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Who can enroll in Dual Enrollment (DE)?

ANYONE and EVERYONE.

As equity is a priority in the RJUHSD, we actively recruit and encourage students from underrepresented backgrounds to enroll; however, **any** student could benefit from a DE course since *there is no cost*, and the units transfer to community colleges and most four-year universities as well.

Additional students who might consider taking DE are:

- students **unsure** about post-secondary plans (an opportunity to experience a college course)
- students who don't feel like AP/IB is a good fit and/or don't want to take the AP/IB tests
- students planning on attending a community college or a four-year university
- students who take AP and want to experience DE as well

What are the benefits?

- **Any** student could benefit from a DE course since there is no cost!!
- DE courses provide opportunities to expand educational opportunities, improve economic mobility, and meet California's workforce needs.
- Credits from these college-level classes *may count* toward *both* a high school diploma and a college degree. Not to mention, the units transfer to community colleges and most four-year universities as well.
- By graduating high school having already earned college credits, students can save money and accelerate progress toward a postsecondary degree or certificate.
- **This means you are making strides towards your goals!**

Dual Enrollment vs. Academic Enrichment

	Dual Enrollment	Academic Enrichment
How is it taught differently?	• Dual Enrollment classes are taught by an RJUHSD teacher, who has been hired by Sierra College, on a comprehensive RJUHSD school • All courses are taught in person during the school year.	• Academic Enrichment classes are taught by a Sierra College teacher online during the school year. • Summer courses may be in person at the Sierra College campus • Off Campus - Community College-
Who is Eligible?	• Students enrolled in an RJUHSD school may take DE classes.	• Students who attend a high school or adult school, who have a current Academic Enrichment Compliance Form on file with Sierra College • Students who provide an affidavit indicating they are legally home-schooled or attending a charter school, who have a current Academic Enrichment Compliance form on file with Sierra College • Students who have completed the equivalent of 8th grade and are in good academic standing

Enrollment process?	• You must apply to Sierra College for the semester which you plan on taking your course. • You must complete a Dual Enrollment Form for the semester, which is emailed to you by either your teacher, counselor, or Dual Enrollment Specialist.	• You must apply to Sierra College for the semester which you plan on taking your course. • You must complete an Academic Enrichment Form for the semester.
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Student Expectations, Academic Dishonesty and the Sierra College Student Handbook

Student Behavior Expectations

All members of the Sierra College District and the Roseville Joint Union High School District are committed to providing a safe learning environment for all students. The college's policies and procedures are designed to safeguard this opportunity. Students attending Sierra College or attending any school of RJUHSD will have full access to the rules and regulations under which these institutions operate and will be assured an impartial hearing in instances when a regulation allegedly is violated.

Students enrolled in Sierra College District and the Roseville Joint Union High School District are expected to conduct themselves as responsible citizens and in a manner compatible with the community college function as an educational institution. Students are subject to civil authority and to the specific regulations established by both Sierra Community College and RJUHSD. Violators shall be subject to disciplinary action, including possible cancellation of registration in the community college district and may be denied future admission to Sierra College.

Academic Dishonesty - Sierra College

Success in college, as in other aspects of life, demands absolute honesty at all times. Sierra College expects that students, as well as faculty, will observe the principles of ethical conduct in their treatment of fellow members of the academic community and in their accomplishment of academic work. Students are responsible for familiarizing themselves with these principles as they pertain to each course in which they enroll. When completing assignments, students should be careful to follow the principles of ethical conduct. Students who are uncertain about the ethics involved in particular courses or assignments should make it a point to talk with instructors. Proven misconduct or violation of these principles will be disciplined as set forth in this policy.

The instructor has absolute authority over issuing the final course grade (Education Code, Section 76224).

It is important to remember that the principles of academic honesty in no way restrict free inquiry and the open exchange of diverse, and sometimes unpopular, ideas. Thus, the college encourages them, for they are vital to learning and the pursuit of reason and truth.

Sierra College - Student Rights and Responsibilities

By enrolling in Sierra College, a student agrees to be a responsible member of the District community; obey the law; comply with the published rules and regulations of the District; respect the rights, privileges and property of the other members of the District community; and not interfere with legitimate District affairs.

Each student is responsible to adhere to the policies and procedures of Sierra College, as well as all federal, state, and local laws. All rules and regulations applying to conduct also apply to student employees, whether all or a portion of the salary is paid by the District.

The District Superintendent/President shall establish procedures for the imposition of discipline on students in accordance with the requirements for due process of the federal and state law and regulations.

The procedures shall clearly define the conduct that is subject to discipline, and shall identify potential disciplinary actions, including but not limited to the removal, suspension or expulsion of a student.

The District Superintendent/President shall notify the Board of all long-term suspensions of one or more school terms. The Board shall consider any recommendation from the Superintendent/President for expulsion. The Board shall consider an expulsion recommendation in closed session unless the student requests that the matter be considered in a public meeting. Final action by the Board on the expulsion shall be taken at a public meeting.

What support is available for students who may struggle with DE?

The same supports that currently exist for students who are struggling in high school will be available to students who are taking DE: after-school tutoring, availability of teachers for additional help, and the like.

Teachers and sites will continue to monitor grades and provide additional academic support as needed.

Academic support through the community college is also available.

How would a student, with or without an IEP obtain extra support?

All DE students also have access to Sierra College tutoring as well as any tutoring on the high school campus.

What is the difference between AP, IB and DE?

AP and IB are designed to offer students the most rigorous “college-like” experience while still in high school. ***At the end of an AP or IB course, students are expected to take a test (there’s a cost for the test, although waivers are available for eligible students).*** Colleges determine the scores accepted from these exams for college credit. DE courses, on the other hand, are actual community college courses.

Depending on the subject matter and level, DE might not cover as much material as an AP /IB course; however, they are still college level courses. ***There’s no external test to take at the conclusion of a DE class, and the grade that the student earns will be the one that goes onto their college transcripts.*** CSUs, UCs and any other institutions that accept community college units will provide college units when a DE course is successfully passed.

There’s no “better” course between DE, AP and IB. Students are encouraged to take courses that fit into their sequence of study based on interests, strengths, intentions, post-secondary goals, and their overall academic plan for their high school experience. Students should focus on a pathway that best prepares them for success at the next level, rather than just looking at course choice through the lens of college credit and weighted GPAs.

Just like AP and IB, the purpose of DE is to give students a college experience while still in high school.

In other cases, DE may be in a core academic area or in a [CTE Pathway](#) class.

What kind of credits will be earned for a DE course?

Both high school graduation credits and community college units are earned in the designated courses.

For example, Economics 1A grants students high school credits in Economics towards graduation, as well as three college units for Economics transcribed by the college.

How do colleges view DE?

Colleges view DE as a weighted honors level course when students apply for admission. CSUs and UCs look favorably on DE as a sign that students are pushing themselves academically. When students apply to most colleges, they are able to receive an honors “bump” during the application process; many colleges, including the UC system, will consider these honor levels classes when applying. For more information, visit the [Cal State Application Guide](#).

Will these credits be valid at any college?

The credits earned through DE courses will be assigned to the permanent college transcript by the partner college and will be identical to the units earned at Sierra College. Therefore, any college that accepts Sierra College units, will also accept DE credit; there is no difference on student transcripts. However, students should still research the colleges they are applying for to see if the DE class from Sierra College is accepted as transferable credit.

Are students with IEP's able to enroll in DE courses?

Any student with an IEP is welcome to enroll in a DE course. However, it should be noted that support for students in a DE course may look different than support in a high school course.

“I don't plan on going to Sierra College. Could I just not do that application?”

No, unfortunately, if you do not enroll, you may not stay in the course. You do not have to have plans to go to Sierra College to enroll in a DE course, and if you plan on going to a 4-year MOST will take your transfer credits you earn from your DE course with Sierra College.

If you do not see yourself going to college, it is ok to take the classes, your credits will be on standby for a good amount of time.

“I don't know what major I want to study yet. What should I select?”

Anything is fine! You can change your mind later. You are not tied to your first selection.

“I can't find my social security number. What should I do?”

Select the option for "no, I do not have one" for now. It is okay not to include your social security number, as long as your name is completely correct on your application.

“What is my student status?”

Your student status is "Currently a high school student and first time college student," because you are both. If you are a senior, you will still select this option because you have not graduated yet.

“I do not have information from my parent/guardian and their military service. What should I do?”

You may select "does not apply" because it will not affect your status. Military families have benefits, but because you are still in high school, the DE classes are free and you do not need to use these benefits. Save them for when you graduate!

“It’s been more than 24 hours and I haven’t received my Sierra College Welcome Email. What should I do?”

A few things to try:

1. Please try to check your spam or junk folders.
2. Return to your [application](#), and verify that you submitted your application by clicking on the eyeball under "View Application".
3. Email outreach@sierracollege.edu with a screenshot of your application to verify.

“How do I activate my Sierra College account?”

From the mySierra Login, click on the "reset password" link. Please use your NEW Sierra College email, not the username, that was sent to you in the "Welcome to Sierra" email.

“How does my parent/guardian sign the DE form? It does not let me click on their box.”

You must sign your form and click on the "Submit Form" button, THEN your parents/guardians will receive an email with how to complete the form.

“My parent/guardian already signed, but they keep getting an email that reminds them to sign. Why?”

The form may be stuck in the system, please email outreach@sierracollege.edu with your complete name and Sierra College student ID number.

“I am enrolled, but my class does not appear. What should I do?”

Remember, now that you are a Sierra College student, you have two Canvas accounts! Now you need to log into your mySierra account and find the Canvas button. If your

course does not show up after 48-72 hrs from when your parents have signed, please email outreach@sierracollege.edu

“Where do I see my college grade? How can I see my child/student’s grade?”

Sierra College does not mail home progress reports or final semester grades. Instead, those grades are posted on the student’s MySierra account and/or Sierra Canvas for students to view.

Parents/Guardians: Please communicate with your child for updates and/or final college course grades.