Coldspring Oakhurst CISD

Dual Credit Handbook
2026-2027

"Creating Opportunities for All"

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COCISD Dual Credit Overview

- COHS offers both Career & Technical (Career Academy) and core complete (Academic Academy) dual credit courses.
    - 26-27 Dual Credit course agreements are from the following colleges:
        - Lamar State College Orange (Career Academy- Law Courses)
        - Lamar Institute of Technology (Career Academy- Ag Mechanical/Welding)
        - Lone Star College (Academic Academy- Texas Core Complete Courses)
- Dual credit is open to all students in grades 9-12; students may choose to enter dual credit at the beginning of any grade level, as long as entry requirements and registration deadlines are met.
- It is important for dual credit students to prioritize high school graduation requirements first, including earning an endorsement and required remedial coursework (if applicable), before adding additional dual credit elective courses.
- Dual credit courses are paid for by COCISD; however, fees may apply for students who violate the academic integrity, behavior, or performance expectations.

Academic Integrity / Behavior / Performance Expectations

- Dual credit students will maintain the highest standards of personal conduct.
    - Students enrolled in dual credit courses are expected to perform as college students and assume the responsibilities of a college student.
- Students are encouraged to advocate for themselves. If there is a concern or question with the college course, the student is expected to reach out to the professor in the modality requested in the professor's course syllabus.
- Students typically spend time outside of the school day reading, studying, and preparing for their Academic Academy course, typically 3 hours a week for every college hour.
- A college's reputation depends on maintaining the highest standards of academic integrity and honesty. Commitment to those standards is a responsibility of every college student, instructor, and staff member. The College requires complete honesty from each student in all phases of coursework. Breaches of academic integrity and honesty include cheating, plagiarism, and the unauthorized possession or disposition of academic materials.
    - The College considers any breach of academic integrity and honesty as a violation of acceptable student conduct, and instructors and/or the Student Affairs Official will address any violation. Consequences determined by the college will apply.
- COHS also considers any breach of academic integrity/behavior/performance of a dual credit student a violation and consequences set forth by COHS will apply.
    - See chart below.

Violation	1st Offense	2nd Offense	3rd Offense
DAEP Placement	Dual Credit suspension the following semester; student may need to be dropped from the course due to attendance depending on the drop date - resulting in the student reimbursing COCISD for course fees incurred.		
Final Course Letter Grade "D"	Course grade will be posted to the transcript as a numerical 70, per our Transfer Policy.	If the student on probation earns a "D" again in a	

	The student will be placed on probation for the following semester.	dual credit course, the student will be removed from the dual credit program.	
Final Course Letter Grade of “F”	Course grade will be posted to the transcript as a 69 per the transfer policy. The student will reimburse COCISD for any course fees incurred & will be suspended from dual credit in the subject the following semester.		
Drop a Course after the "drop date"	Required reimbursement to COCISD for any course fees incurred.		
Academic Integrity	"F" for the assignment/quiz/test; parent contact, a COHS Office Referral, and report violation to the college.	1st offense consequences; as well as, revocation of dual credit scholarship funds for the following semester.	"F" for the assignment/quiz/test; parent contact, a COHS Office Referral, report violation to the college (consequences apply); as well as termination from the COHS dual credit program.

Attendance Policy

- Regular and punctual attendance is expected. COCISD attendance policy applies. Students may pass the course with a grade above a 70; however, if the student does not meet the minimum attendance requirement, then the student will lose credit for the course for high school credit. This applies to both in person and online courses.
- Students are required to follow the college professor’s make-up work policy as outlined in the course syllabus.
- Students participating in COCISD extracurricular activities are strongly encouraged to notify their instructor of any school-related absences in advance, preferably at least one week before the scheduled absence.
    - It is the student’s responsibility to arrange in advance with the instructor to make up any missed work or assessments and to complete them within a reasonable timeframe.
- Responsibility for making up work missed due to illness or school-related activities rests solely with the student.
- Please note that all make-up work is granted at the instructor’s discretion and must align with the guidelines provided in the course syllabus.
- Dual credit students are responsible for following both the COHS & the College’s academic calendar. Students are responsible for completing the work per the college course calendar, course syllabus, and assignment due dates, regardless if COCISD is in session or not.

Courses Offered : Academic Academy

The Academic Academy dual credit course selection, availability, and modality is dependent on COHS student course requests, course offerings at the partnering college and the credentialing of the dual credit instructors. College readiness entry requirements apply to enroll in the Academic Academy.

2025-2026 Academic Academy Dual Credit Courses for Texas Core Complete
~Lone Star College

9th Fall	9th Spring	10th Fall	10th Spring	11th Fall	11th Spring	12th Fall	12th Spring
EDUC 1300	ARTS 1301	SPCH 1315	PSYCH 2301 OR SOCI 1301	ENGL 1301	ENGL 1302	ENGL 1301 or 2328	ENGL 1302
				HIST 1301	HIST 1302	US GOVT 2305	TX GOVT 2306
						MATH 1342	MATH 1314 (optional)
						ENVR 1401	ENVR 1402

Texas Core Complete College Courses Crosswalk Chart:

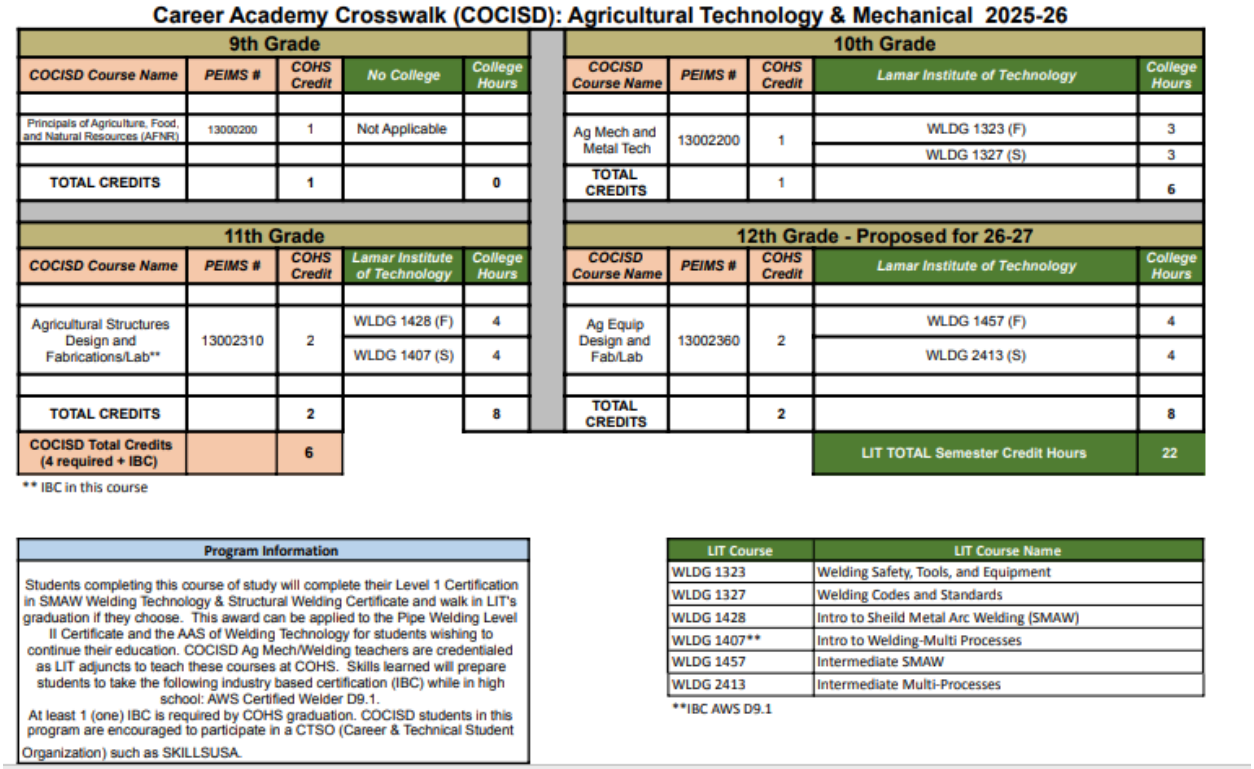
College Core Component Area	College Credit Hours Required	College Course
COMMUNICATION	6	ENGL 1301 ENGL 1302
MATHEMATICS	3	MATH 1342
LIFE & PHYSICAL SCIENCE w lab (4 each)	6-8	ENVR 1401 ENVR 1402
CREATIVE ARTS	3	ARTS 1301
LANGUAGE, PHILOSOPHY & CULTURE	3	ENGL 2328
HISTORY	6	HIST 1301 HIST 1302
GOVERNMENT	6	GOVT 2305 GOVT 2306
SOCIAL & BEHAVIORAL SCIENCE	3	SOCI 1301 or PSYCH 2301
COMPONENT AREA OPTION	6	EDUC 1300 or HUMA 1301 SPCH 1315
OPTIONAL MATH COURSE	3	MATH 1314
TOTAL COLLEGE HRS:	47 hrs	

Courses Offered: Career Academy

The Career Academy dual credit courses are intended for students pursuing certain Career & Technical Programs of Study. Prerequisite course requirements apply; however, college ready test scores are not required. Below are the Career & Technology Crosswalk Course Frameworks for the dual credit programs offered in 26-27:

Agriculture & Mechanics (Welding) -Lamar Institute of Technology

Law Enforcement -Lamar State College Orange



Career Academy Crosswalk (COCISD): Agricultural Technology & Mechanical 2025-26

9th Grade

COCISD Course Name	PEIMS #	COHS Credit	No College	College Hours
Principals of Agriculture, Food, and Natural Resources (AFNR)	13000200	1	Not Applicable	
TOTAL CREDITS		1		0

10th Grade

COCISD Course Name	PEIMS #	COHS Credit	Lamar Institute of Technology	College Hours
Ag Mech and Metal Tech	13002200	1	WLDG 1323 (F)	3
			WLDG 1327 (S)	3
TOTAL CREDITS		1		6

11th Grade

COCISD Course Name	PEIMS #	COHS Credit	Lamar Institute of Technology	College Hours
Agricultural Structures Design and Fabrications/Lab**	13002310	2	WLDG 1428 (F)	4
			WLDG 1407 (S)	4
TOTAL CREDITS		2		8
COCISD Total Credits (4 required + IBC)		6		

12th Grade - Proposed for 26-27

COCISD Course Name	PEIMS #	COHS Credit	Lamar Institute of Technology	College Hours
Ag Equip Design and Fab/Lab	13002360	2	WLDG 1457 (F)	4
			WLDG 2413 (S)	4
TOTAL CREDITS		2		8
			LIT TOTAL Semester Credit Hours	22

** IBC in this course

Program Information
Students completing this course of study will complete their Level 1 Certification in SMAW Welding Technology & Structural Welding Certificate and walk in LIT's graduation if they choose. This award can be applied to the Pipe Welding Level II Certificate and the AAS of Welding Technology for students wishing to continue their education. COCISD Ag Mech/Welding teachers are credentialed as LIT adjuncts to teach these courses at COHS. Skills learned will prepare students to take the following industry based certification (IBC) while in high school: AWS Certified Welder D9.1. At least 1 (one) IBC is required by COHS graduation. COCISD students in this program are encouraged to participate in a CTSO (Career & Technical Student Organization) such as SKILLSUSA.

LIT Course	LIT Course Name
WLDG 1323	Welding Safety, Tools, and Equipment
WLDG 1327	Welding Codes and Standards
WLDG 1428	Intro to Sheild Metal Arc Welding (SMAW)
WLDG 1407**	Intro to Welding-Multi Processes
WLDG 1457	Intermediate SMAW
WLDG 2413	Intermediate Multi-Processes

**IBC AWS D9.1

Career Academy Crosswalk (COCISD): Law Enforcement/Criminal Justice 2025-26

9th Grade				
COCISD Course Name	PEIMS #	COHS Credit	Lamar State College Orange	College Hours
Principals of Law	13029200	1	Not Applicable	
TOTAL CREDITS		1		0

10th Grade				
COCISD Course Name	PEIMS #	COHS Credit	Lamar State College Orange	College Hours
			CJSA 1322 (F)	3
Law Enforcement I	13029200	1	CJSA 1312 (S)	3
TOTAL CREDITS		1		6

11th Grade				
COCISD Course Name	PEIMS #	COHS Credit	Lamar State College Orange	College Hours
			CJSA 1317 (F)	3
Criminal Investigation	13029550	1	CJSA 1342 (S)	3
TOTAL CREDITS		1		6
COCISD Total Credits (4 required + IBC)		4		

12th Grade : Proposed for 26-27				
COCISD Course Name	PEIMS #	COHS Credit	Lamar State College Orange	College Hours
			CJSA 1313 (F)	3
Law Enforcement II*	13029400	1	CJSA 1327 (S)	3
TOTAL CREDITS		1		6
* IBC offered in this course (must be 18 & get fingerprinted)			TOTAL Semester Credit	18

Program Information
The courses in this program can be applied to the Criminal Justice 15 hr Certificate and the AAS in Criminal Justice.
The COCISD Criminal Justice Instructor will be credentialed and mentored to teach these courses in person at COHS.
Skills learned in these courses will prepare students to test for the following industry based certifications (IBC) while in high school: IAED Emergency Telecommunicator or Non Commissioned Security Officer Level II License
(IBCs available at COHS may vary). At least 1 (one) IBC is recommended by COHS graduation.
COCISD students in this program are encouraged to participate in a CTSO (Career & Technical Student Organization) such as SKILLSUSA.

LSCO Course	LSCO Course Name
CJSA 1322	Intro to Criminal Justice
CJSA 1312	Crime in America
CJSA 1317	Juvenile Justice System
CJSA 1342	Criminal Investigation
CJSA 1313	Court Systems & Practices
CJSA 1327	Fundamentals of Criminal Law

Dropping a Course

- If the student is considering dropping a course, he/she must first communicate with the professor and also the CCMR Coordinator. Fees, course and graduation consequences may apply. Pay close attention to the "drop dates" given by each college.
- If a dual credit course must be dropped, the student is required to notify the CCMR Coordinator, AND complete/submit the required paperwork provided by the college.
    - Parents will be notified by the CCMR Coordinator; and the high school course schedule is changed. The student will be placed in a regular credit high school course in the same subject as his/her schedule and graduation plan allows. If scheduling conflicts or date enrolled prevents the student from going into a regular classroom for instruction, classes may be completed through the credit recovery program. Course credits completed through credit recovery are recorded on the high school transcript; however, no GPA points are earned for completion.

Student Eligibility & Requirements

- Dual credit students will be required to follow enrollment procedures and guidelines for admission set forth by each college. For some courses, students are required to meet college ready testing requirements established by the college; while other courses require pre-requisites.
- The Texas Success Initiative is a state-legislated program designed to improve student success in college. Part of this program is an assessment called Texas Success Initiative Assessment - TSIA-2) to determine basic skills in reading, mathematics and writing. Students may show their college readiness to enter dual credit through the following college ready test scores: ACT, SAT, or TSIA-2.
    - The TSIA-2 is administered at COHS for students in grades 9-12 at least once each fall and again in the spring; and for 8th graders each spring; the ACT is provided to juniors at COHS each spring. See testing calendar for dates.
- Qualifying assessment scores may be a pre-requisite for specific dual credit courses and grade levels.
    - <u>TSIA-2 College Ready Scores:</u>
        - TSIA-2 ELAR: >= 945 and Essay score of 5+ OR
            - <945, Essay 5-8, and a Diagnostic Score 5+.
        - TSIA-2 Math: >= 950 OR
            - <950 and a Diagnostic Score of a 6.

Enrollment, Course Load & Registration

- Students interested in dual credit need to plan ahead. Each fall, there is a parent meeting planning for the following school year's dual credit program. Students interested in the Academic Academy should take the TSIA-2 or other form of college readiness test in the fall, so (if needed) the student has a chance to retest in the spring prior to meeting with the counselors for course requests.
- For dual credit course selection, students may select the dual credit courses from the courses offered in COHS's Career Academy or Academic Academy. See charts that follow.
- To ensure success, it is recommended that students monitor the course load of dual credit as follows:
    - 9th- no more than one (1) dual credit course each semester from the Academic Academy. Courses on the Career Academy are not offered to 9th graders.
    - 10th- no more than one (1) dual credit course from the Academic Academy and 1 from the Career Academy each semester.
    - 11th - no more than two (2) courses from the Academic Academy and two (2) from the Career Academy per semester.
    - 12th - Seniors should not exceed four (4) courses from the Academic Academy and two (2) from the Career Academy per semester.
- Dual credit enrollment paperwork is due to the CCMR Coordinator no later than the first Monday of May each year.
    - Paperwork to include, but not limited is as follows:
        - College Ready Test Score(s) on TSIA-2, SAT, or ACT. (if applicable)
        - Enrollment Consent Form signed by care-taker/student indicating dual credit course requests for both the upcoming fall and spring semesters.
        - COCISD Socioeconomic Form (this is expected to be updated annually)
        - Proof of application to the college: Application or Student ID#.
            - For the initial year of dual credit at the specific college, students are required to complete the online application called Apply Texas. www.applytexas.org

Grades / Credits

- Core academic dual credit courses in the Academic Academy are included in the student's calculated rank on a grade point scale congruent with the advanced academic courses as approved in board policy. (English, Math, Social Studies, Science) Elective dual credit courses do NOT count towards a student's rank.
    - **SENIORS:** Reminder - due to the COCISD Board Policy, ***any*** courses taken in the spring of the senior year ***will not*** be included in the calculation for Senior Honors. *"For the purpose of determining honors to be conferred during graduation activities, the District shall calculate class rank in accordance with this policy and administrative regulations by using grades available at the time of calculation at the end of the fall semester of the senior year."*
- Students are responsible for monitoring their dual credit grades through the college grade portal and/or COCISD grade portal as applicable. Students should expect a mid-term grade and a final grade; however, it is the discretion of the professor how to issue grades throughout the semester. The college grading system is not required to follow the 9-week COCISD grade system.
    - If mid-term grades are available from the college, students will be notified of their grade; parents will be notified of students failing or in jeopardy of failing.
    - Final dual credit grades will be posted to the COCISD grade portal at the end of each semester.
- In the absence of a numerical grade provided by the college, letter grades transferred will be converted as follows: A = 95; B = 85; C = 75; D = 70; F = 69, per district policy.
- Refer to the chart for additional grading information & consequences.

    - Suspension - not able to take a dual credit course the following semester, but allowed to pick up dual credit after sitting out of dual credit for one semester.
    - Probation - monitor the course grade while continuing to be enrolled in dual credit; if a student falls below the academic expectations two semesters in a row, suspension from the dual credit program will be considered.
- Specific to dual credit GRADES, COCISD will only award credit for dual credit grades 70 and above. Grades below 70 will not earn COHS credit and will earn zero points for GPA. If the course in which a grade is below a 70 is a graduation requirement, the student may be assigned credit recovery to make up the course credit.

Graduation Recognition

- Students earning Texas Core Complete will be recognized at the high school graduation ceremony.
- Students earning a Level I or Level II Career & Technical Certificate by completing the required CTE dual credit hours will be recognized at the high school graduation ceremony In addition, (depending on the program and the college), these students *may* be invited to attend a graduation ceremony honoring the certificate at the college.

Performance Acknowledgements & FERPA

- Twelve (12) College Academic hours with a grade of a 3.0 or higher will be noted as a Performance Acknowledgement on the student's COHS transcript.
- Dual Credit students are college students and subject to the Federal Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA). A parent or legal guardian must sign a FERPA Release Form from the college to receive information regarding his/her student's academic performance.

Student Complaints or Student Grade Appeals

- Grievance or complaint procedures for handling student complaining, regarding college courses are applicable to all students enrolled in dual credit courses. Dual Credit students with complaints should contact the Dual Credit Coordinator (CCMR Coordinatory) or the Assistant Superintendent of COCISD to begin the process. Many times the complaint/concern can be resolved at the district level. However, if needed, the dual credit students will be referred to follow the procedures as stated in the particular college's board policy.
- If a student chooses to appeal a grade, the student should contact the professor and the dual credit coordinator. If an agreement is not reached, then the student will be referred to the college's grade appeal process.

Transcripts

- Students may access their unofficial college transcript in the college student portal.
- Requests for official college transcripts will need to be requested through the college's website. Fees apply. COHS does not keep official college dual credit transcripts.
- At the end of each school year, it is advised that students request an official transcript from each college they attended, just for their records; however, it is very important after high school graduation to follow the steps to request an official transcript be sent to the college the student will attend in the fall. COHS only sends high school transcripts, not college transcripts. It is the responsibility of the student to request official college transcripts.

Transferring College Credit to another College or University

College credit is awarded through the higher education partner. In order to determine how the course will transfer to another public university, you can use the Texas Common Course Numbering System (TCCNS) https://www.tccns.org, visit the website of the specific university you plan to attend, or meet with a college advisor. COCISD employees are not responsible for ensuring college courses taken in high school will transfer to individual college degree plans. The Academic Academy Core Complete courses are updated each year by the partner college (in this case for 26-27 Lone Star College) to ensure courses taken fulfill the Higher Education Board's approval for Texas Core Complete.

Tuition & Textbook Fees

- Tuition & textbooks for approved dual credit courses will be paid for by the district.
    - Course textbooks & material fees are specific to each course
    - The maximum course fees this year 26-27 that could be incurred to COCISD are as follows:
        - $129 for 3-hour course
        - $172 for 4-hour course
- Students that drop courses after the 100% refund deadline or earn a grade below a 70 will be responsible for paying the school district back for any fees the district has incurred, such as (but not limited to) tuition fees, textbooks, materials, resources, etc.

UIL Eligibility

Dual credit core academic courses follow UIL eligibility no pass/no play regulations. Students may apply for one UIL eligibility waiver for one failing grade in a dual credit class. The student will need to complete the paperwork through the COHS Counselor and have the waiver signed by the principal. The policy states that the grade must at least be a 65 to be eligible. Due to the nature of the college grading system, students may not have an opportunity to become UIL eligible after receiving a failing grade.

If you have any other questions regarding the dual credit program, please contact the College, Career & Military Readiness Coordinator at (936) 653-1154 or the COCISD Assistant Superintendent of Instruction at (936) 653-1115.