

Dual- Enrollment Options for Effingham County High School Students

There are several dual enrollment programs that allow students to earn their last high school credits as well as college credits at the same time.

Some important points to remember if you choose dual enrollment:

- You will be a college student – most college classes only allow 2 or 3 absences – you will not understand the material or do well if you don't go to class! Many instructors will drop you from their roll if you do not attend.
- Not all colleges will accept our local dual enrollment credits –esp. selective colleges outside the state of Georgia.
- Many selective colleges prefer AP classes to dual enrollment classes. You may be denied admission to the college of your dreams. Check out your college website!
- Colleges are looking for dual-enrollment students who have been successful in honors/AP.
- Every college has different requirements for dual enrollment – at GSU the requirement is a 1010 combination of Math + Verbal on the SAT and 21 ACT composite – check your college website for specifics. Sometimes the requirements are higher for Dual enrollment students. Some colleges have different requirements for ACCEL and MOWR.
- You will have to take classes to complete your high school requirements. If these require a state end of course test (such as economics, US History, etc.) YOU are responsible for scheduling the test at your high school during the high school testing window. No credit will be awarded without the EOCTs. We cannot give the tests outside the state testing window.
- You may have to pay extra if you take classes that are not on the approved list.

HOPE:

- Your high school HOPE GPA is determined when you graduate from high school. If you do poorly in dual enrollment, you may lose HOPE before you graduate and not receive it your freshman year.
- You will no longer be using up your 127 total semester HOPE hours allowed if you participate in the ACCEL program; you also will not use up HOPE hours if you enroll in MOWR.
- To participate in the ACCEL program, students have to be determined by the college to be HOPE eligible at the time of their admissions review.

COST:

- Although tuition is paid for approved coursework, you will still encounter these and other expenses: transportation, books, parking fees, activity fees. Usually these total about \$500 for full time students and \$250 for students taking only one class.

A Comparison of ACCEL and Move On When Ready Programs	
<u>ACCEL</u>	<u>Move On When Ready (MOWR)</u>
Part or full time	Must remain full time college student or you will be bumped back to high school in the middle of semester
Support services available	No support services allowed
Partial Book allowance	Student pays for all books
Hours do not count toward total HOPE hours allowed	Hours of credit do not count toward total HOPE hours allowed.
Can only take academic classes – no PE or electives or you will pay for these	At GSU – you can only take classes required to graduate

Remember that you must approach this dual-enrollment process as a mature and responsible college-bound student. The beginning of this process is investigating the information on our website. Go to www.echsrebels.com and then click on the tab “Our School,” and then click on “Counselors,” then look for the black section that says “Dual Enrollment.” Click on the links there and look carefully at the chart before approaching your counselor with questions. You should print out the information, read it carefully, and formulate and write down questions you may have. You can email your counselor for other local documents that you and your parents should read before making this decision.

Checklist for the dual enrollment process

- Investigate the options on the chart above and on the link above.**
- Study the website for your college of interest to determine if you meet the admissions criteria for the dual enrollment program that you are interested in attending: GPA, test scores, number of credits, etc.**
- Sign up for, take, and achieve the test scores on the particular test required by your chosen institution.**
- Download the Dual Enrollment Program Contract to examine with your parent.**
- Apply for admission as a dual enrollment student (click that box!) to the college that you are interested in attending!**
- Make an appointment for you, your parents, and your counselor to finalize paperwork and to choose appropriate coursework. Bring your college acceptance letter to this meeting.**
- Meet with the dual enrollment coordinator at the college of your choice to finalize paperwork and register for classes.**

This entire process must be completed before the last day of school.