



# **Real Talk about Dual Credit**

How to prepare your self and your child for the dual credit experience.

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- Dual credit students are just that. They are college students. Instructors will not talk to parents unless a FERPA waiver is signed. Instructors prefer students to talk directly to them if there is an issue.

**Am I ready to have a  
college student?**

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- No. Students are assigned courses before an instructor is assigned. Students are not allowed to change sections of a course to a preferred instructor. In college there is a census date they must adhere to, changes are not allowed. Part of the college experience is learning to navigate the various instructional styles. It is important to make sure you and your child are up to the challenge.

**Can my child change  
instructors?**

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- TCC operates under their own guidelines. If a student is taking a 3 hour course they should expect about 6 hours of study per week. Please keep in mind that is just a generalization. Students individual work load may vary based on course selected and individual methods of study.

**How much homework  
should I expect?**

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- Dual credit is guaranteed if the student passes and they are applying at a Texas Public University. AP is governed by the College Board. AP credit is contingent upon the score made on the corresponding AP Exam, and the guidelines of the receiving college.

# **What is the difference between dual credit and AP?**

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- TCC instructors teach the dual credit courses. They are hired by TCC personnel. MISD does not supervise TCC staff. We communicate with the discipline coordinators when situations occur.

**Who teaches dual credit classes?**

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- TCC does not operate under the “six weeks” concept since it is a college course. The course grade is a work in progress and is not finalized until the end of the semester. TCC submits a grade in progress to our registrar at the end of the 3 week and 6 week grading periods. Final grades will be submitted at the end of the semester. Students must have at least a 60 in the dual credit course to remain UIL eligible.

## **How are grades reported?**

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- College courses are typically M- W-F or T- Th. Since our students meet for class M- Th they don't have class on Friday. Each campus has a procedure that they follow on Fridays specific to their campus needs.

**Why is there no class on  
Friday?**

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- Remember that dual credit students are on a college schedule. The semester in college is shorter than a high school semester. It ends after 16 weeks. Students in dual credit classes are subject to the TCC calendar. Therefore, our students test during the same week as other college students.

**Why do they take finals so early?**

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- Grades are part of both the high school and college transcript. That is why students who do not score a 70 or higher in the class will not be able to continue in dual credit courses. Again, the grade will be on both transcripts permanently.

**How does the grade impact the high school transcript/college transcript?**

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- Yes. Students who pass their dual credit course will receive weighted credit. The weight for a dual credit is the same for an AP course. If a student does not pass, they do not receive any additional points.

**Is dual credit a weighted class?**

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- Once a student fails a dual credit course, they may not take any additional dual credit courses until after graduation from high school.

**What happens if my child fails?**

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- Transportation to off campus dual credit locations cannot be guaranteed.

**Does the district provide transportation to off campus dual credit classes?**

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- Students may drop within the allowable time frame. However, if a student drops a dual credit class, MISD will no longer subsidize any additional courses. Students would be responsible for the entire cost associated with the course if they wish to continue in dual credit.

**May a student drop a class?**

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**Questions?**

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