

Weiss High School



Dual Credit Handbook



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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What is Dual Credit?

Dual credit courses are college-level courses that students can take for both high school graduation credit and college credit. Courses accepted for dual credit cover the TEKS for the high school course and meet college guidelines as well.

PfISD currently has an agreement *with Austin Community College to offer dual credit classes.*

Who can take dual credit classes at WHS?

Eligible juniors and seniors may take dual credit classes at WHS.

Should I take dual credit or AP?

The decision to take dual credit or AP classes should be made after understanding aspects of both programs and discussing this information with your family.

<u>Dual Credit</u>	<u>AP</u>
college-level, fast paced, rigorous	college-level, face paced, rigorous
a C or higher = high school & college credit	must pass a test to get college credit
calculates into GPA at 5 pts (starting with c/o 2023)	calculates into GPA at 6pts
parents not able to see grades in Skyward	parents able to see grades in Skyward
professors have office hours on campus	teachers have tutorials on campus
students MUST take English & Social Studies	students decide which AP courses to take

How do I know if I am ready to take a dual credit class?

- you are currently ***self-motivated*** to study, meet deadlines, and get good grades
- you currently take advantage of tutorials and advocate for yourself
- you pass all sections of the TSIA

What dual credit classes are available **ON** the WHS campus?

Juniors: English III/US History
Seniors: English IV/Government & Economics

Whom may I talk to at ACC for advising or technology questions?

High School Programs: 512-223-7066 (Help Desk)

Are there other dual credit classes I can take **ON** an ACC campus?

Yes!* Please see page 11 for a list of PfISD Approved Dual Credit Courses.

Students are required to pay for any dual credit course taken **on an ACC campus.*



Weiss High School- Dual Credit Enrollment Steps

	Date	Activity / Requirement	√
1	Jan.-Feb.	During course selections, tell the counselor that you intend to take dual credit classes, receive Dual Credit Handbook	
2	February	Complete TSIA Pre-Assessment Activity on your own, bring certificate to your counselor in order to be scheduled for the TSIA test (required) To complete the pre-assessment activity, go to www.tsipreview.com	
3	February-April	The counselor will schedule you to take the TSIA exam (your counselor will give you a test ticket with the test date/time/location)	
4	February-April	Take and pass necessary sections of the TSIA (reading/writing/math)	
5	After TSIA Create ACC Account	Go to www.austincc.edu/application , select “Create Account” *On the Academic Information tab, select “dual credit” You will need your social security number	
6	After Account Set Up	Within 24 hrs, you will receive a confirmation email and an ACC ID number. Put this number in your phone and SAVE IT.	
7	After Obtain ACC ID	See counselor to receive Dual Credit Enrollment Form. Complete and return to counselor <i>by the designated due date.</i>	
8	After Obtain ACC ID	Activate your ACC email account: www.austincc.edu/activatemail *Must know ACC ID number and the password you created	
9	After Account is set up	Remove the Dual Credit Agreement form from this packet, have it completed and return it to your counselor with student and parent signatures	
10		Sign up for Dual Credit Text Reminders See page _____ of this packet	
11	April-TBD	Complete required New Student Orientation and Assessment. http://hsporientation.austincc.edu/	
12	May	Register online for Dual Credit classes. www.austincc.edu/online services , click Student Login, enter ACC ID/password Self Service Student Planning/Student Planning/Go To Plan and Schedule +(choose the term you are registering for), add term Search Box= Weiss HS VIEW AVAILABLE SECTIONS/ADD/ADD SECTION TO SCHEDULE Back to Plan and Schedule, hit Register Now for both courses Completing the Enrollment Form does not mean that you are registered for classes! You MUST register for classes using this online system. *There is no fee for taking a dual credit class ON the WHS campus. Fees DO apply for students who choose to take classes on an ACC campus.*	
13	Before Class Starts	Purchase required textbooks (Students required to pay for textbooks)	

TSIA (Texas Success Initiative)

Students are required to take the TSIA before taking college-level classes as an indicator of their level of college-readiness. The following minimum requirements must be met in order for a student to take dual credit classes at WHS:

TSIA Requirements

ELAR-945+ w/essay 5 < 945 w/Diagnostic score 5 or 6 and Essay 5 Math-950
Or
ACT-23 (English 19/Math 19) SAT- EBRW 480 and Math 530

Students must first complete the TSIA Pre-Assessment Activity online by going to www.tsipreview.com

For TSIA test prep, go to <https://sites.austincc.edu/tsiprep/>

Click on TSIA Practice Tests for extra practice before taking the test.

Once completed, the student is required to bring a copy of the TSIA Pre-Assessment certificate with full name, date, and ID number to their counselor.

Students are NOT allowed to TSIA test without first completing the Pre-Assessment Activity. This pre-assessment activity is a good indicator of what is on the test.

Once the counselor receives the TSIA Pre-Assessment Activity certificate, the student will be notified as to when and where they will take the TSIA test. The TSIA test will be offered on campus multiple times during the school day. Students have as long as they need to complete the test. If a student misses a class due to testing, the absence will be excused, but the student is responsible for making up any missed work in a timely manner.

If a student does not pass a section of the TSIA, a fee of \$5 per section will be charged to the student should the student wish to test again.

DROPS AND WITHDRAWALS

If a student drops a dual credit class before it starts, it will not show on the ACC transcript. If a student drops a class AFTER the Add/Drop period, the class WILL count toward the 12-course waiver limit. Courses dropped after the official state reporting/census date will record as a “W” on an official ACC transcript. Not attending class does not officially withdraw a student from a class and may result in an “F”. If a student cannot complete a class, the student must officially withdraw from the course with ACC via the “student withdraw/drop” link in the Online Services account.

ACC advisors are available to assist students with questions regarding drops/withdrawals.

SATISFACTORY ACADEMIC PROGRESS (SAP)

College records are permanent. Therefore, it is important to maintain satisfactory academic progress while enrolled at ACC. Failure to maintain SAP may affect future college financial aid eligibility.

Requirements of SAP:

- Maintain a dual credit GPA of 2.0 or higher
- Complete a minimum of 67% of all hours attempted

Students falling below SAP for two consecutive semesters are ineligible to enroll in dual credit classes the following semester.

TEXTBOOKS

TEXTBOOKS ARE REQUIRED AT THE EXPENSE OF THE STUDENT.

How to:

Set Up Your ACCeID

1. Your ACCeID will be sent to the email you shared on your application account. Save your ACCeID in your phone or somewhere safe. Then go to austincc.edu/acceid
2. If you have not received your ACCeID through email, under First-Time Users, click on Find ACCeID to look it up.
 - a. Enter the last four digits of your social security number, your official last name, and your birthday date. Click Look Up
 - b. If your account is not found, wait 24 hours and try again. If still not found after 24 hours, call 512-223-INFO (4636).
3. Once you have your ACCeID, click Activate ACCeID under First Time Users.
4. Enter your ACCeID. Click find.
5. Enter the last four digits of your social security number and your birth date. Click continue.
6. Review the privacy policy and check the box once you read and understand the terms. Click continue.
7. Create your ACCeID password. Click continue.
8. For account security, follow the steps to choose answers to the authentication questions by clicking on the link provided.
9. Your set up is complete once you have your ACCeID, password, and answers to authentication questions.

Activate Your ACCmail Account

1. Go to austincc.edu/activatemail. Click Activate ACCmail.
2. Enter your ACCeID and password where indicated. Click Login.
3. Confirm your ACCmail account in the dropdown window. Click submit.
4. Set and confirm your ACCmail password. (Password must contain at least 8 characters including one numeral.)
5. After setting and confirming your password, click submit.

PfISD Scale Used to Calculate GPA (AP, Advanced (Tier 2), and On-Level Classes)

Class of 2018 and AFTER			
Semester	Tier 3:	Tier 2:	Tier 3:
Numerical	AP Courses	PAP and	TEKS -Based Courses
Grade	and Approved	Approved Articulated	or Other High School
	Advance Courses	Courses	Courses
100	6	5	4
99	5.9	4.9	3.9
98	5.8	4.8	3.8
97	5.7	4.7	3.7
96	5.6	4.6	3.6
95	5.5	4.5	3.5
94	5.4	4.4	3.4
93	5.3	4.3	3.3
92	5.2	4.2	3.2
91	5.1	4.1	3.1
90	5	4	3
89	4.9	3.9	2.9
88	4.8	3.8	2.8
87	4.7	3.7	2.7
86	4.6	3.6	2.6
85	4.5	3.5	2.5
84	4.4	3.4	2.4
83	4.3	3.3	2.3
82	4.2	3.2	2.2
81	4.1	3.1	2.1
80	4	3	2
79	3.9	2.9	1.9
78	3.8	2.8	1.8
77	3.7	2.7	1.7
76	3.6	2.6	1.6
75	3.5	2.5	1.5
74	3.4	2.4	1.4
73	3.3	2.3	1.3
72	3.2	2.2	1.2
71	3.1	2.1	1.1
70	3	2	1
Below 70	0	0	0

Grade Conversion Scale

A+	98
A	95
A-	90
B+	88
B	85
B-	80
C+	78
C	75
C-	70
D+	Not considered passing for high school credit
D	Not considered passing for high school credit
D-	Not considered passing for high school credit
F	Not considered passing for high school credit

A student must pass a dual credit class with **a C or higher** to earn both high school and college credit. A grade of D will earn college credit through ACC, but a grade of D will not earn high school credit.

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Dual Credit Acknowledgement and Agreement Form

I, _____, elect to enroll in the following dual credit course in partnership with the Pflugerville Independent School District and Austin Community College:

Initials	Date Initials are Entered	Course Name	Enter School Year
		English III	
		US History	
		English IV	
		Government	
		Economics	
		Psychology	

By signing this agreement, I acknowledge and agree to the following:

- Taking dual credit courses are my choice. I have other options for the courses listed above, such as on-level, Advanced, and AP equivalent courses.
- Dual credit classes, per district policy, are calculated into my GPA at 5pts starting with the Class of 2023.
- I must earn a dual credit grade of “C” or higher in order to earn high school credit.
- The curriculum for dual credit classes is determined by Austin Community College.
- There is currently no fee for dual credit classes taken ON a PfISD campus. There is a charge for dual credit classes taken ON an ACC campus.
- ACC professors will not communicate with parents regarding grades/class progress.
- ACC professors will offer office hours during the school day on the high school campus.
- Textbooks will be required at the expense of the student.
- Master schedule conflicts may occur that could cause a student to choose preferred classes.
- Senior students who do NOT pass Govt or Econ during the second semester of senior year will NOT be able to graduate with their class and would be forced to re-take the class in summer school.

Student Signature and Date

Parent Signature and Date

Pfisd APPROVED ACC DUAL CREDIT COURSES

ACC Course Number	ACC Course Title	PfISD Course Number	High School Equivalent Course	PfISD Credit Value
Fine Arts				
WLDG 1405	Art Metals	6127	Jewelry II	1 credit
English/Language Arts/Communications				
ENGL 1301	English Composition I	1131	English III (If taken on ACC Campus)	1 credit
ENGL 1302	English Composition II			
ENGL 2327	American Literature I			
ENGL 2328	American Literature II			
ENGL 1301	English Composition I	1141	English IV (If taken on ACC Campus)	1 credit
ENGL 1302	English Composition II			
ENGL 2322	British Literature I			
ENGL 2323	British Literature II			
		OR		
ENGL 1301	English Composition I (ACC Eng. 3)	1131	English III (If ACC courses taken on PfISD Campus)	1 credit
ENGL 1302	English Composition II (ACC Eng. 3)			
ENGL 2322	British Literature I (ACC Eng. 4)	1141	English IV (If ACC English III & English IV taken on PfISD Campus)	1 credit
SPCH 1311	Intro. to Speech Communication	1405	Communications Applications	0.5 credit
SPCH 1315	Public Speaking	1441	Public Speaking	0.5 credit
Computer Sciences/Advanced Technology				
COSC 1301	Personal Computing	7105	Business Information Management I	1 credit
COSC 1315	Fundamentals of Programming	3411	Computer Science I (must complete the two ACC classes to earn PfISD credit)	1 credit
COSC 2415	Data Structures			
IMED 1441	2-D Interface Design	7022	Digital Interactive Media	1 credit
Languages Other Than English				
CHIN 1511	Chinese I	5521	Mandarin Chinese I	1 credit
CHIN 1512	Chinese II	5522	Mandarin Chinese II	1 credit
CHIN 1513	Chinese III	5523	Mandarin Chinese III	1 credit

Note: Not all courses are offered at all HS campuses. Addendums to the course catalog will be posted on www.pfisd.net.

FREN 1511	French I	5001	French I	1 credit
FREN 1512	French II	5002	French II	1 credit
FREN 2311	French III	5003	French III	1 credit
GERM 1511	German I	5101	German I	1 credit
GERM 1512	German II	5102	German II	1 credit
GERM 2311	German III	5103	German III	1 credit
JAPN 1511	Japanese I	5301	Japanese I	1 credit
JAPN 1512	Japanese II	5302	Japanese II	1 credit
JAPN 2311	Japanese III	5303	Japanese III	1 credit
LATI 1511	Latin I	5201	Latin I	1 credit
LATI 1512	Latin II	5202	Latin II	1 credit
LATI 2311	Latin III	5203	Latin III	1 credit
SLNG 1401	American Sign Language: Beginning I	5501	Sign Language I	1 credit
SLNG 1402	American Sign Language: Beginning II	5502	Sign Language II	1 credit
SLNG 2301	American Sign Language: Beginning III	5503	Sign Language III	1 credit
SPAN 1411	Spanish I	5401	Spanish I	1 credit
SPAN 1512	Spanish II	5402	Spanish II	1 credit
SPAN 2311	Spanish III	5403	Spanish III	1 credit
Mathematics				
MATH 1314	College Algebra	3172	Math Independent Study	1 credit
MATH 2413	Calculus I	3151	Calculus	1 credit
MATH 1332	College Math	3172	Math Independent Study	1 credit
Natural Sciences				
BIOL 1614	Field Biology	4140	Environmental Systems	1 credit
BIOL 2304	Human Anatomy	7455	Human Anatomy & Physiology (must complete the two ACC classes to earn <i>PfJSD</i> credit)	1 credit
BIOL 2305	Human Physiology			
CHEM 1305	Introduction to Chemistry	4030	Chemistry	1 credit
Physical Sciences				
ASTR 1303	Stellar Astronomy	4120	Astronomy	1 credit
PHYS 1401	General College Physics I	4040	Physics	1 credit
Social and Behavioral Sciences				

ECON 2301	Principles of Macroeconomics	2211	Economics	0.5 credit
ECON 2302	Principles of Microeconomics	2212	Economics	0.5 credit
GEOG 1301	Introduction to Physical Geography	2112	<u>World Geography</u> (must complete the two ACC classes to earn <i>PfISD</i> credit)	1 credit
GEOG 1302	Introduction to Cultural Geography			
GOVT 2305	United States Government	2201	Government	0.5 credit
HIST 1301	U.S. History I	2131	<u>U.S. History</u> (must complete the two ACC classes to earn <i>PfISD</i> credit)	1 credit
HIST 1302	U.S. History II			
PSYC 2301	Introduction to Psychology	2411	Psychology	0.5 credit
SOCI 1301	Introduction to Sociology	2412	Sociology	0.5 credit
HUMA 1301	Introduction to Humanities	Varies	Special Topics in Social Studies	0.5 credit
Business, Management, and Administration				
BUSI 2301	Business Law I	73004	Business Law	1 credit
IBUS 1305	Intro to International Business & Trade	73005	Global Business	1 credit
Finance				
ACCT 2301	Principles of Financial Accounting	75002	Accounting I	1 credit
Law, Public Safety, Corrections & Security				
CRIJ 1301	Introduction to Criminal Justice	7322	Law Enforcement I	1 credit
CRIJ 1307	Crime in America	7323	Law Enforcement II	1 credit
Health Sciences				
HPRS 1206	Medical Terminology	77002	Medical Terminology	1 credit
Hospitality & Tourism				
CHEF 1301	Basic Food Preparation	78005	Culinary Arts	2 credits
Information Technology				
IMED 1441	2-D Interface Design	79104	Digital Media	1 credit
Manufacturing				
WLDB 1428	Introduction to Shielded Metal Arc Welding	7103	Welding	1 credit
Science, Technology, Engineering & Math				
DFTG 1405	Technical Drafting	7054	Engineering Design & Presentation	1 credit
CETT 1409	DC-AC Circuits	7056	Electronics	1 credit

Austin Community College Course Catalog can be found at: <http://www.austincc.edu/catalog>

