

DUAL ENROLLMENT

Parent & Student Meeting

2026–2027 School Year

College credit • A clear pathway • Partnership with families



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Our College & University Partners

Real college credit. Tuition-free for families.



UT Rio Grande Valley

D2L Brightspace • MyUTRGV



South Texas College

Blackboard • JagNet



Texas Southmost College

Canvas • MyTSC



Texas State Technical College

Canvas • OneTSTC

UT Austin OnRamps coursework is also available.

Same professors. Same standards. Same transcript.

Opportunities Expand in 2026–2027

New pathways at every campus — earn free college credit and stay in CTE and extracurriculars.

FREE COLLEGE CREDIT AVAILABLE

60

credit hours

South Texas College

up to 46

credit hours

UTRGV

60

credit hours

Texas Southmost College

NEW OPPORTUNITIES BY CAMPUS

Health Professions — Mercedes	AS Interdisciplinary Studies • AA Interdisciplinary Studies
Medical Professions — Olmito	AS Allied Health Education
Science Academy — Mercedes	AS Interdisciplinary Studies • HVAC-R Technology Certificate
Virtual Academy — Mercedes	AA Interdisciplinary Studies
World Scholars — Edinburg	AA Interdisciplinary Studies • AA Business Administration

In addition to existing Dual Enrollment programs.



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Dual Enrollment Opportunities Expand in 2026-2027

STISD students earn **free college credit** while still participating in CTE and extracurricular activities at STISD.



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In addition to existing dual enrollment programs, these are some *new opportunities* unique to each campus.

Health Professions Mercedes	Medical Professions Olmito	Science Academy Mercedes	Virtual Academy Mercedes	World Scholars Edinburg
Associate of Science in Interdisciplinary Studies	Associate of Science-Allied Health Education	Associate of Science in Interdisciplinary Studies + HVAC-R Technology Certificate	Associate of Arts in Interdisciplinary Studies	Associate of Arts in Interdisciplinary Studies + Associate of Arts in Business Administration

Collaboration With Parents Matters

Support Your Child

- Ask about college courses like any other class.
- Celebrate the effort — this work is demanding.
- Reach out early. Week three beats week eighteen.
- Reinforce attendance, deadlines, and transportation.



Grades Matter — Monitoring & Support

Routine check-ins keep small problems small.



DUAL ENROLLMENT 3-WEEK GRADE CHECK-IN
Class Facilitator check-ins and Counselor Communication

Semester: ☐ Fall ☐ Spring ☐ Summer
School Year: _____

Student Name: _____	Student ID: _____	Campus / Grade: _____	Assigned STISD Class Facilitator: _____
Assigned Counselor: _____	Course 1 / College: _____	Course 2 / College: _____	Other Course(s): _____

Directions: The STISD Class Facilitator completes a grade check-in with the student every three weeks and initials the record with the student. After each check-in, the Class Facilitator communicates progress or concerns to the counselor. The communication summary and counselor initials are recorded in the same row.

Semester Check-In and STISD Class Facilitator-Counselor Communication Record										
Week	Date	Grade Evidence	Course Status	Concern / Student Action	Student Initials	Class Facilitators Initials	Communication Method	Class Facilitator-Counselor Communication Summary / Agreed Follow-Up		Counselor Initials
Week 3		☐ Portal ☐ Printout ☐ Screenshot	☐ On Track ☐ Concern ☐ Intervention Needed				☐ Email ☐ Phone ☐ In Person			
Week 6		☐ Portal ☐ Printout ☐ Screenshot	☐ On Track ☐ Concern ☐ Intervention Needed				☐ Email ☐ Phone ☐ In Person			
Week 9		☐ Portal ☐ Printout ☐ Screenshot	☐ On Track ☐ Concern ☐ Intervention Needed				☐ Email ☐ Phone ☐ In Person			

STISD 3-Week Grade Check-In — used at every campus.

Six documented check-ins per semester.

GRADES DIRECTLY INFLUENCE

- College GPA and standing
- Admission to programs
- Scholarships and financial aid
- Degree and transfer options

Grades follow a student for life.

- Recorded on the STISD record AND the permanent college transcript
- STISD may not see professor gradebooks — students monitor and report
- Parents may not have automatic access; student consent is required
- Facilitator completes a grade check-in every 3 weeks
- Parent and Student must sign and submit the STISD Consent for Authorization and IHE FERPA Release forms.

Act early. Early support protects the record.

Students Are Asked To:

- 1 Monitor grades routinely
- 2 Meet the counselor every 3 weeks
- 3 Submit final NUMERICAL grades each semester
- 4 Report any low-grade notice right away

4. Final Grade Verification — End of Each Semester

One step at the close of every semester.

What Is Required

Every Dual Enrollment student meet with their campus counselor to review and submits a copy of their official final numeric grade(s) to their assigned school counselor at the conclusion of each semester — by the established Grades Due date in the IHE academic calendar.

HOW STUDENTS DO IT

- Log in to the college portal — UTRGV, STC, TSC, TSTC, or OnRamps
- Print or download the final NUMERICAL grade
- Submit it to the assigned STISD counselor by the due date

Submit the NUMERICAL grade, not just the letter.



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DUAL ENROLLMENT PARENT/GUARDIAN & STUDENT
CONSENT AND ACKNOWLEDGMENT FORM | 2026-2027

STUDENT AND DUAL ENROLLMENT INFORMATION

Student Name: _____	Student ID: _____
Campus: ☐ Health Professions ☐ Medical Professions ☐ Science Academy ☐ Virtual Academy ☐ World Scholars	Grade Level: _____
College / University: ☐ UTRGV ☐ STC ☐ TSTC ☐ TSC ☐ OnRamps	Academic Year / Term: _____
Semester: ☐ Fall ☐ Spring ☐ Summer	Assigned Counselor: _____

1. Transportation During the School Day

Students enrolled in Dual Enrollment courses during the regular school day may not use personal vehicles or arrange personal transportation to travel between an STISD campus and a college/university location during school hours. Students must use district-approved transportation, report to assigned locations on time, and follow all district safety procedures. Unauthorized departure or transportation may result in disciplinary action and/or affect continued participation in Dual Enrollment.

2. Approved Schedule and Course Changes

All Dual Enrollment courses and schedule changes must be reviewed and approved by the student's assigned STISD school counselor. Students may not independently add, drop, withdraw from, substitute, or change a college course.

IMPORTANT: A grade earned in a Dual Enrollment course that was added, substituted, or changed without prior STISD counselor review and approval will not be accepted by the district as an approved Dual Enrollment course grade for the student's STISD academic record.

3. Academic Monitoring and Routine Grade Verification

South Texas ISD does not have direct access to the professor's or college's gradebook. Routine grade verification allows the district counselor to identify students who may be struggling, provide timely academic support, and intervene before the student is at risk of failing or withdrawing from a dual enrollment course.

Grade Monitoring: Numerical Grades & GPA

New for 2026–2027.

STISD require the NUMERICAL grade for GPA and class rank.

WHAT THIS MEANS

- An 89 is recorded as an 89 — every point counts
- Submit the official final numeric grade each semester
- A letter grade alone is not enough
- By providing access you are guaranteeing that the numerical grade is entered in the transcript

LETTER GRADE ONLY

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A range of scores. Detail is lost. STISD does not place letter grades in the students transcript, it must be a numerical grade.

NUMERICAL GRADE

89

Exactly what was earned. Used for GPA.

Parent + Student Responsibilities

Two roles, one team.

STUDENTS

- Check college email and LMS daily
- Monitor grades regularly
- Attend all classes on time
- Meet every deadline
- Communicate with professors
- Contact the counselor BEFORE any change
- Ask for help early
- By providing access you are guaranteeing that the numerical grade is entered in the transcript



PARENTS

- Talk about academic progress regularly
- Reinforce attendance and deadlines
- Encourage help early, not late
- Share concerns with the STISD counselor
- Consult before any drop or withdrawal
- Support district transportation expectations
- By providing access you are guaranteeing that the numerical grade is entered in the transcript

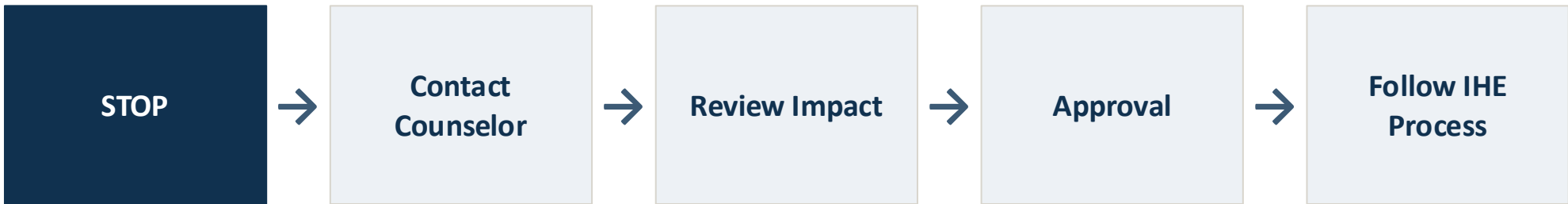


Please Stop Before You Add or Withdraw

Students follow a pathway — one change can shift everything.

Students may NOT add, drop, withdraw, substitute, or change a college course on their own.

THE COURSE CHANGE PROCESS



AN UNAPPROVED CHANGE CAN AFFECT

- Graduation requirements and degree pathway
- Course sequencing and the college transcript
- Financial aid and scholarship eligibility
- Program completion and standing with the college
- The Memorandum of Understanding of Dual Enrollment Partnerships. STISD must comply with the agreed upon Memorandum of Understanding.

Always Ask First

One conversation with your STISD counselor protects an entire pathway.



Staying in Good Standing

Clear expectations so every student can meet them.

01

Pathways Must Be Followed

Courses are sequenced so credits build toward a certificate, degree, or transfer plan.

02

The College/University Checks Grades

UTRGV, STC, TSC, and TSTC monitor performance under their own academic standards.

03

Program Completion Is Expected

Students are expected to finish the program they begin.

04

If a Student Is Not Successful

They may be placed on probation with the College/University and with STISD. Support always comes first.

Looking Ahead: Growing Our Options

Planning now so future students have even more ways to earn credit.

Primarily Online Delivery

Instructional Delivery Options:

- STISD teachers who are approved college professors
- Online (synchronous and asynchronous)
- In person
- Benefits of Dual Enrollment options will be primarily online — giving students back hours in their day.

Benefits of taking courses online:

- More course choices across all four partners
- Less instructional time lost to travel
- More room for sports, clubs, and organizations
- Broader access at every campus
- Stronger preparation for online college work
- Campus supports from STISD

For 2026–2027

Current expectations stay in place: in-person attendance at the assigned college location and district-provided transportation.

Families will hear from STISD before any change takes effect.

More time for student life — sports, clubs, and campus activities.

Transportation: Ride the Bus, Park and Board

Safety, attendance, and accountability — every student accounted for.

Students in Dual Enrollment courses ride the district bus. Personal vehicles may not be used to travel between campuses during school hours.

Safety	Supervised, district-approved travel.
Attendance	STISD in compliance with ADA guideline must verify attendance
Accountability	Students physically accounted for by STISD.
Reporting	Accurate attendance protects district accountability.

EXAMPLE — PARK AND BOARD

A student who attends Health Professions in Mercedes but lives in Edinburg parks at World Scholars in Edinburg and rides the bus from there. Parking allowed in staff parking to avoid drop off/pick up lines. This type of arrangement will be made for all campuses.

A student parking permit from STISD is required to park at any STISD campus.

How It Works

- 1** Drive to — or get dropped off at — the STISD campus closest to home.
- 2** Vehicle stays parked at that campus for the day.
- 3** Board the district bus to the college location.
- 4** Return by district bus and check in with STISD staff.
- 5** Bused back to the campus where the vehicle was left.

The Consent & Acknowledgment Form

One form covers everything discussed today.

What You Are Acknowledging

1. Transportation During the School Day

District-approved transportation, on time, following all safety procedures.

2. Approved Schedule and Course Changes

Counselor review and approval required in compliance with IHE programs pathways — or the grade is not accepted by the district.

3. Attendance of Class as Required

Grades earned from Dual Enrollment courses will be part of the students high school and college transcripts.

4. Academic Monitoring and Grade Verification

Routine checks let counselors support students before they are at risk. By providing access you are guaranteeing that the numerical grade is entered in the transcript

5. FERPA Consent — IHE Records Release

FERPA consent is what allows the College/University to share grades with STISD.



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Grade Verification Requirements

Simple, routine, and no passwords ever shared.

GRADE VERIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

STISD Class Facilitator completes a grade check-in with the student every **three** weeks

Acceptable Progress Verification

Verification may through the LMS system will be completed during the student counselor meeting.

- Current overall numeric grade for each course;
- Missing, incomplete, late, or ungraded assignments;
- Major assessment grades and course-progress alerts; and
- Other course-progress information reasonably needed to determine whether support is necessary.

IMPORTANT: Students must not provide passwords, multifactor authentication codes, or other login credentials. The student remains responsible for accessing the college system and sharing only the requested grade information.

Why We Verify

So we spot a struggling student in week three instead of week eighteen — while there is still time to recover the grade.

Every Three Weeks

The Class Facilitator completes a grade check-in with the student.

WHAT COUNTS AS VERIFICATION

- Current overall numeric grade per course
- Missing, late, or ungraded assignments
- Major assessment grades and alerts

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Where to Find the Final Grade

By institution — submit the numeric grade to your counselor.

INSTITUTION	COURSE PLATFORM	OFFICIAL FINAL GRADE SOURCE
UTRGV	D2L Brightspace	MyUTRGV Portal • ASSIST App
South Texas College	Blackboard	JagNet Portal • Academic History
Texas Southmost College	Canvas	MyTSC Portal • TSC Online Self-Service
Texas State Technical College	Canvas / OneTSTC	OneTSTC Student Portal
UT Austin OnRamps	Canvas	OnRamps Student Portal

OnRamps students must also accept or decline college credit in the OnRamps Student Portal by the published deadline.



What We Need From You

SIGN-IN AND RETURN

1. the Consent & Acknowledgment Form
2. FERPA / IHE records consent.

COMMUNICATE

Counselor for transportation regarding location to your nearest STISD to leave your personal vehicle and how to obtain your parking permit and for the pick up/drop off location nearest to you.

ASK FIRST

- Never add, drop, or withdraw alone
- Must follow college/university course pathway requirements

Monitor early. Communicate often. Ask before you change anything.

Questions? Start Here.

Please reach out — we would much rather solve it together.

FOR ALL DUAL ENROLLMENT QUESTIONS or CONCERNS

Speak to your campus Principal and counselor

Transportation • Instruction • Grades • Course changes • Extenuating circumstances

Thank You for Partnering With Us

Ask questions. Stay in touch with your counselor. Tell us early when something is not working.

College credit, confidence, and a clear pathway forward.

About UTRGV Courses

We are working with UTRGV to align sections specifically for STISD students, rather than mixing them with non-dual-enrollment students.

A cohort of STISD peers, pacing that fits the school day, and closer coordination with counselors.



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