

# What is Dual Enrollment?

Dual enrollment is a program that allows high school students to take college courses while they are still enrolled in high school. This could be either part-time which consist of some classes at college and some at school. Full-time which lets you have all your classes at the college but, you are still enrolled in high school. Some schools do offer college classes if you are interested in dual enrollment but, do not want to travel back and forth, or just cannot do that.

A warning however, these classes cannot be pushed aside and let to have a failing grade. You will not be able to make them up until you actually enroll into college/university.

## **Eligibility Requirements:**

- Minimum GPA (Differs on the state or college you are planning on attending).
- Minimum standardized test scores (Some colleges offer their own test while some wanted SAT/ACT/CLT scores).
- Counselor's recommendation
- Parental/Student Consent

## **Pros:**

- Financial benefits such as reducing tuition due to already have taking some of the classes.
- Graduating early due to the credits you gained earlier.
- Increases scholarship opportunities
- Explore Interest and build new skills
- Prepares you for college such as the expectations and workload

## **Cons:**

- Not all colleges accept dual-enrollment credits, this mostly applies to out of state colleges/universities..
- Students can find it hard to participate in extracurricular especially if they are doing part-time at both the college and high school level.
- A challenging experience to adjust to the college life, you will be treated as a college student. The professors won't know you are a dual enrolled student unless you tell them.
- Colleges prefer AP/AICE classes (or any other advanced classes passed honors) over dual enrollment and this is due to the difficulty in those classes compare to a class where a teacher can decide whether or not they want a final and so on.
- These classes will be stuck on your transcript for colleges, you must be able to handle the work and the time that has to be put into that work. Failing or low scores in class could affect chances at college acceptances in the future.