

Dual Enrollment Fact Sheet

What is Dual Enrollment?

- Dual Enrollment is a program that gives all high school students in Michigan the opportunity to be enrolled in both high school and college at the same time. It provides students with an academic challenge and encourages them to continue their pursuit of higher education after graduation.

How do I qualify for Dual Enrollment?

- You must be a 9-12th grade student who is enrolled in at least 1 course at the high school and have met the qualifying score requirements on the college's placement tests. This test is typically the ACCUPLACER.

Which courses qualify for Dual Enrollment?

- Eligible courses must not be offered at Ionia High School. Courses must not be in physical education, theology, divinity, or religious education. Your high school administrators are responsible for interpreting the legislation and determining which courses will qualify for dual enrollment. If you have questions about whether your school district will pay for a certain class, you should contact your counselor or principal directly.

What if my school offers AP courses for college credit?

- Advanced Placement (AP) classes take precedence over entry-level post-secondary courses. For example, Ionia offers AP Psychology and therefore is not required to pay for a student to take General Psychology at the college level. The student is able to take the course if they would like to pay for the course with their own funds. Exceptions will be made for students with unavoidable scheduling conflicts.

How many Dual Enrollment courses can I take in high school?

- Students may enroll in a total of 10 Dual Enrollment courses during the time they are enrolled in 9-12th grade at Ionia HS. However, the number of courses they can take in a given school year depends on which year the student first takes a Dual Enrollment course.

How much does the district pay for Dual Enrollment courses?

- For the 2019-2020 school year, IPS will pay up to \$667 towards tuition, fees, & books for each eligible postsecondary course taken by the student. If a course exceeds this amount, the student is responsible for paying the difference. Any textbooks paid for by IPS must be turned into your student's high school counselor when the student completes the Dual Enrollment course. The textbooks then become the property of IPS.

When do students attend Dual Enrollment courses?

- Dual Enrollment courses should be taken at the end of the school day, in the evening, or via an online format through the college. Students will not be excused from IHS classes to go to a Dual Enrollment course that is held during the school day.

Does IHS provide transportation to Dual Enrollment courses on the college campus?

- No. All transportation to and from college campuses is the responsibility of the student. Students with limited transportation may be able to take college courses via an online format.

Do Dual Enrollment courses weigh into my high school GPA?

- Yes, Dual Enrollment courses count towards a student's GPA at IHS. The GPA for the course is unweighted. Students may request to take the course credit/no credit prior to the start of each semester.

What happens if I withdraw from/do not pass my Dual Enrollment course(s)?

- If the student withdraws from their college course(s) after the college's drop period or receive a failing grade in their college course(s), they will be responsible for reimbursing IHS for the full amount paid to the postsecondary institution. The grade will also reflect on their high school transcript. A withdrawal from a college course is reflected as an F on the high school transcript.

Does the college credit I earn transfer elsewhere when I graduate?

- Many, if not all, college credits earned through Dual Enrollment will transfer to another postsecondary institution. Typically, students must earn a C or higher in the course for the credit to transfer. Note: there may be some institutions that do not accept Dual Enrollment transfer credit for a variety of reasons. It is important to speak with your counselor and/or an admission representative from the institution for more information.

How does Dual Enrollment affect NCAA eligibility?

- NCAA rules affect student athletes who will play sports at the collegiate level. Students who play sports for a Division I or Division II NCAA college are subject to strict guidelines regarding high school course requirements. With respect to Dual Enrollment courses, one such requirement is that all core courses used for collegiate athletic eligibility must be included in the student-athlete's high school GPA.