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# 7<sup>TH</sup> GRADERS FOR COLLEGE

## Understanding Dual Enrollment *(Previously known as Dual Credit)*

### What are Dual Enrollment courses? What are the advantages?

Dual Enrollment courses offer students the ability to earn college credit while in high school. Students can enroll in an Academic Transfer Pathway or a Technical Pathway. Participation saves both time and money, as the courses are offered at a reduced cost.

### What are Academic and Technical Dual Enrollment courses?

Academic Dual Enrollment courses are core college courses that are part of ACC's transfer pathway degree. These courses transfer with a grade of C or higher to Texas public colleges and universities, and most out-of-state public universities. An example would be *ENGL 1301 (English Composition)*. Technical Dual Enrollment courses are part of workforce certificate degrees and do not transfer to universities, but can transfer among community colleges. An example would be *CHEF 1205 (Sanitation and Safety)*.

### What are Academic Transfer or Technical Pathways?

Academic Transfer Pathways prepare students to transfer to 4-year universities with the opportunity to graduate with an Associate Degree in General Studies. The Technical Certificate Pathways prepare students to enter the workforce after high school graduation upon successful completion of certification exams. Students have the opportunity to apply courses to an Associate Degree if they continue at ACC after high school graduation.

### Where are Dual Enrollment courses offered? Who teaches them?

Dual Enrollment courses are taught by college professors or credentialed high school instructors. Courses are taught on the high school campus, Alvin Community College campuses or online.

### Are credits automatically transferred to universities?

Dual Enrollment students must earn a grade of C or higher to ensure transferability of academic coursework to Texas Public Colleges and Universities. Most core classes will also transfer to out-of-state public institutions. Meet with the ACC Advisor to help ensure that all courses taken during high school are applicable to your selected university and intended major. ACC transcripts must be submitted to the university of choice to transfer coursework.

### I'm interested in Dual Enrollment. What should I do now?

Dual Enrollment is for high school students only. Students can begin taking college courses the summer following 8th grade. Start developing great study skills now and remember to sign up for the TSI exam during the first semester of your 8th grade year, prior to 9th grade course selection. TSI testing deadline for enrollment is the last Friday in April.

We also encourage you to follow us on Instagram, Twitter and Facebook, and visit us online at [www.alvincollege.edu/dualenrollment](http://www.alvincollege.edu/dualenrollment). Finally, be sure to attend a Dual Enrollment Information Session in the 8th grade.

**Have more questions? Contact your school counselor or ACC Advisor for more information!**

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