

DUAL ENROLLMENT – AR

I. Definitions

- A. “Dually enrolled student” means a student who is enrolled in high school AND in an institution of higher education in the State of Maryland.
- B. “Course” refers to a credit bearing course offered by a public senior institution or a community college.
- C. “Full time equivalent student” According to COMAR 13A.02.06.03 a student who is dually enrolled and taking four or more credit-bearing courses, at least one of which is at the local school, is counted as one full-time student.

II. Requirements to Qualify for Dual Enrollment

- A. The student shall be a junior or senior and at least 16 years of age.
- B. The student shall have a cumulative GPA of 2.5 or higher.
- C. The student shall take the ACCUPLACER assessment in Math and English, or opt out with SAT scores of at least 550 in Math and at least 550 in English, or a composite ACT score of at least 21.
- D. Talbot County Public Schools will not provide transportation to Chesapeake College.

III. College Course Selection Criteria

- A. The student shall plan a college course of study with the school counselor that will lead to earning an associate’s or bachelor’s degree.
- B. The courses for which a student may enroll under this policy are those courses that are a part of the course of study described in III. A. OR that may be used to fill a high school graduation requirement as described in IV. D.

IV. Further Guidance

- A. A student who enrolls in a college course and either fails the course or drops the course without written approval of the superintendent or designee, may not enroll in any college course the following semester.
- B. A dually enrolled student must be considered a full time equivalent (FTE) student and have a full high school course schedule comprised of high school as well as college courses.
- C. Dually enrolled students are limited to enrolling in two courses each fall and each spring semester. The student may not enroll in summer or winter sessions.
- D. Students may substitute:
 - one college-level English course in literature or writing for one high school credit in English

- one college-level science course for the third science credit
 - one college-level art course for an art requirement
 - or one college-level math course once the student has successfully completed Algebra 2 for a math credit
 - All other courses will earn one high school elective credit each.
- E. The grade for the college course will be entered on the high school transcript and be factored into the high school GPA.

IV. Tuition

- A. As described by the *College and Career Readiness and College Completion Act of 2013*, Talbot County shall pay the tuition for dually enrolled students to attend either a public senior institution of higher education or a community college.
- B. The amount paid by the school system for the courses shall be either:
1. for a public senior institution of higher education 5% of the target per pupil foundation amount established under § 5-202A or 75% of the cost of tuition, whichever is less OR
 2. for a community college 5% of the target per pupil foundation amount established under § 5-202A or 75% of the cost of tuition, whichever is less.
- B. The Board of Education shall charge a dually enrolled student 90% of the amount paid under III B of this AR for each of the first four courses, and 100% for any course thereafter.
- C. As described by the *College and Career Readiness and College Completion Act of 2013*, the Board of Education shall waive the fee for students who are eligible for free and reduced price meals.
- D. Tuition must be paid in full prior to the first date of class each semester. Students with an outstanding balance either with the school system or Chesapeake College will not be allowed to attend class.

V. Approval

- A. The Superintendent, or designee, shall approve all courses for which a high school student plans to enroll through dual enrollment.