

DUAL CREDIT FAQ



Enrollment Questions

Who can sign up for dual credit classes offered at THS?

- Due to staffing issues during the day and HCC/FBISD requirements, we are only able to offer dual credit (DC) courses to our *seniors*. Current juniors are able to apply to take our dual credit courses for the 2021-2022 school year.

How do I sign-up for classes?

- At THS there is an enrollment process. The first step is to attend one of the mandatory orientation sessions. Once a student attends the orientation, the student will receive an email from Mrs. Martinez on what to do next.

What are the enrollment deadlines?

- If the student wants to take dual credit course(s) this **summer**, the student must complete the packet and have it turned in by **February 28, 2021**. If the student wants to enroll in **2021-2022 school year classes**, the student must complete the packet completely by **March 5, 2021**. If a student needs to take the TSIA2 to be considered dual credit eligible the student will be notified by Mrs. Martinez and the test will be administered at Travis or at HCC.

How do I know if dual credit is for me?

- Only a student can know what s/he can academically handle. Typically, if a student is successful in regular and/or PreAP core courses with As and Bs then the student is usually able to handle dual credit courses. Yes, they are more work and more rigorous than a regular class; you must do the work, put in the time, show effort, but most of the time, students are successful. What you cannot do, is not try. Not do the work. There are consequences for failing.

How much does a dual credit course cost?

- For Summer 2021 and for the 2021-2022 school year dual credit courses are free. Students are required to pay for the textbook. The student will either pay a textbook fee directly to HCC or will purchase the book on their own. If a student drops a dual credit course after the initial HCC drop date, the student will be charged a \$15 withdrawal fee.

When I turn in my information, am I assured a spot in a dual credit class?

- Although we try our best to get all students who would like to take a dual credit class at Travis in them, it is not guaranteed. If you are not TSIA2 qualified, we cannot place you in a course; this is a college rule, NOT FBISD. If a class is full, we do not have the option of adding classes or adding more students to a class as HCC does have a cap on number of students. We will number the packets that come in, those who are already TSIA2 qualified will be placed first, and the others will be put on the waitlist until after the TSIA2 is taken. First come, first serve.

Testing Questions

How do we submit SAT scores to HCC? Is it via College Board?

- For dual credit purposes the student does not need to submit any test scores to HCC. The campus Dual Credit Coordinator will submit the student's high school transcript and test scores to HCC on the student's behalf.

I have already taken the TSIA, do I have to take the SAT/ACT/TSIA2?

- If a student took the TSIA and met college level ready scores previously, the student is already TSI Complete and does not need to take the TSIA2. For dual credit purposes, if the student is TSIA Complete, the SAT or ACT are not needed. If the student is planning to attend HCC or WCJC immediately after high school the SAT or ACT are not needed. If the student is interested in attending a 4-year university then s/he may want to take the SAT or ACT for admissions purposes (however about 2000 4-year colleges are now "test optional" for the Class of 2021 and the Class of 2022).

Would I be able to combine my PSAT and EOC scores?

- As long as the PSAT scores are from 10th or 11th grade, yes, we are able to use a combination of scores. For example, a student can be considered TSI dual credit eligible if the student scored a 4000 on the Alg I EOC and has already passed Alg II, but scored a 500 on the math section of the PSAT, then we would use the Alg I EOC and Alg II grade to make the student TSIA dual credit eligible for math. If the student did not score at least a 4000 on the English II EOC but scored at least a 460 on the PSAT Evidence Based Reading and Writing section the we would use the PSAT EBRW score to mark the student TSI dual credit eligible for the ELAR section of the TSIA2.

Are 8th/9th grade PSAT results able to exempt students from the TSIA2?

- No, we are only allowed to use the PSAT scores from 10th and 11th grade.

How do I sign-up for the TSIA2?

- If the student needs the TSIA2, the DC Coordinator (Mrs. Martinez) will contact the student regarding the registration process. Students needing the TSIA2 to enroll in summer courses will have to take the TSIA2 through HCC. Students needing the TSIA2 for 2021-2022 school year classes "should" have the opportunity to take the TSIA2 at THS in April.

What scores do I need to be TSIA2 qualified?

EOC Scores	PSAT Scores (10th & 11th grade only)	SAT Scores	ACT Scores	TSIA Scores
<i>TSI Dual Credit Ready for Reading & Writing</i> English II EOC Score: 4000 <i>TSI Dual Credit Ready for Math</i> Algebra I Score: 4000	<i>TSI Dual Credit Ready for Reading & Writing</i> EBRW Score: 460 <i>TSI Dual Credit Ready for Math</i> Math Score: 510	<i>TSI Ready for Reading & Writing</i> EBRW Score: 480 <i>TSI Ready for Math</i> Math Score: 530	Minimum Composite Score: 23 <i>TSI Ready for Reading & Writing</i> English Score: 19+ <i>TSI Ready for Math</i> Math Score: 19+	<u>Prior to January 2021 (TSIA)</u> Reading: 351 Writing: M/C 340, Essay 4; OR M/C < 340, ABE Diag 4, and Essay 5 Math: 350 = = = = = = = = <u>After January 2021 (TSIA2)</u> ELAR: 945+ AND Essay 5; OR 910-944, Diag 5-6 AND Essay 5-8 Math: 950+; OR 910-949 AND Diag 6

Grading/Credit Questions

If I get a D at HCC, do I still get credit?

- If a student earns a D in a dual credit course, the student DOES receive credit, however there are consequences for earning Ds. In FBISD a D at HCC is a 70 on the FBISD transcript, so the student will pass the FBISD course. A 70 does not help your FBISD GPA. If a student earns a D in a college class, that is a 1.0 on the college GPA scale. ***If a student has below a 2.0 (C average) in college, then the student will no longer qualify for federal financial aid (grants and loans).*** Also, many 4-year university will not accept transfer credit for Ds and will require the student to retake the course that the university. So, yes, a student will “earn credit” for a D, but not good credit.

If you take a DC course during summer, how will it go into our transcripts?

- At the end of each semester, this includes summer I & II, fall and spring, HCC sends FBISD all students grades. FBISD then places the grades on the student’s FBISD transcript.

Can I take extra HCC credit courses even if it is not going to be on my High School transcript or considered for my high school GPA?

- Yes, these courses are considered "concurrent credit courses." Students do have to pay the full tuition for concurrent credit courses and will take them on their own time.

What is a benefit of taking dual credit courses both semesters instead of just one?

- College courses are all one semester. However, English is two semesters that will be taken. Example English IV DC is English 1301 and English 1302. 1301 is the fall class and 1302 is the spring class.

How long are the DC courses in the summer? When do they start and end?

- Summer I: 06/07/2021-07/11/2021
- Summer II: 07/12/2021-08/15/2021
 - o Note that Summer II will end AFTER FBISD has started school for the 2021-2022 school year. If a student is taking a Summer II course it MUST be either an "online anytime," "online with a time" after 3:00 PM or face to face after 3:00 pm since the last two to three weeks the student will already be back at FBISD school. Current proposed FBISD start date for the 2021-2022 SY are either August 5 or August 11.

Are dual credit courses weighted and do they count towards rank, or is it just for GPA?

- The weight goes to the GPA. The GPA is used to determine rank. In FBISD rank is based on the student's weighted 100 point scale GPA.

Why is it only 5 additional points to the GPA for dual credit courses?

- It is 5 additional GPA points for the Class of 2022. For the Class of 2023 and beyond it is 10 additional GPA points. For the Class of 2023 and beyond both AP and dual credit courses have the same weight.

HCC is a letter grade and FBISD is a number grade, how is that converted?

- When you score a letter grade from HCC, we only receive the letter; therefore, FBISD gives out standard grades based on the letter you received.
 - o A = 96
 - o B = 86
 - o C = 76
 - o D = 70
 - o F = 59

