dual credit courses are the same courses that college students receive and are on a level consistent with students who have already obtained a high school diploma.

Where are dual credit classes held?

These courses can be taken at the high school or on the campus of MTC.

How do I enroll in dual credit courses?

Fill out the *Lexington Richland Five Dual Credit Application* available on the high schools' and district's web page. Once completed an approval notification will be sent outlining next steps.

How are dual credit grades reported?

The college will provide the final grade to the high school in the form of an official/secure grade report.

How will this show on my transcript? Will it be listed as a MTC class or my high school?

District Five student transcript will be recorded with the grade as reported by MTC. For the college transcript students will have to request from MTC.

What happens if I receive a bad grade in a dual credit course?

All grades will appear on student report cards and transcripts. There is no way to exclude dual credit courses from the GPA. Be sure you are academically ready for college-level work before taking a dual credit course.

Does dual credit guarantee college admission?

Dual credit courses do not guarantee college admission. It is meant to better prepare students for college level academics no matter where they choose to study. Every 2 year and 4 year college has its own admission requirements. Consult the individual college to get specific admission information.

What if I am already enrolled in a dual credit course?

Only courses that have been approved will be considered dual credit and applied to the high school transcript. Any college course not following this protocol will be purely academic enrichment and will not be added to the high school transcript. See your school counselor for more information related to your specific case.

Are all the courses listed in the District Course Catalog offered each semester?

Courses listed on this [{link course listing}](#) crosswalk document are the only courses offered at this time.

How will I know which courses are offered at my high school or offered at the MTC Campus?

A list of courses offered and locations will be shared with students once enrollment is verified to help determine the need.

If my dual enrollment course is asynchronous do I have to be at school during that class block time?

Students will be scheduled into an on campus study hall course for asynchronous classes. All attendance requirements will apply.

Can I take one course each semester and still satisfy the 6 hour requirement for financial aid participation?

To qualify for financial aid students will have to be enrolled in 6 hours (two courses) each semester. Students not enrolled in two courses will be required to self pay.

If I have already received high school credit for a course, can I take the same course again for dual credit and receive the college credit?

Students enrolled in a college course offered for dual enrollment must be enrolled in the class for the college credit (students do not have the option to receive either high school or college credit).

I am a High School upperclassman (Junior/ Senior) and this was not an option for me until now. Can I still take Dual Enrollment courses even if I do not have time left in school to complete the certificate or requirements?

Upperclassmen students may have opportunities to take single courses not leading to the completion of a certificate. Students should schedule an advisement meeting with the school counselor to determine if appropriate.

If I take two Dual Enrollment courses does this mean I will take two less classes at my high school?

Dual Enrollment courses are scheduled into the student's schedule at the time the student takes the course and will count towards the required classes.

What happens if I want to drop a MTC class after the school drop add period?

Students and their parent/guardian must schedule a meeting with the dual enrollment coordinator and their school counselor prior to being removed from the program. This will provide an opportunity to communicate any concerns with the program and ensure that the student's schedule can be adjusted and accommodated.

Students who withdraw from a course after five school days in a 90-day course or 10 school days in a 180-day course are assigned a WF (50), which is calculated in the student's overall grade point average as 0.00. Due to these constraints, withdrawal from the program will not be permitted after the 10th day of school. Students who withdraw from a course at any point after the first day of the course will incur additional fees for books.