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This is a brief presentation about dual enrollment opportunities for Lebanon High

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School students with Cumberland University.

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We'll start by talking about what dual enrollment is.

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So dual enrollment is an opportunity for high school students to earn college credits by taking classes at Cumberland University.

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These courses are offered in person and are taught by a Cumberland professor. Our students actually go to Cumberland's campus to take these classes. These dual enrollment courses also count as credits towards high school graduation requirements.

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To take dual enrollment courses with Cumberland University, students must be a rising junior or a rising senior, have a minimum of a three-point 0 unweighted high school GPA, and for certain classes meet required ACT benchmarks.

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We have several dual enrollment class options in the fall.

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You can see the classes that we offer.

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We offer an English Composition 101. This class is available to rising juniors and rising seniors and will count as their LHS English credit. To enroll in this course, please note students must have a 20 on the English subtest of the ACT.

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We also offer College Algebra. This class is available to rising seniors and would count as a senior math requirement. To enroll in College Algebra, students must have a 22 on the Math subtest of the ACT.

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In the fall, we also offer English Composition 102. This class is available to eligible seniors. To enroll in this class, students must have taken and passed English Comp 101 or passed the AP English 3 exam.

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We have several additional class options in the spring. We also offer the English Comp 102 in the spring, so this is still available just to rising

seniors and students must take and pass English 101 or pass the AP English exam to enroll in the spring.

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We also offer General psychology and Western civilization. These are two great elective options that are available to both rising juniors and rising seniors that don't have any ACT requirements. Now, neither of these classes will count as any of our required classes to graduate from Lebanon High School, but are great options as Gen. Ed electives that most college level students will be required to take.

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So we think it's a great opportunity for students to go ahead and satisfy some of these graduation or some of these college requirements while they're in high school.

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There are sometimes additional class options for students to enroll in, and this just depends on availability with your LHS schedule as well as availability with Cumberland University courses.

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So sometimes we'll have students want to do some additional Gen. Ed elective classes with Cumberland and that can be possible just depending on availability with Cumberland.

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It is important to note that any other classes that you would take with Cumberland would follow Cumberland's academic calendar, not our Wilson County school's calendar.

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So for example, our fall break does not align with Cumberland's fall break. So students enrolled in any other classes with Cumberland besides the ones I just mentioned, it would need to follow Cumberland's academic calendar and that can be a barrier for some students. So we do like to mention it ahead of time so that families can make best decisions for students.

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If your student is interested in taking some additional classes with Cumberland besides the ones I just mentioned, please have them connect with their school counselor.

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There will be a day later in April that Cumberland will come and sit down with students to go over some of the classes that are available and we want to make sure to have an opportunity for students to meet with them as needed.

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In regards to cost, students have the potential to take 10 tuition free dual enrollment courses.

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So to do this, students must complete the TSAC Dual Enrollment Grant.

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To be eligible for this grant, they must be residents of the state of Tennessee for at least 12 months prior to the start of the dual enrollment classes. Students must also maintain a 2.0 college GPA to maintain eligibility for this dual enrollment grant.

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Occasionally there are other costs that students may incur.

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So students are responsible for getting textbooks for their class as well as any other course or lab fees.

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To apply, there are a few steps.

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Step #1 would be to go to Cumberland University's website. Students actually have to apply to the university and they will use the dual enrollment application on their website. It's going to ask some generic questions about the student. When you get to the end, please make sure to use the code Future Phoenix to waive the application fee.

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Once students have applied to Cumberland University, we are going to have them complete a registration form to turn into the Counseling Center at LHS to let us know which specific courses they are wanting to take.

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This form is due back to the Guidance office by Thursday, March 5th of 2026.

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Here's a copy of that registration form.

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We're asking that you guys complete all of the requested information.

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You'll enter your name, your phone number, the grade that the student will be next school year, and then they'll put a check mark by the courses they would like to enroll in.

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Now, I recognize some of these have ACT requirements and maybe you haven't taken the ACT yet or haven't gotten those qualifying scores. Please complete this registration form with the classes that you want to take, even if you haven't yet taken the ACT. We'll go back and verify

that you have met those ACT benchmarks, but we just need to get these forms turned back into us before we leave for spring break to give Cumberland a tentative idea of needs for next school year.

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If you have any questions about how to fill that out, please stop down in the Counseling Center.

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We also have extra copies of that available down in the Counseling Center as well.

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So once you've applied on Cumberland's website and you've completed that registration form, we're going to move on to Step 3, which is completing that TSAC dual enrollment grant.

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So as a reminder, this is what pays for the cost of the classes.

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We've got directions on how you can do that.

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Our ask is that you please write down your username and password for that TSAC student portal. You'll need it again to apply for a lot of things in the future, maybe more dual enrollment classes or the Tennessee Promise. It's just really important that you have access to that username and password.

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And then Step 4 is optional.

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So like I mentioned, several of the classes have ACT score requirements.

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Our juniors will take the ACT on March 24th during the school day. However, our sophomores will not take the ACT during the school day. So if sophomores are wanting to sign up for English next year, they will need to sign up for the April 11th national test date, and this is done online at my.act.org.

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Our current juniors can also sign up for any of the national test dates if they'd like to take it more than once or if they don't earn the qualifying scores needed to enroll in the classes they want to.

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So once a student is accepted, the LHS Counseling Center will communicate the student status of their dual enrollment classes. So we'll be communicating with students later in this semester what classes they are enrolled in with Cumberland for next school year.

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And if we weren't able to enroll them in a class based off of ACT score or something else, we would communicate with them what classes they are enrolled in and why they wouldn't be enrolled in others.

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There's also a required orientation at Cumberland University. This typically happens during the first week of school at LHS. So at this orientation, they're going to be doing things like getting their student ID, their parking pass, tying up any loose ends, and going over everything they need to know about starting a class with Cumberland.

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Students are responsible for checking their e-mail used on their application for any communication that comes from Cumberland University.

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Since these are college level classes, it's important to note that the college communicates with the student and not the Parent, So please, students, make sure you use an e-mail address on that application that you are going to check even over the summer. So that might be a personal e-mail instead of a Wilson County e-mail.

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And families, we ask that students use their e-mail on that application, not a parent e-mail.

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The start date does differ from the LHS start date.

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Normally we start that first week of August and the dual enrollment classes start the week after.

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The LHS guidance department does communicate quite a lot with students and parents on parent Square and Student Square. So if you don't have that app downloaded, we would encourage you to do that because I'll be communicating with you all over the summer as well.

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Anything you need to know about dual enrollment?

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Some things to remember during the courses.

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So these classes are scheduled during the school day. Classes meet from 8:00 until 9:15 two days per week. So again, I said they are on Cumberland's campus. If a student is enrolled in one class, they will only have class two days a week, either Monday, Wednesday from 8:00 until 9:15 or Tuesday, Thursday from 8:00 until 9:15.

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If students are enrolled in 2 dual enrollment courses in one semester, they would have class Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 8:00 until 9:15 and Fridays would be off.

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Students are required to provide their own transportation to these classes at Cumberland and then to LHS after.

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Students are taking college level courses and are expected to keep up with their grades, assignments, and attendance.

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They have access to the tutoring center, the writing lab, professor office hours, and we encourage students to take advantage of all of these resources.

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These dual enrollment classes do count towards their LHS GPA and they're weighted the same as an AP level class of B, so on a 5.0 scale.

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We also have an opportunity known as Early College.

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This is where students graduate from high school with an Associate's degree. This program is available for rising juniors. You can see the requirements here. Students must have a 3.0 unweighted GPAA 21 ACT composite with a 22 Maths sub score and a 20 English sub score.

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This program is a cohort model. That means that classes are already picked for students in this program and they typically meet from about 8:00 AM until 12:00 Monday through Thursday.

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Students are full time Cumberland students during their junior and senior year, so they don't take classes at Lebanon High School. They are off campus all junior and senior year and the cost is about \$8000 for this entire program.

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We also have something known as Dual Enrollment extreme. This is when students are enrolled in exclusively Cumberland classes during their senior year.

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So students would work with Lebanon High School counselors to select four classes each semester. So they would be taking eight classes at Cumberland during their senior year.

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There are a variety of entry level general education courses that are available, but we would also make sure that students still are meeting their LHS graduation requirements.

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So for seniors, this typically is your English, your math, your Gov, your economics, and any other classes you might still need. Most of these classes will be on Cumberland's calendar, not Wilson County Schools calendar, so please take note of that when you're thinking through options for your senior year.

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Some other information, like I mentioned, dual enrollment courses are weighted like AP level classes, so on a 5.0 GPA.

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Each college also has their own policy regarding how they accept transfer dual enrollment credits.

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You don't have to plan to attend Cumberland after graduation for these classes to count as college credit. Most college websites have information easily available to see how they accept dual enrollment transfer credit, so I would encourage you to do a little bit of research to better understand how colleges you're interested in might accept dual enrollment credit.

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Please don't forget to use that code Future Phoenix when you're applying to waive that application fee.

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And as always, if you have any questions about this or any other opportunities, please reach out to your child's school counselor.

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They are happy to help answer any questions that you guys might have and we're excited to partner with dual enrollment opportunities in this coming school year.