



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 successful completion of a dual enrollment course, the student receives both a high school transcript and a college transcript.

What are the benefits of dual enrollment?

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

What is the difference between *dual enrollment* and *dual credit*?

Lexington-Richland School District 5 requires its students to take dual enrollment courses that lead to an associate degree or general studies certificate, which automatically receive dual credit weighting.

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

Dual enrollment courses may carry extra academic weight. One quality point may be added to the CP rating when the courses taken apply to BA/BS degrees, AA/AS/AAS degrees, or a General Studies certificate. For example, a "B" in a high school college prep course factors 3.0 into a student's Grade Point Average (GPA). If that course is classified as a dual credit course, the "B" factors 4.0 into the student's GPA.

Are dual enrollment courses difficult?

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

Where are dual credit classes held?

These courses are offered at the Center for Advanced Technical Studies beside Spring Hill High School at 916 Mt Vernon Church Rd, Chapin, SC. Students may also select a virtual option.

How do I apply to take dual credit courses?

Complete the online Lexington Richland Five Dual Credit Application, located on the district's website. Once completed, it is submitted for approval. Upon acceptance, you will receive an email notification outlining the next step on your journey.

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 my grades show on my high school transcript? Will it be listed as an MTC class or a high school class?

The District Five student transcript will reflect the grade reported by MTC. To receive a college transcript, the student must request one from MTC.

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

All grades will appear on report cards and transcripts. There is no way to exclude dual credit courses from the GPA. While a good grade definitely boosts your GPA, a bad grade follows you all through college. Be sure you are academically ready for college-level work before taking a dual enrollment course.

Does a dual credit course guarantee college admission?

Taking dual credit courses does not guarantee college admission. It is meant to better prepare students for college-level academics no matter where they choose to study. Every two- and four-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 of the courses listed in the District Course Catalog offered each semester?

They are the only courses offered at this time. The current course selections list can be found on the district website, lexrich5.org. To access resources and materials, click on "Departments." Select "Office of Academics." On the dark gray bar on the left side of the screen, you will see a "Dual Enrollment" option. Choose that option to find information.

If my dual enrollment course is asynchronous (virtual), do I have to be at school during my 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 to receive financial aid?

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

If I have already received high school credit for a course, may I take it again for college credit?

Students enrolled in a dual enrollment course automatically work for both high school and college credit. No other option exists.

I am a high school upperclassman (junior/senior), and dual enrollment was not an option for me until now. Can I still take Dual Enrollment courses even if I do not have time to complete the degree/certificate requirements?

Upperclassmen may have opportunities to take single courses not leading to the completion of a certificate. Students should schedule a meeting with the school counselor to determine your options.

What happens if I want to drop an MTC class after the official college drop/add deadline?

Students and their parents/guardians must meet with the Dual Enrollment Coordinator, Dr. Tim Swick, and their school counselor prior to being removed from the program. The meeting will provide an opportunity to communicate any concerns with the program and evaluate whether the student's schedule can be adjusted or 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 their overall GPA as a 0.00. Due to these constraints, withdrawal from the program is not permitted after the 10th day of school. Students who withdraw from a course at any point after the first day of class will incur additional fees for books.