



Welcome Cobb County Families

2026-2027 Dual Enrollment Summit

**ONE TEAM
ONE GOAL
STUDENT SUCCESS**



Purpose of Dual Enrollment (DE)

Eligible students take college classes to earn both high school (HS) and college credit simultaneously

- Increases access to postsecondary educational opportunities for Georgia HS students
- Increases HS graduation rates
- Prepares a skilled workforce
- Decreases the time spent & cost of completing postsecondary degrees



Benefits of Dual Enrollment

- Helps prepare students for the transition to 2- or 4-year colleges after HS
- Potentially earn technical credentials before graduating from HS
- Provides students with a more flexible schedule & greater access to course offerings
- Degree-level academic DE courses meet the academic rigor requirement for HOPE
- Start pursuing career goals earlier
- Students can attend multiple colleges/universities

SAVES MONEY!!



Who is Eligible?

10th graders

- All students in the 10th grade may enroll in Career, Technical and Agricultural Education (CTAE) courses at a participating Technical College System of Georgia (TCSG) institution

High-achieving 10th graders

- Students in the 10th grade with an SAT score of 1200 or an ACT score of 26 before the term may enroll in any approved DE courses at a TCSG, University System of Georgia (USG), or private eligible participating postsecondary institution

11th and 12th graders

- Students in the 11th or 12th grade may take any approved DE courses at an eligible participating postsecondary institution (USG, TCSG, or private)
- **Male students must register for Selective Services at the age of 18, per federal and state law, to continue to receive DE funds**



Eligible Courses

- Core academic areas used in the high school HOPE scholarship calculation (includes ALL English, math, science, social studies & world/foreign languages)
- CTAE courses aligned with the Georgia Department of Education (GADOE) career clusters and pathways
- The course directory is in the DE section on the GAfutures website (see Resources page at the end of the presentation)
- Note: Course categories such as fine arts, health and physical education are not eligible for DE funding



Types of Dual Enrollment

Traditional DE

- The largest DE program offered
- Student will complete the state-required 23 credits to graduate and the required **End-of-Course assessments** (EOC)
- Some HS requirements can be taken through DE
- College courses are taken on the college campus or online from home, unless your school offers DE courses on its campus

Accelerated Career Diploma (ACD)

- Different path to a HS diploma
- Designed for those who have already chosen a career path and will be ready to work upon earning two approved Technical Certificates of Credit (TCC), one Technical Diploma, one Program Leading to Licensure (PLL), or an Associate Degree of Applied Science (AAS) degree at a TCSG institution
- Must complete the 9 specific required credits and associated EOCs
- Will graduate with the necessary credentials to move on to their chosen path in the workforce
- Will not meet criteria to attend a two- or four-year college upon HS graduation



More on ACD

Must complete 9 HS Credits

- 2 English courses
 - State-required English course + EOC and one other state-funded core English course
- 2 Math courses
 - State-required Math course + EOC and one other state-funded core Math course
- 2 Science courses
 - State-required Science course + EOC and one other state-funded core Science course
- 2 Social Studies courses
 - 2 state-funded core Social Studies courses or 1 state-funded core Social Studies course + a third state-funded Math course
- 1 Health & an approved Personal Fitness course

ACD Pathways

1. Complete any one Technical Diploma program

OR

2. Two Technical Certificates of Credit (TCCs)
(Welding, HVAC, Cybersecurity, Digital Design, etc.)

OR

3. Program Leading to Licensure (PLLs)
(Cosmetology, Esthetician, Practical Nursing, etc.)

OR

4. One Associate of Applied Science (AAS)
degree (average 2-year+ commitment)



Enrollment Options

Full-Time Student

- A full-time DE student takes 12-15 hours of credit at the college
 - Equivalent to ~ 4-5 classes at the college
- No classes are taken at the HS or through CVA or GAVS
- MUCH easier to schedule – no conflicts with the HS classes
- More challenging to get HS information and be involved with HS events

Part-Time Student

- Students must take enough courses to total at least 4 block or 3 traditional units of HS credit each semester
- Minimum Day may or may not be an option for Seniors.
- Absences and tardies ARE NOT EXCUSED!
- You MUST factor in extra time for parking, walking to/from class, etc.
- Schedules may conflict, despite your best efforts – you may need to adjust your schedule
- Students MUST BE FLEXIBLE!
- Your HS classes come first when it comes to scheduling



How Much Does It Cost?

What is Covered?

- DE is tuition-free to ALL eligible HS students
- Includes REQUIRED books and mandatory fees
 - Students may incur expenses for course-related fees and supplies required for a particular course or optional fees charged by the postsecondary institution
 - If the postsecondary institution provides the textbooks through a lending program, the student may be charged a lost or damaged book fee, up to \$75 or the cost of the book, whichever is less, if the book is not returned in the required condition
- Funding up to 30 hours total/15 per semester or 45 total/12 per quarter
- Does not count against HOPE funding cap
- Students will still be eligible for 127 undergraduate semester HOPE hours upon graduation from HS



Reached the Funding Cap?

HOPE & Career Grant Bridge Funding Option

- Students enrolled in an eligible Career Grant certificate or diploma program at a TCSG institution may qualify for HOPE and Career Grant Bridge funding
- HOPE Grant assists with tuition. The student may have some tuition, fee, and book costs. Check with the institution.
- Must meet eligibility requirements, including residency, citizenship and academic requirements
- If the student exceeds 30 hours and must use the HOPE Grant to pay for the DE classes, those classes DO count in their HOPE funding cap and will impact the number of eligible HOPE Scholarship hours available after high school graduation

Self-Pay Option

- The college will charge the student tuition, fees, and books based on credit hours of enrollment not covered by DE funding
- Must complete the Self-Pay Approval form. All self-pay courses must come from the approved DE course directory and be approved by the school counselor to be included in the student schedule and transcript

ALL classes will be posted to your HS and college transcripts



HS Transcript and Awarding Credit

- The college sends a copy of the transcript to the HS using letter grades
- The HS converts the letter grades into a numerical grade to post to the CCSD transcript:
A=95, B=85, C=76, D=72, F=69, W=10
- **The HS and college grading scales may not be the same**
- Per CCSD policy IDCH-R, quality points are only added if the student has taken the highest level of a subject offered and earns a 1.0 quality point at the local school before taking the DE course
- College courses that appear on a HS transcript do satisfy NCAA core-curriculum requirements



Grades & GPA

- All final academic DE grades will factor into both your CCSD and HS HOPE GPA
- High schools require a grade of a “D” or higher to earn HS credit
- **IMPORTANT:** Many colleges require at least a grade of a “C” or better to take the next course and/or transfer the credit
- Students are also required to meet **SAP (Satisfactory Academic Progress)**
 - Failure to maintain will impact **future funding beyond HS**. Students who fall below the SAP requirement will not be eligible to receive federal funding (i.e., Pell Grant) or state funding (i.e., HOPE).



Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP)

- Your SAP status is based on your entire academic record at all colleges attended (includes all transferable hours)
- SAP is reviewed at the end of each term
- **Failing to meet SAP can result in the loss of eligibility for federal and state financial aid, including grants, loans, and work-study funds, beyond HS**
- **Financial Aid Warning:** allows the student to receive financial aid or DE funding for one additional semester
- **Financial Aid Suspension:** no longer eligible to receive financial aid or DE funding
- You must meet SAP requirements before you can requalify for financial aid and will need to pay for school via self-pay, private loans, and private scholarships
- Check the individual college's financial aid page for more information about its specific criteria

Bottom Line:

Low or failing DE grades can impact you beyond HS!!



HOPE & Dual Enrollment

- HOPE will award 0.5 quality points for DE degree-level academic courses up to a 4.0
- Academic degree-level DE courses are counted toward the HOPE “rigor requirement” (English, math, science, social sciences & world language)
- Regular DE courses DO NOT count against your HOPE/Zell Miller scholarship cap hours (127 semester hours) for those planning to attend a 2- or 4-year college upon graduation
- Students can use HOPE Grant/HOPE Career Grant to complete select courses for TCSG programs, if needed. This DOES count against their HOPE cap
- DE credits that have received DE funding are NOT counted as attempted hours once a student enters college



Withdrawing from a Dual Enrollment Course

It is **STRONGLY DISCOURAGED** for the following reasons:

1. CCSD policy IDCH-R on dropping DE courses states:

*If a student withdraws after the first 10 days of the HS term (summer, fall, or spring), a **grade of 10%** will be recorded as the course grade and remain on the student's cumulative record. That failing grade is also calculated into the CCSD and HOPE GPAs.*

2. Students must maintain a full-time status (this includes HS classes).
3. Students who withdraw from two DE classes are no longer eligible for DE funding. Withdrawals also impact SAP.



Finding the Dual Enrollment Course Directory

Go to www.gafutures.org

HOPE &
State Aid
Programs

- HOPE and State Aid Programs or Search "Dual Enrollment" at the top of the page

State
Scholar-
ships

- Scroll down to "State Scholarships and Grants"

Dual
Enrollment

- You will be in the 'Dual Enrollment' tab

Course
Directory

- Select 'Course Directory' on the left

DE Course
Directory

- Select where it says "Dual Enrollment Course Directory in blue"

CHOOSE

- Select the relevant "Academic Year" and "Participating College" & "Category"

All approved DE courses have a 'HS Equivalent'

NOTE: Not all courses required for HS graduation are available through DE and not all college courses are available through DE



Course Directory Examples

- ENGL 1101 will post on the HS transcript as Advanced Composition
 - *This fulfills an English requirement for HS graduation*
- MATH 1101 will post on the HS transcript as Mathematical Modeling
- MATH 1111 will post on the HS transcript as College Algebra
 - *Both will qualify as a 4th Math option & fulfill your 4th math requirement.*

English/Language Arts - Core - CORE	23.03400	Advanced Composition	ENGL 1101	English Composition I	3	AP Lit or Lang Scores? Talk to your Academic Advisor. Counts as high school graduation requirement.
English/Language Arts - Core - CORE	23.05200	British Literature/Composition	ENGL 1101	English Composition I	3	AP Lit or Lang Scores? Talk to your Academic Advisor. Counts as high school graduation requirement.
English/Language Arts - Core - CORE	23.0A244	Dual Enrollment English/Language Arts USG (ENGL 1101 English Composition I)	ENGL 1101	English Composition I	3	AP Lit or Lang Scores? Talk to your Academic Advisor. Counts as high school graduation requirement.
English/Language Arts - Core - CORE	23.03400	Advanced Composition	ENGL 1102	English Composition II	3	ENGL 1101 (min. grade C) or AP Lang or Lit score of 3-4. Counts as a high school graduation requirement if ENGL 1101 has been exempted through AP and the 23.03400 course number is used on the transcript.
English/Language Arts - Core - CORE	23.05200	British Literature/Composition	ENGL 1102	English Composition II	3	ENGL 1101 (min. grade C) or AP Lang or Lit score of 3-4. Counts as a high school graduation requirement if ENGL 1101 has been exempted through AP and the 23.03400 course number is used on the transcript.

Colleges may use test scores or placement tests to determine entry-level placement in Math, English, or World Language



Do Dual Enrollment Courses Transfer to Other Colleges/Universities?

- The state has identified courses that will transfer between the USGs and TCSGs
- Students can check the transferability of courses taken in and transferring to Georgia colleges using the 'Credit Transfer Tool' located on the "College" tab at www.GAfutures.org
- Alternatively, students can check transferability on the receiving colleges' websites
- Students will need to verify transferability of credits with private and out-of-state colleges
- It is the student's responsibility to verify course transferability per intended major



Extracurricular Participation

- DE Students are eligible to participate in HS sports, extracurricular activities, clubs, prom, graduation, etc.
- It is the student's responsibility to ensure extracurricular activities don't interfere with college course requirements and/or attendance
- **GHSA Eligibility:** To maintain GHSA eligibility, students must earn 2.5 credits from the previous semester
- DE professors are NOT required to give make-up or alternate assignments for absences



What Does it Take to be a **SUCCESSFUL Dual Enrollment Student?**

Are you...

Disorganized	OR	Organized
Reactive	OR	Proactive
Rigid	OR	Flexible
Easily overwhelmed	OR	Able to handle stress
Unassertive	OR	Assertive
Unable/unwilling to ask for help	OR	Good self-advocate
Procrastinator	OR	On top of things
Highly dependent	OR	Independent
Ignore/don't read emails	OR	Check and respond immediately
Distracted by/unable to handle mature content/discussions	OR	Able to handle mature content/discussions



How to Apply

PAY CLOSE ATTENTION TO DEADLINES AND REQUIREMENTS!

- **Students are responsible for submitting all documents/forms directly to the college!**
- Students will follow their school's protocol:
 - Attend a local school informational meeting
 - **Attend advisement session EACH SEMESTER with school counselor**
- Complete the college's DE application and any additional documents on their website
- Request an official transcript to be sent to the college, if required
- Student will take and send qualifying test scores to the college (SAT, PSAT, ACT, or Accuplacer)
- Complete the 'Dual Enrollment Funding Application/Participation Agreement' on GAfutures



Deadlines

- Cobb County School District has set countywide deadlines for all students applying to DE programs
- It is important to note that college deadlines often differ from the deadlines set below and may be earlier or later
- Students are encouraged to apply earlier than any posted deadlines. All students will be held to CCSD deadlines, even if the college/university deadline falls after the CCSD deadline

Fall – May 1

Spring – November 1

Summer – March 1



Dual Enrollment Funding Application / Participation Agreement

- Completed once per school year (before your first semester of DE)
- Student will create an account on GAFutures at www.GAfutures.org
- Student must complete their portion
- Parent will receive an email to complete their portion
- Counselor will approve funding once the student has registered for classes and provides a copy of the college schedule to the counselor

**Watch the video available on the Gafutures
website to walk you through the process**



Meet with Your School Counselor

Follow your school's DE protocol to determine when you should meet with your school counselor to:

- Complete required documents, including but not limited to the **Local School Agreement** and **Student Advisement Plan**
- Review courses and create a plan to meet graduation requirements
- Choose courses you will be taking at the college and/or HS
- **Students are responsible for submitting all documents/forms directly to the college!**



Things to Consider

- There may be some non-mandatory fees that aren't covered by DE
- Most credits are NOT given weight for the CCSD GPA
- Students are taking challenging classes taught by college professors
- Due to FERPA law:
 - DE professors DO NOT/WILL NOT communicate with parents or CCSD employees
 - Official college communications will only be shared with students
- Students are treated as college students & will be in class with older college students and adults
- College grades DO NOT appear in CTLS or ParentVue
- Must maintain SAP
- College and HS calendars (e.g., breaks) often DO NOT align
- Credit transferability is not guaranteed



More Things to Consider

- Some competitive colleges may consider AP to be more rigorous
- **Students with IEPs or 504s:** Accommodations must be requested by the STUDENT directly with the college; they will not communicate with the parent unless a FERPA release is signed by the student
- **Students MUST provide their own transportation. Parking is NOT guaranteed at the HS!**
- Must factor in travel time, traffic, changing bell schedules, etc.
- Lack of daily interaction with friends may impact relationships, school involvement, etc.
- Students may miss high school announcements and information distributed in homeroom
- **DE students are only allowed on the HS campus when scheduled for an in-person CCSD course**
 - Students are not allowed to loiter on the HS campus. This includes, but is not limited to, the athletic fields, the media center, gym, cafeteria, classrooms, etc.
- Students MUST be on time and attend ALL HS and DE classes regularly



Final Notes & Reminders

- It is the student/family's responsibility to review all the DE information and understand the expectations and requirements.
- Colleges have set their own grade level and/or age requirements
- Admissions requirements vary by college
- Full-time and part-time opportunities available
- Available during fall, spring, and summer semesters at most colleges
- Students must apply and complete all paperwork by the Cobb County **and** the college deadlines
- Apply early and make sure all your documents are received by the deadlines



Resources

- Accelerated Career Diploma Pathways: www.tcsg.edu/accelerated-career-pathways/
- GA Futures: www.gafutures.org
- GA Dept of Education: www.gadoe.org
- GAtracs/Georgia Transfer: <https://www.gatransfer.org/>
- Georgia Independent College Association: <https://georgiacolleges.org>
- University System of GA: www.usg.edu
- Selective Service Requirements: www.gafutures.org/hope-state-aid-programs/state-aid-applications-and-forms/selective-service/
- Technical College System of GA: www.tcsg.edu



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