



COBB COUNTY
SCHOOL DISTRICT

COLA
Dual Enrollment
Seminar



Purpose of Dual Enrollment

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

- Increases access to post-secondary educational opportunities for GA high school students
- Increases high school graduation rates
- Prepares a skilled workforce
- Decreases the time spent & cost of completing post-secondary degrees

Benefits of Dual Enrollment

- Helps prepare students for the transition to 2- or 4-year colleges after high school
- Potentially earn technical certificates or a technical diploma prior to graduating from high school
- Provides students with a more flexible schedule & greater access to course offerings
- DE core courses meet the academic rigor requirement for HOPE
- Start pursuing career goals earlier
- No residency or citizenship requirement
- Students can attend multiple colleges/universities, but must not exceed the 15 hours per semester or 12 hours per quarter

SAVES MONEY!!

Who is Eligible?

10th graders

- Students in the 10th grade may enroll in Career, Technical and Agricultural education (CTAE) courses at a participating TCSG institution only.

High-achieving 10th graders

- Students in the 10th grade with an SAT score of 1200 or an ACT score of 26 prior to the term may enroll in any approved dual enrollment courses at a TCSG, USG or private eligible participating postsecondary institution.

11th and 12th graders

- Students in the 11th or 12th grade may take any approved dual enrollment courses at an eligible participating postsecondary institution (USG, TCSG or private).

Eligible Courses

Note:

Course categories such as fine arts, health and physical education are no longer eligible for dual enrollment funding.

- Core academic areas used in the high school HOPE scholarship calculation (includes ALL English, math, science, social studies & world/foreign languages)
- Career, Technical And Agricultural Education (CTAE) courses aligned with the GADOE career clusters and pathways
- The course directory is in the dual enrollment section on GAFutures

Enrollment Options

Full-Time Student

- A full time DE student takes 12-15 hours of credit at the college
- (4-5 classes at the college)
- No classes are taken COLA or through CVA or GAVS
- MUCH easier to schedule – no conflicts with the high school classes
- More challenging to get high school information

Part-Time Student

- Students must take enough courses to total at least 4.0 units of HS credit each semester
- Minimum Day is NOT an option.
- 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 high school classes come first when it comes to scheduling.



How much does it cost?

What is covered?

- Dual Enrollment is FREE to ALL eligible high school students
- Includes REQUIRED Books and Fees
 - Students may incur expenses for course related fees and supplies required for a particular course or optional fee charged by the postsecondary institution.
 - If the postsecondary institution provided 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 semester/45 quarter hours
- Does not count against HOPE Cap Hours
- Student will still be eligible for 127 undergraduate semester hours upon graduation from high school



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 the 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 dual enrollment classes, those DE classes DO count in their HOPE Combined Hours 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 Dual Enrollment funding.
- Must complete the Self Pay Approval form provided by your counselor.
- All self-pay courses must come from the approved DE course directory and be approved by the school counselor

**ALL classes will be posted to both your
high school and college transcripts.**

HS Transcript & Awarding Credit

- The college sends a copy of the transcript to COLA using letter grades.
- COLA then converts the letter grades into a numerical grade to post to the COLA transcript:

A=95, B=85, C=76, D=72, F=69

- The high school and college grading scales may not be the same.
- Per CCSD policy, quality points are only added if the student has taken the highest level of a subject offered through COLA prior to taking the DE course.
 - *Ex. Student took AP US History at the high school, then takes HIST 2111/2112 at the college; they would earn extra quality points.*
- College courses which appear on our high school transcript **do** satisfy NCAA core-curriculum requirements.

Grades & GPA

- ALL Final grades will factor into your CCSD, HOPE & your College GPA's
- 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 &/or transfer the credit.
- Students are also required to meet SAP (Satisfactory Academic Progress)
 - *Failure to maintain will impact future funding beyond high school. Students that 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)

**Bottom Line:
Low or failing DE
grades can impact
you beyond high
school!!**

- Your SAP status is based on your entire academic record, at all colleges attended (includes all transferrable hours), regardless of whether you received financial aid.
- SAP is reviewed at the end of each term.
- **Financial Aid Warning:** allows the student to receive financial aid for one additional semester.
- **Financial Aid Suspension:** no longer eligible to receive financial aid
- Must meet SAP requirement before you can requalify for financial aid-will need to pay for school via self-pay, private loans and private scholarships.
- Check the individual colleges financial aid page for more information about their specific criteria.



H.O.P.E & Dual Enrollment

- HOPE will award .5 quality points for DE degree level courses up to a 4.0.
- Academic degree-level DE courses are counted for the HOPE “rigor requirement.” (English, math, science, social sciences & Foreign Language)
- Regular DE courses DO NOT count against your HOPE scholarship/Zell Miller cap hours (127 semester hours) for those planning to attend a 4-year college upon graduation.
- DE Credits which have received DE funding are NOT counted as attempted hours once a student enters college

Withdrawing from a DE course

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

1. Cobb County's policy on dropping DE courses states:

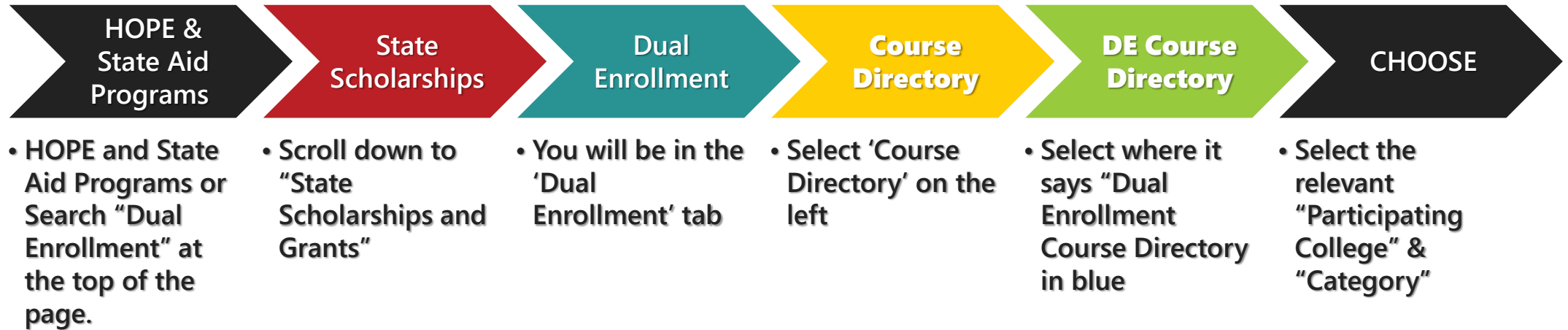
If a student withdraws after the first 10 days of the high school term (summer, fall or spring); a grade of 10% will be recorded as the course grade and remain on the student's cumulative record. That failing grade is also calculated into the CCSD GPA.

2. Students must maintain a full-time status (this includes high school classes)

3. If a student decides to withdraw from a class, they will only be able to do this with two courses over their time as a DE student. After that, they can no longer participate in dual enrollment.

Finding the DE Course Directory

Go to www.gafutures.org



All approved DE courses have a 'High School Equivalent'

NOTE:

- Not all courses required for HS graduation are available through DE & Not all college courses are available through DE

Course Directory Example

- ENGL 1101 will go on the High School Transcript as Advanced Composition

This fulfills your 4th English required for HS graduation.

- MATH 1111 will post as College Algebra

Both will qualify as a 4th Math option & fulfill your 4th math requirement.

Colleges typically use test scores to determine entry level into Math or English.

| Course Category & Type | HS Course Number | HS Course Title | PS Course Number | PS Course Title | Credit Hours | PreRequisites |
|-------------------------------------|------------------|--|------------------|--------------------------|--------------|---|
| English/Language Arts - Core - CORE | 23 03400 | Advanced Composition | ENGL 1101 | Composition and Rhetoric | 3 | (minimum ASRB score of 41 or minimum ASRC score of 41 or minimum ASRD score of 41 or minimum ASRE score of 41 or minimum CDM1 score of 079 or minimum EXR1 score of 80 or minimum ACT3 score of 19 or READ 0098 grade of C or higher or RDG 0098 grade of C or higher or RDG 098 grade of C or higher or RDG 098 grade of C or higher or RDG 098# grade of C or higher) and (minimum ASWB score of 43 or minimum ASWC score of 43 or minimum ASWD score of 43 or minimum ASWE s |
| Mathematics - CORE | 27 0A614 | Dual Enrollment Mathematics TCSG (MATH 1101 Mathematical Modeling) | MATH 1101 | Mathematical Modeling | 3 | (minimum ASNB score of 37 or minimum ASNC score of 37 or minimum ASND score of 37 or minimum ASNE score of 37 or minimum CDM3 score of 030 or minimum EXM1 score of 70 or minimum ACT2 score of 17 or minimum A02 score of 17 or minimum S02 score of 400 or MATH 0097 grade of C or higher or MAT 0097 grade of C or higher or MAT 097 grade of S or higher or MAT 097 grade of C or higher or MAT 097# grade of C or higher) and (minimum ASAB score of 40 or minimum ASAC sc |
| Mathematics - CORE | 27 0A624 | Dual Enrollment Mathematics TCSG (MATH 1111 College Algebra) | MATH 1111 | College Algebra | 3 | (minimum ASNB score of 37 or minimum ASNC score of 37 or minimum ASND score of 37 or minimum ASNE score of 37 or minimum CDM3 score of 030 or minimum EXM1 score of 70 or minimum ACT2 score of 17 or minimum A02 score of 17 or minimum S02 score of 400 or MATH 0097 grade of C or higher or MAT 0097 grade of C or higher or MAT 097 grade of C or higher or MAT 097 grade of C or higher or MAT 097# grade of C or higher or MATH 1012 grade of C or higher or MAT 1012 |

Do DE courses transfer to other colleges/universities?

- The state has identified courses which will transfer between the University System of Georgia Colleges
- Students can check the transferability of courses using the 'Credit Transfer Tool' that is operated through Gatracs (now Georgia Transfer) but is located on the website www.GAfutures.org
- Students will need to verify transferability of credits with private and out-of-state colleges.



What does it take to be a **SUCCESSFUL** DE 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!

- Complete the DE Application for the specific college via the college's website.
- Students are responsible for submitting all documents/forms directly to the college!
- Student will follow our school protocol
 - Attend a local school information session
 - Discuss with school Counselor
 - Request a transcript, if applicable.
- Student will take and send qualifying test scores to the college.
(SAT, ACT or ACCUPLACER)
- Complete the Dual Enrollment funding application on GAFutures

DEADLINES!

Cobb County School District has set countywide deadlines for all students who are applying for Dual Enrollment programs.

It is important to note that college deadlines often differ from the deadlines set below and may be earlier.

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. But also, please be aware that some college deadlines come before the CCSD deadline.

Summer-March 1

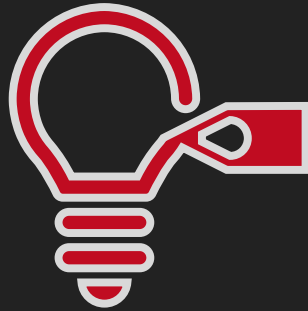
Fall – April 1

Spring – November 1

DE Funding Application

- Completed once a year (Prior to your first semester of dual enrollment)
- 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.

Things to Consider



- There may be some non-mandatory fees that aren't covered by DE
- Most credits are NOT given weight for the Cobb County GPA
- Students are taking challenging classes taught by college professors
- Students must take the American Lit EOC
- DE Professors DO NOT/WILL NOT communicate with parents.
- 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 Satisfactory Academic Progress
- College and high school calendars (thus, breaks) often DO NOT align.
- Credit transferability is not guaranteed



More Things to Consider



- Some competitive colleges may consider AP to be more rigorous
- Special Student Services must be arranged by the STUDENT directly with the college; they will not communicate with the parent, unless a release is signed by the student.
- MUST provide your own transportation.
- Must factor in travel time, traffic, changing bell schedules, etc.
- The student may miss high school announcements and information distributed in advisement IF Dual Enrollment class is in the morning.
- Students MUST be on-time and attend ALL classes regularly; this includes both high school classes and DE classes.



Final Notes/Reminders

- It is the Student/Family's responsibility to review all the dual enrollment information and understand the expectations and requirements
- DE is recommended for 11th and 12th grade students
- Colleges have set their own grade level and/or age requirements
- Admissions requirements vary by college
- Full-time and part-time opportunities
- Available during summer, fall, and spring semester at most colleges
- No residency or citizenship requirement for dual enrollment
- Cobb students must apply and complete all paperwork by the **Cobb county deadline**, not the college deadline
- Apply early and make sure all your documents are received by the deadline

Resources

- GA Futures: www.gafutures.org
- GA Dept of Education: www.gadoe.org
- GAtracs/Georgia Transfer: <https://www.gatransfer.org/>
- University System of GA: www.usg.edu
- Technical College System of GA: www.tcsu.edu

College Websites

Chattahoochee Technical College

<https://www.chattahoocheetech.edu/>

Kennesaw State University

<https://www.kennesaw.edu/>



Meet with your 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.



COLA Dual Enrollment Checklist for 2025-2026

| √ when complete | Final Deadline | Required Steps for Fall Semester |
|-----------------|----------------|---|
| | | <u>Attend Dual Enrollment Seminar</u> |
| | April 1, 2025 | <u>Apply to the college/university of your choice.</u> (Hint: do a search for the college name and “dual enrollment” to get to the page needed.) You are responsible for following the college application procedures, submitting all required documents (such as transcript, test scores, and anything else required by the college) on time. Colleges may have earlier deadlines, but as a COLA student, <u>your deadline is no later than April 1, 2025</u> |
| | April 1, 2025 | <u>Make appointment with your counselor to complete your Advisement Form.</u> Complete the <u>Dual Enrollment Advisement Plan</u> and <u>Cobb Local School Agreement</u> with student/parent signatures. |
| | April 1, 2025 | <u>Complete the online Dual Enrollment Student Participation Agreement/Parent Agreement Funding Form</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Go to www.gafutures.org 2. Click on “HOPE & State Aid Programs” tab at the top 3. Click on “Scholarships and Grants” and select “Dual Enrollment” 4. Click on “Application Procedures and Deadline” 5. Complete the Online Application <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be sure that you select the correct college where you are participating in DE • Be sure that you select Cobb Horizon High School as your school → Parents-click on DE Parent Agreement |
| | May 1, 2025 | <u>Meet with your College Advisor and attend Orientation.</u> The college will notify you of your acceptance and reach out to schedule an advisement meeting. |
| | May 1, 2025 | <u>Provide your counselor with a copy of your final schedule.</u> You must notify your counselor in writing of which classes you plan to take at COLA at the time that you turn in your final schedule. |

