Welcome to the COLA Dual Enrollment Seminar

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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

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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
- Note: Course categories such as fine arts, health and physical education are not eligible for DE funding

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

Part-Time Student

- Students must take enough courses to total at least 4 block of HS credit each semester
- Absences and tardies ARE NOT EXCUSED!
- 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

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**
- 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	State Scholar-ships	Dual Enrollment	Course Directory	DE Course Directory	CHOOSE
• HOPE and State Aid Programs or Search “Dual Enrollment” at the top of the page	• Scroll down to “State Scholarships and Grants”	• You will be in the ‘Dual Enrollment’ tab	• Select ‘Course Directory’ on the left	• Select where it says “Dual Enrollment Course Directory in blue	• 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 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.
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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

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 seminar
  - **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, if needed
  (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 – April 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

You can watch the video available on the Gafutures website to walk you through the process

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.**
- Must factor in travel time, traffic, changing bell schedules, 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

Meet with your COLA counselor

- Review courses needed for graduation.
- Create a plan to meet graduation requirements and accomplish post-secondary goals.
- Complete required documents
- Electronic and paper forms will be completed, and students will submit appropriate paperwork directly to the college.