

Dual Enrollment/ CIHS Courses



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WHAT IS DUAL ENROLLMENT/CIHS?

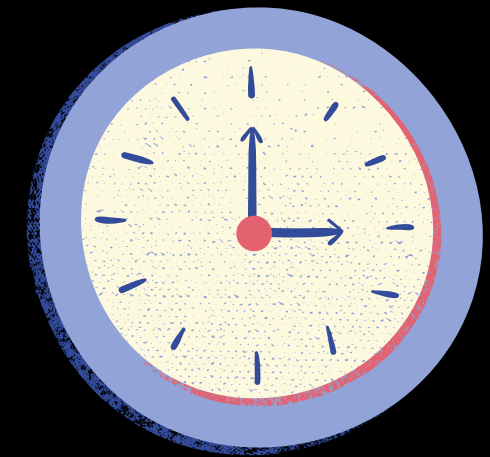
Definition:

- Dual Enrollment/CIHS allows high school students to take college-level courses while still in high school.
- Students earn both high school and college credits simultaneously.
- CIHS-College in the High School and Dual Enrollment are terms used interchangeably by post-secondary schools.



KEY BENEFITS OVERVIEW

- Save Time and Money
- Get a Head Start on College
- Improve Academic Skills and College Readiness
- Increase College Success and Graduation Rates
- Access to Courses at the STEAM Academy & High School





COST-FREE CREDITS



River Valley Education Foundation

- Covers the cost of credits for students taking Dual Enrollment/CIHS courses.
- No out-of-pocket cost for students or their families, making college more affordable.
- Helps students take advantage of the opportunity to earn college credits without the financial burden.

SAVE TIME & MONEY

- **Cost Savings:**
 - Dual enrollment allows students to take college courses at a reduced or covered cost.
 - Students can complete general education requirements early, which typically saves money in college.
- **Time Savings:**
 - Students earn college credits while still in high school, allowing them to complete their college degrees faster.



GET A HEAD START ON COLLEGE

- **General Education Courses**
 - At the high school, students take general education courses that fulfill college requirements.
 - These courses prepare students for a smooth transition to college.
- **Specialized Major-Based Courses at STEAM Academy**
 - Students also have the option to take major-based courses at the STEAM Academy, focusing on high-demand fields such as healthcare, skilled trades, and cybersecurity.
 - Students can dive deeper into their career interests while still in high school.



INCREASED COLLEGE SUCCESS & GRADUATION RATES

- **Higher College Success Rates**
 - Students who participate in dual enrollment are more likely to graduate from college on time.
- **Boosted Confidence**
 - Earning college credits before high school graduation gives students the confidence they need to succeed in higher education.
- **Stronger College Applications**
 - Taking college courses demonstrates academic initiative and preparedness, making students more attractive to future colleges.



COLLEGE CREDITS AT THE HIGH SCHOOL & STEAM ACADEMY

- **At the High School**
 - Students take general education courses, such as English, math, or social studies, that fulfill core college requirements.
 - These courses help students complete foundational coursework and ease the transition into college.
- **At the STEAM Academy**
 - Students also have access to major-specific courses (e.g., healthcare, skilled trades, cybersecurity), allowing them to explore career interests and develop specialized skills.
 - The STEAM Academy offers an enriched environment for hands-on, field-specific learning.



ENROLLMENT PROCESS

- **Enrollment Process**
 - Students taking classes at the high school can enroll through the high school Guidance Counselor, Mrs. Faulk
 - Students taking classes at the STEAM Academy can enroll directly with their program instructors





QUESTIONS?