

Rankin County School District



Dual Credit

Parental Newsletter

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- The Rankin County School District offers Dual Enrollment and Dual Credit courses for eligible students from all eight high schools.
- Mississippi Code of 1972: 37-15-38 established dual enrollment and dual credit programs for high school and postsecondary credit. The purpose of the Dual Enrollment and Credit Program is to offer structured opportunities for qualified high school students to simultaneously enroll in college courses at Mississippi (public) Institutions of Higher Learning (IHLs) or Mississippi Community or Junior Colleges (CJCs) that provide pathways leading to academic or career technical postsecondary credit.
- Currently, the Rankin County School District has an MOU dual credit agreement with Hinds Community College.

Purpose

- The primary purposes of a dual credit program are to increase the educational options and opportunities for high school students and increase the overall quality of instruction and learning available through secondary schools.
- Fundamentally, dual credit programs allow students to earn credit at the secondary and postsecondary levels simultaneously and they provide students an early glimpse of college life.
- The programs may also encourage more students to consider higher education, especially students from underrepresented groups.

Benefits

- Builds college-level academic skills.
- Sets students apart in college admission and on scholarship applications.
- Students can earn high school credits while earning college credits.
- Increases college readiness
- Assists with college cost savings.
- Dual credit classes can earn students college credit that can be applied to high school and college graduation, and transferred to other colleges (out of state colleges vary on transfer acceptability).

Dual Enrollment versus Dual Credit

- A dual enrolled student is a student who is enrolled in a community college or junior college or state institution of higher learning while enrolled in high school. The student receives postsecondary credit for coursework.
- A dual credit student is a student who is enrolled in a community or junior college or state institution of higher learning while enrolled in high school. The student receives both high school and postsecondary credit for coursework regardless of the course location (high school campus, postsecondary campus, or online). One three-hour postsecondary course is equal to one high school Carnegie unit.

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Academic and CTE Eligibility Requirements

Academic Eligibility

To be eligible for enrollment, a high school student must meet the following criteria:

- Be classified as a Junior or Senior as listed as defined in Appendix B of the Mississippi Public School Accountability Standards;
- Have a minimum overall high school GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale; and
- Obtain an unconditional written recommendation from his/her high school counselor, principal, or principal's designee.

OR

- Have a minimum high school GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale;
- Earned a minimum composite ACT score of 30 or the equivalent SAT score; and
- Obtain an unconditional written recommendation from his/her high school counselor or principal.

Career and Technical Education Eligibility

To be eligible for enrollment, a high school student must meet the following criteria:

- Have a minimum overall high school GPA of 2.0 on a 4.0 scale;
- Will be classified as a sophomore, junior or senior; and
- Obtain an unconditional recommendation from school administrator/ counselor or CTE instructor.

Fees

Delivery Method	Description	Cost
Face-to-Face & Online	Tuition	\$50/credit hour
Face-to-Face & Online	Textbook Fee	\$25/credit hour

Students must pay a non-refundable tuition fee of \$50 per credit hour. Fees are due by a specified deadline each semester, or a payment plan must be set up by this time. Students are responsible for the purchase of textbooks and/or online fees. Pending the availability of Federal funds, the District may match or pay fees for students who meet certain assistance eligibility requirements. Check with your counselor to find out what financial support may be available for you.

Placement

Eligibility is defined as meeting the minimum requirements for admission (e.g., College Preparatory Curriculum, specific grade point average (GPA), specific composite ACT or SAT score) to Mississippi's community colleges and public universities. Once admitted to one of Mississippi's community colleges or public universities, students are placed into mathematics, English, and reading courses based on assessment of academic skill level.

Common assessments used for placement include ACT subtest scores by subject area and ACCUPLACER tests. Scan the QR code for college-specific score requirements by course.



How to apply?
See your school counselor!