

Dual Credit Students:

During the 88<sup>th</sup> legislative session under House Bill (HB) 8, the *Financial Aid for Swift Transfer* (FAST) program was passed which provides funding to participating public institutions of higher education, as defined under [Texas Education Code \(TEC\) 61.003\(8\)](#) so they can offer dual credit courses to educationally disadvantaged students at no cost to these students.

The Texas Education Code (TEC) defines “educationally disadvantaged” as those students eligible for the national free/reduced-price lunch program. A student who meets this requirement at any time during the four school years prior to the student’s enrollment in the dual credit course may be eligible for the FAST program.

**Those students who have been verified to have the FAST award applied will receive a notification to their Lone Star College CyFair email account.**

**DUAL CREDIT STUDENTS SHOULD CHECK THEIR LSC EMAIL TO CONFIRM.**

Students who are not identified as economically disadvantaged and not approved for the FAST award and/or are enrolled in courses for **COLLEGE CREDIT ONLY** must complete payment by **AUGUST 22, 2024** in order to avoid being withdrawn from classes for non-payment.

**NOTE:** *Students who have already made payment, but who are identified to receive the award will be refunded the amount paid after confirmation.*

Students requiring a payment plan must submit their request to LSC by **September 8, 2024**.

For questions or concerns regarding Fall 2024 payment, please reach out to the campus Dual Credit team.

For additional information regarding the FAST award, please visit the “Frequently Asked Questions Link” at:

<https://www.highered.texas.gov/our-work/supporting-our-institutions/community-college-finance/fast/fast-faqs/>

Or the website at:

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