



# Collin College Dual Credit FAQ

*(This FAQ does not apply to UT OnRamps)*

## **What is dual credit?**

Dual credit courses are college courses taught by a professor from the higher education institution. Students take a course and earn high school credit and college credit simultaneously.

## **Which higher education institutions can RISD students take dual credit?**

Students can take approved English, Math, Social Studies, Health Science, Automotive and Welding dual credit courses through Collin College.

## **Is dual credit a GPA weighted course?**

Yes, dual credit courses are weighted 5.5 GPA points, the same as Pre-AP courses.

## **What core courses are offered as dual credit?**

The following courses are considered dual credit courses with Rockwall ISD: English 1301, English 1302, World Literature I 2332, World Literature II 2333, Macroeconomics 2301, Federal Government 2305, College Algebra 1314, Elementary Statistics 1342, US History I 1301, US History II 1302.

## **What technical courses are offered as dual credit?**

Collin College provides Certified Nurse Aide, Phlebotomy, and Clinicals for students to earn an EKG or Patient Care Technician certification. Students can also take courses for the Welding program or Automotive program to earn certifications through Collin College.

## **Can I take core courses with another higher education institution?**

Currently, Rockwall ISD's Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is with Collin College for all core courses and technical courses.

## **Which academic calendar do I follow for dual credit courses?**

For all dual credit courses, students must follow the college's academic calendar. Courses will have different start dates, end dates, and holiday dates than the Rockwall ISD calendar. It is the student's responsibility to check the college's academic calendar. For dates that Collin College has class and falls on a Rockwall ISD holiday, professors could assign an online component in lieu of face to face classroom time.

## **How do I pay for a dual credit course?**

All payments are due to the higher education institution, made through the student portal. Payment is made after registering for the course and is due for every course, each semester to the college.

## **How do I receive accommodations for a dual credit course?**

Students must self-identify to the higher education institution for accommodation services. All services are provided by the higher education institution for the dual credit course. Rockwall ISD does not complete any application, nor have any correspondence with the accommodations office for the dual credit course. Students and parents can contact the ACCESS office for Collin College as soon as the student has a Collin student CWID number. Collin College ACCESS office: (972) 881-5898.

## **Can I take summer courses through Collin College?**

Yes, students entering into their junior and senior year can enroll into summer courses through Collin College. However, English and US History will only be approved for students who have an approved plan to graduate early. Students will still be required to complete the entire enrollment process as stated by Rockwall ISD and Collin College by the designated district deadline. Students will need to let the Dual Credit Counselor know what summer courses they plan to take before the last week of school.

## **What steps do I need to take to get in the dual credit program?**

Students need to first discuss dual credit options with their high school counselor. Students will indicate on course requests interest in dual credit. After course requests are submitted, dual credit information will be sent out to students. Students must submit all required information by the designated deadline. Students must also provide Texas Success Initiative (TSI) exemption or waiver scores or take the TSI and meet the minimum college-level readiness scores. College-level readiness scores are as follows: TSI Reading/Writing:  $\geq 945$ , Essay:  $\geq 5$ , and Math:  $\geq 950$ .

Students with the following scores on the below assessments do not have to take the TSI:

**Waiver Scores:**

STAAR English II minimum of 4000, STAAR Algebra I minimum of 4000 PLUS a final grade of 70 or higher in Algebra II

PSAT-NMQT Reading/Writing minimum of 460, PSAT Math minimum of 510

**Exemption Scores:**

SAT Reading/Writing minimum of 480, SAT Math minimum of 530

ACT Composite score 23 and 19 Reading/Writing and 19 Math

**How I keep track of assignments and grades for dual credit course?**

Collin College provides students with a student portal called CougarWeb. Collin College uses Canvas for assignments, students view their grades there. Final semester grades can be viewed in CougarWeb.

**Is Skyward tied to dual credit courses?**

No. Dual credit courses are operated by the higher education institution and are not tied to Skyward.

**Is attendance taken for dual credit classes?**

Yes, professors take attendance for dual credit classes. Their attendance is submitted to the Counselors' Office at GBCCA, where the attendance is entered in Skyward.

**How do I correct attendance for dual credit?**

If there is a discrepancy in a student's attendance, the student must speak directly to the professor. The professor will let the GBCCA Counselors' Office know if a correction is needed.

**I participate in extracurricular activities. Will those absences impact my college grade?**

Students need to communicate any absences directly to their college professor. Students must provide their professor beforehand their activity schedule if it relates to missing class time. The professor has complete control over absences and how they are tied to grades.

**How is the dual credit grade transcribed on a high school transcript?**

The higher education institution will send final grades at the end of the course to the dual credit counselor. The grades sent will be numeric and letter. A student's high school transcript will record the numeric grade. In order to earn credit for the high school portion of the grade, a student must earn no less than a D on the college transcript. A 'D' for Collin College is numerically 60-69, the high school will then make the 60-69 numeric grade a 70; as 70 is the lowest passing grade for a high school course. The maximum grade given on a high school transcript is a 100, regardless of what was earned in the college course. All dual credit courses are weighted as 5.5 GPA points. All Collin College dual credit courses that appear on the student's Rockwall ISD schedule must be recorded on the student's high school transcript.

**What happens if I fail my dual credit English and/or US History course?**

Students who fail the fall semester of dual credit English or US History will be moved to a regular English and US History course at the home campus for spring semester. Students who earned a high enough numeric grade can attempt to pass average for the year. Students who did not earn a high enough numeric grade will be placed into credit recovery to make up the fall semester credit.

**Can I still take Government and/or Statistics if I failed Macroeconomics or College Algebra?**

Although it is not recommended to continue dual credit courses if a student fails the fall semester, Rockwall ISD will allow students to take the spring semester course. This is due to Collin College allowing students to register for these courses because they do not have a fall prerequisite.

**What happens if I drop or withdraw my dual credit course?**

You will be required to take an on-level high school replacement course. The high school placement will depend on the date you have dropped or withdrawn from your dual credit course. No grades, assignments or credit will be given on the high school side for dropped or withdrawn dual credit courses. Students, who withdraw after the official drop deadline, will have to take an online, E2020, class for accelerated credit (\$220) to make up the required credit for high school graduation. Please see your counselor for more information and the dual credit website *Drop & Withdraw* tab. Collin College has hard deadlines for dropping a course and students are responsible for knowing these deadlines. The online E2020 course grade will be placed on the high school transcript, however does not earn GPA points.

**College Terms:**

To drop a class means before the college roster finalized i.e. Census date – the course will not show up on college transcript.

To withdraw a class means the course will show as a W on the college transcript.

**How does a W impact my college transcript?**

Students must be aware that a W (withdraw) will appear on their college transcript and not on their high school transcript. The W is not calculated into college GPA, however colleges and universities do have policies pertaining to Student Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) that may impact students receiving financial aid. Please check your intended institutions SAP policy. Collin College's policy: <https://www.collin.edu/gettingstarted/financialaid/SAP.html>

**Can students take college courses that are not for dual credit?**

Yes, students can take college courses that are not for high school credit. These courses are called concurrent courses. Students still need the required college high school permission form for those concurrent courses.

**How many concurrent courses can I take?**

Students can take as many concurrent courses as he/she thinks they can handle. Remember you are starting your college GPA, which is separate from your high school GPA.

**Do we allow students to take online core dual credit courses during the school year?**

At this time, RISD does not allow students to take online core dual credit courses.

**What happens if I violate the higher education institution student handbook and code of conduct?**

Students must notify the dual credit counselor of the violation. Students are required to go through any required processes mandated by the higher education institution. The high school will abide by any ruling the Dean of Students department has concerning the violation. Further repercussions could occur as determined by the high school home campus administration.

**Can a junior in AP English 3 move into ENGL 2332 World Literature I & ENGL 2333 World Literature II?**

A student who scores a 4 or 5 on the AP exam can be allowed to take World Literature their senior year. Collin College requires the student to register for ENGL 1301 for the fall, then after receiving the AP scores showing the 4 or 5, Collin College will move the student from ENGL 1301 to ENGL 2332. The student must successfully receive 6 college credits with Collin College (of any subject area) their senior year for the ENGL 1301 & 1302 to be applied to their Collin College transcript. Students will send their AP scores to the CTE/Dual Credit Counselor and an official score report through College Board to Collin College. The student will not be moved to ENGL 2332 World Literature I until July, at that time the student's Skyward schedule will be changed.

**What if I am placed at DAEP?**

A student who is placed at DAEP must drop their dual credit course(s). The student will then complete the equivalent on-level course at the DAEP campus. If the student has earned a mid-term grade in their dual credit course(s), that grade will be entered in Skyward to replace the grades of the on-level course up to that point. The remainder of the on-level course(s) will be completed at the DAEP campus. You will not receive any college credit or the extra GPA points for the course(s).

**Will I receive a refund if I drop my dual credit course?**

If a dual credit course is dropped before the first day of class, Collin College will refund 100%. Once classes start, a student will receive a partial refund based on the day the student drops the class. Please see the Collin College refund policy for percentage of refund after class starts. <https://www.collin.edu/bursar/refunds.html>