



Cleveland School District

Learning is Essential For All

Dual Credit & Dual Enrollment Guidance

Overview

The Cleveland School District offers Dual Enrollment and Dual Credit courses for eligible students from all seven high schools.

Dual Enrollment and Dual Credit

Mississippi Code of 1972: 37-15-38 established dual enrollment and dual credit programs for high school and postsecondary credit. The purpose of the Dual Enrollment and Credit Program is to offer structured opportunities for qualified high school students to simultaneously enroll in college courses at Mississippi (public) Institutions of Higher Learning (IHLs) or Mississippi Community or Junior Colleges (CJCs) that provide pathways leading to academic or career technical postsecondary credit. Currently, the Cleveland School District has agreements with Mississippi Delta Community College and Delta State University.

What is a dual enrolled student?

A dual enrolled student is a student who is enrolled in a community college or junior college or state institution of higher learning while enrolled in high school. The student receives postsecondary credit for coursework. Dual enrollment does not affect scholarship or athletic eligibility.

What is a dual credit student?

A dual credit student is a student who is enrolled in a community or junior college or state institution of higher learning while enrolled in high school. The student receives both high school and postsecondary credit for coursework regardless of the course location (high school campus, postsecondary campus, or online). One

three-hour postsecondary course is equal to one high school Carnegie unit. Dual credit does not affect scholarship or athletic eligibility.

Qualifications and Course Offerings

MDCC Qualifications:

- 14 core High School Credits
- Minimum grade point average of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale
- Recommendation by the high school principal and/or guidance counselor

MDCC Course Offerings:

- World Civilizations 1 and 2
- US History 1 and 2
- General Psychology
- Sociology
- Art Appreciation
- Music Appreciation
- Public Speaking

DSU Qualifications:

- 14 core High School Credits
- Minimum grade point average of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale
- Recommendation by the high school principal and/or guidance counselor
- An ACT composite score of 16
 - In addition, for English courses a minimum sub-score of 17 is required in English
 - In addition, for College Algebra a minimum sub-score of 20 is required in Math

DSU Course Offerings:

- English Composition 1 and 2
- College Algebra
- Biology of Human Concerns

Fees

The Cleveland School District will pay for one course per year for each qualified student, pending the availability of funds. Students may take additional courses, but will be responsible for payment. Courses are \$125 each along with any virtual book fees. Fees are due by a specified deadline each semester, or a

payment plan must be set up by this time. Students are responsible for the purchase of textbooks and/or online fees. the District may match or pay fees for students.

Credits

Students earn three semester credit hours at the college level and one Carnegie unit credit at the high school level for each approved dual credit course.

Students' final grades and credits are recorded on their high school and college transcripts. The college transcript is a permanent college record.

[MDE Dual Enrollment/Credit Procedures Manual](#)

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