



Cherokee County
School District

2026-27 CCSD DUAL ENROLLMENT ORIENTATION

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What is Dual Enrollment (DE)?

- Students take college classes while still enrolled in high school
- Students earn credit for both high school and college at the same time
- Full time and combination options available
- Available at Georgia public, private and technical colleges/universities
- State funding provided for tuition, fees and books
- Courses online or on campus

A photograph of a graduation ceremony. In the foreground, a graduate in a blue gown and yellow sash is seen from the side, with their arms raised. Numerous black graduation caps with blue tassels are flying through the air against a clear blue sky. The scene is filled with a sense of celebration and accomplishment.

High School Graduation is the Top Priority

DE Pros and Cons

Pros



- Potential for flexible scheduling
- Ability to take college level courses
- Ability to earn college credit
- Introduction to the collegiate experience
- More independence
- More options



Cons

- Disconnect from HS and friends
- Travel considerations
- Differing calendars
- Collegiate professors
- Different workload
- Greater responsibility

What is motivating you to participate in Dual Enrollment?

What are your long-term goals for post-secondary education?

Enrollment Deadlines

CCSD Dual Enrollment deadlines may not be the same as the deadlines for individual institutions.

CCSD Dual Enrollment Participation

Summer 2026 Deadline:

Fall 2026 Deadline:

Spring 2027 Deadline:

Summer 2027 Deadline:

Fall 2027 Deadline:

Deadlines

March 13, 2026

March 27, 2026

October 9, 2026

March 12, 2027

March 26, 2027

Admission Requirements

- Minimum General Qualifications
 - Eligibility based on grade level
 - CCSD Dual Enrollment Participation Form
 - Counselor meeting with student and family
- Institution Qualifications
- Institution Application
- Additional Qualification Tests (per subject)
- Pre-requisite Courses
- Final Grades

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Who Can Participate in DE?

- 11th and 12th grade students are eligible to participate
- 10th grade students are eligible to participate IF they have:
 - a minimum SAT score of 1200*, or
 - a minimum ACT composite score of 26*
- 10th grade students can take approved CTAE courses
- 9th grade students are not eligible to participate

*in a single administration

Course Limitations

- Students are limited to a total of 30 semester hours, or 45 quarter hours, funded by the DE program
- Core academic areas (English, math, science, social studies and world languages) are approved for DE funding
- Career, Technical and Agricultural Education (CTAE) courses are approved for DE funding
- Fine Arts, PE and Health courses are not eligible for DE funding
- Students do not receive program funding to retake/repeat a course
- Students become ineligible for future DE funding after withdrawing from DE courses two times

Self-Pay Option

- Students who exhaust their 30 semester hours of DE funding can utilize a self-pay tuition option to take additional DE coursework
- Students must use all available DE funding before utilizing self-pay
- Only courses approved for DE funding will be permitted for self-pay
- Self-paid DE courses will appear on a student's high school transcript
- For a semester in which funding is mixed between DE and self-pay, students are eligible to have mandatory fees waived and are provided required books
- For a semester in which all DE courses are self-paid, students are responsible for all tuition, fees, and textbooks

Grading

Many institutions use letter grading systems. When a numerical grade is unavailable, the correlation of students' grades earned at the post-secondary institution and the secondary grade shall be as follows:

<u>Post-secondary Grade</u>	<u>CCSD High School Grade</u>
A	95
B	85
C	75
D	70
F	60

DE Grade Weighting

- Students will receive grade weighting on their CCSD High School Transcript for DE courses that are equivalent to an AP course
- The grade weighting will be the same as CCSD AP courses:
 - 1.0 on the GPA
 - 10 points on the NGA
- DE course equivalency to AP courses is determined by each individual institution; see specific institutional websites for details
- Students can only earn AP weighting for the same AP course once
 - Example: Student took AP Biology through CCSD and earned AP weighting. Later, the student took a DE Biology that is considered AP equivalent but would *not* receive AP weighting because it had been earned previously.

Full-Time DE vs. Part-Time DE

Dual Enrollment (DE) students MAY enroll in up to 4 DE courses per semester (not to exceed 15 total college credit hours). ALL students MUST maintain full time CCSD enrollment status (minimum of 3 high school credits per semester in any of the following combinations):

College Classes	Minimum Required HS Classes	Total HS Credits per semester
4+ (Not to exceed 15 total hours)	0	4
3	0	3
2	2	3
1	4	3
0	6	3

Keep in mind travel time if participating as a part-time DE student

Accelerated Career Diploma Option

- In 2023, the Georgia State School Board renamed the “Option B” Dual Enrollment Program to the “Accelerated Career Diploma” program
- The Accelerated Career Diploma option is another route to a high school diploma for students that have a career plan and want faster access to the credentialing needed to get to work
- Because students graduating under the Accelerated Career Diploma do not follow a traditional path to graduation, they may not be admissible to a four-year college or university straight out of high school
- To participate in the Accelerated Career Diploma program, students should meet with their School Counselor to begin planning a path to graduation

Accelerated Career Diploma Requirements

- Students must complete a minimum of nine required local high school courses:
 - Two credits in Mathematics – must include Algebra and the associated EOC assessment
 - Two credits in English/Language Arts – must include American Literature and the associated EOC assessment
 - Two credits in Science – must include Biology and the associated EOC assessment
 - Two credits in Social Studies
 - One full credit of World History or US History
 - One-half credit of Economics and one-half credit of Government (required for 9th grade entry of 2022 and beyond)
 - One-half credit of Health and one-half credit of Personal Fitness
- Students must complete one of the following through a Technical College System of Georgia (TCSG) institution:
 - Two Technical Certificates from approved, specific career pathways,
 - A Technical Diploma, or
 - An Applied Associate Degree

Joint Enrollment

- Joint Enrollment (JE) is the term used for college courses taken by a student that are not approved under DE
- These include Fine Arts, PE and Health courses
- Joint Enrollment courses are not eligible for DE funding
- Joint Enrollment courses does not go on a student's CCSD High School Transcript
- Joint Enrollment courses do not count toward a student's full-time enrollment and do not appear on the student's high school schedule
- Joint Enrollment courses do not have any link to CCSD scheduling, transcripts, or coursework

Two Systems / Two Campuses



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Differences between two experiences...

- Communication Systems
- Learning Management Systems
- Calendars
- Course Objectives
- Teacher Accessibility/Interaction



Things to Consider

Differences between two experiences...

- High School Credits vs. College Credit
- Class Times / Class Size / Class Schedule
- Transportation and Parking
- Struggle in a Dual Enrollment class
- Withdrawal from a Dual Enrollment class
- Class Rank Considerations

Post-Secondary Outlook



- Should I take a DE course or an AP course?
- Will the post-secondary school I want to attend take my credit?
- What happens to HOPE?
 - DE does not count against your HOPE cap
- What makes a strong Dual Enrollment student?
 - Maturity
 - Initiative
 - Readiness
 - Organization

What more do you need?

- School Counselors are your best point of contact
- Helpful Websites:
 - GA Futures Site:
<https://www.gafutures.org/hope-state-aid-programs/scholarships-grants/dual-enrollment/>
 - CCSD DE Site:
<https://cherokeek12net.finalsite.com/divisions/curriculum-instruction/dual-enrollment>

