

DE Application Steps (how to apply for DE for RCPS)

Step 1- Attend a DE Night or view the recording of the virtual DE Night and complete the verification form.

Step 2- Sign and submit the RCPS Student Participation Agreement.

Step 3- Apply to your DE college. RCPS partners with Clayton State University, Georgia Piedmont Technical College, Point University (virtual only), and Georgia Military College (virtual only). Make sure you meet the minimum application requirements before applying.

*Clayton State University considers only your four core academic areas and world languages when calculating your GPA.

*Georgia Piedmont Technical College will accept students with less than a 2.5 GPA, but those students will only be allowed to take CTAE classes, not academic classes.

*Georgia Military College is on the quarter system, so new classes begin in August, October, January, and March.

Step 4- Ask your home school counselor or the clerk for your home school's counseling department to email your transcript to your DE college.

Step 5- Complete the 2027-2028 DE funding application once it opens in February on www.gafutures.org.

Make sure your parent/guardian completes the Parent Participation Agreement (PPA) as well.

Do not complete this step before the 2027-2028 DE funding application opens.

Step 5a- Log in to GAfutures to check how many funding hours you have if you took DE during the 2026-2027 school year. Factor in summer DE classes if you plan to take them.

Step 5b- Register for Selective Service If you are a male that will turn 18 while participating in DE. You must do this to be eligible for DE funding. Male students must complete this within 30 days of turning 18. DE funding will be rejected if this is not completed. The site is www.sss.gov.

Step 6- Check the email you used when applying to the college because the college's DE team will email you with any next steps. It is very important that you complete any further tasks that the college asks you to complete.

Step 7- Complete the Microsoft form for your DE college and upload your proof of acceptance. The link is available at www.rockdaleschools.org/de. It is titled DE College Acceptance Form.

Step 8- Schedule academic advisement with your counselor or with Ms. Rowe. Please decide now if your classes will be online or in-person.

Please understand that you will not be scheduled for DE classes until all steps (apart from 5b if it doesn't apply) have been completed and verified.