

Dual Credit
Early College High School
Updates

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Dual Credit

- **A process by which a high school student enrolls in a college course and receives simultaneous academic credit for the course from both the college and the high school.**

Dual Credit Statute & Rules

Texas Education Code (TEC) 130.008

- Outlines how public junior colleges may establish dual credit partnerships with public and private high schools/school districts.

Texas Education Code (TEC) 28.009

- Requires that each school district implement a program under which students may earn at least 12 semester credit hours of college credit in high school.

Texas Administrative Code TAC Ch. 4, Sub. D

- Sections 4.81 through 4.85 (THECB)

Texas Administrative Code TAC Ch. 74, Sub. C

- Sections 74.25 (TEA)

Dual Credit Basics

Dual Credit Partnership

- Dual credit partnership (MOU) must be established between the governing boards of the college and public or private high school/district prior to offering courses. (TAC Section 4.84)

Eligible Courses for Dual Credit

- ACGM credit courses
- WECM credit courses
- University's approved undergraduate course inventory
- No developmental education or remedial courses

Grade Level Eligibility

- High school students-as agreed upon in local policy

Dual Credit Course Load

- No limit in rules-as agreed upon in local policy

Dual Credit Basics

Student Demonstration of Eligibility to Enroll

- Demonstration of TSI college readiness or exemption
 - TSI Assessment
 - ACT
 - SAT
 - Algebra II STARR EOC
 - English III STAAR EOC
- Dual credit course enrollment eligibility (all high school grades)
 - English II STAAR EOC
 - Algebra I STAAR EOC plus passing grade in Algebra II course
 - PSAT
 - PLAN/Aspire
- Not required for dual credit courses contained in a Workforce Education Level 1 Certificate or less.

Dual Credit Basics

Curriculum

- The college shall ensure that a dual credit course and the corresponding course offered at the main campus of the college are **equivalent** with respect to curriculum, materials, instruction, and method/rigor of student evaluation.

Faculty

- Faculty must meet the same standards and approval procedures used by the college to select faculty responsible for teaching the same courses at the main campus of the college. Dual credit faculty qualifications specified in TEC 130.008(g).
- The college shall supervise and evaluate instructors of dual credit courses using the same procedures used for faculty at the main campus of the college.

Dual Credit Basics

Funding

- An institution of higher education **may** waive all or part of tuition and fees for students enrolled in dual credit courses.
- In its instruction and operations formula applicable to an institution of higher education, the board may not include any SCH earned from college courses offered for dual credit unless they are earned through courses in the institution's core curriculum, career and technical education courses, or foreign language courses. (TEC 61.059)

Junior/Community College Service Area

- No service area restrictions for dual credit courses.

ECHS Statute & Rules

Texas Education Code (TEC) 29.908

- Requires TEA to establish and administer an early college education program for students who are at risk of dropping out of school or who wish to accelerate completion of the high school program.
- Allows a participating student to complete high school and, on or before the fifth anniversary of the date of the student's first day of high school, receive a high school diploma and either:
 - (A) an associate degree; or
 - (B) at least 60 semester credit hours toward a baccalaureate degree

Texas Administrative Code TAC Ch. 4, Sub. G

- Sections 4.151 through 4.161 (THECB)

Texas Administrative Code TAC Ch. 102, Sub. GG

- Section 102.1091 (TEA)

ECHS Basics

Designation and Renewal

- TEA

ECHS MOU

- An ECHS/dual credit MOU must be established between the governing boards of the college and public or private high school/district prior to implementation of the program.

Eligible Courses

- ACGM credit courses
- WECM credit courses
- University's approved undergraduate course inventory
- No developmental education or remedial courses.

Grade Level Eligibility

- Freshman, sophomore, junior, or senior high school standing

Dual Credit Course Load

- May enroll in more than dual credit two courses per semester

ECHS Basics

Student Demonstration of Eligibility to Enroll

- Demonstration of TSI college readiness or exemption (Initial testing required for ECHS students)
 - TSI Assessment
 - ACT
 - SAT
 - Algebra II STARR EOC
 - English III STAAR EOC
- Dual credit course enrollment eligibility (not college readiness)
 - English II STAAR EOC
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ECHS Basics

Funding

- State funding for high school and college credit will be available to the public school district and the C/U based on the current funding rules of the State Board of Education and the Board.
- A student enrolled in an ECHS course for high school graduation credit may not be required to pay for tuition, fees, or required textbooks. The school district or charter in which the student is enrolled shall pay for tuition, fees, and required textbooks, to the extent those charges are not waived by the institution of higher education.

Junior/Community College Service Area

- No restrictions

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