

# Dual Enrollment

## **What is Dual Enrollment?**

- Dual Enrollment is an acceleration program that allows secondary students in Florida to take postsecondary coursework and simultaneously earn credit toward high school completion and a postsecondary degree at a Florida public or eligible private school.

## **What are the Benefits of Participating in Dual Enrollment?**

- Students participating in dual enrollment courses will have a firsthand experience of college level expectations.
- Dual enrollment allows a student to access accelerated courses that may not be available at their high school.

## **Points to Consider Prior to Participation in Dual Enrollment:**

- If a student does not attend a Florida public college or university that uses the same course code prefix and number, transferability of the dual enrollment credit will vary, and will be dependent upon the receiving institution's policies. Be aware that out-of-state and private universities may or may not accept Florida dual enrollment credit.
- Dual enrollment course credit is recorded as a PERMANENT entry on the student's COLLEGE TRANSCRIPT as well as on the student's high school transcript.
- Florida Bright Futures Scholarship recipients should be aware the cumulative college grade point average for the first semester of post-high school coursework will include the dual enrollment credit(s) awarded in high school.
- Poor performance as a dual enrollment student can ultimately impact one's postsecondary career, including acceptance to a state university, academic standing and financial aid eligibility.

# Is Dual Enrollment Right for You?

## Questions to Ask to Determine Your Readiness for Dual Enrollment

- **Am I on track for high school graduation?**  
*You need to focus on successfully meeting the requirements for high school graduation at all times.*
- **Am I an independent learner?**  
*You must manage your own time and be able to consult a course syllabus for the required expectations of the professor.*
- **Am I prepared to work hours beyond the scheduled classroom time to complete assignments?**  
*You need to study and review class notes/materials at least 2 to 3 hours outside of class for each hour spent in class.*
- **Am I capable of balancing college level coursework and my extracurricular activities?**  
*You must balance your responsibilities and set priorities. There may be times in which your extracurricular activities meet during your scheduled course time and your absence from the course may not be excused by the professor.*
- **Am I prepared to work with classmates much older than myself?**  
*College courses are for the adult learner and typically consist of students from ages 18 and up.*
- **Am I prepared to deal with mature course content?**  
*College courses are designed for the adult learner. Secondary students need to be mature enough to discuss and deal with mature course content.*
- **Am I prepared to attend classes every day as scheduled?**  
*A missed day of class may negatively impact a student's progress in the course.*
- **Am I prepared to declare an intended degree major or area of study?**  
*You will need to take college courses that meet the degree requirements of your intended major in order to reduce the possibility of earning excess credit hours that do not meet the requirements of your intended major. This could also reduce the time that it takes to earn your postsecondary degree.*
- **Am I able to secure transportation to and from the college?**  
*Transportation is not provided by the school district to get you to class, therefore you need to have a reliable source of transportation each day your class meets for the entire semester.*

For more information and to discuss your accelerated options see your Brevard Public Schools High School Counselor.