

Texas Education Code

[Dual Credit](#)

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(For more details and a complete listing of all rules applying to dual credit, please click on the hyperlink above.)

Student Eligibility

- 1) A high school student is eligible to enroll in dual credit courses in the 11th and/or 12th grade if the student meets the minimum passing standard on the TSI or is exempt from TSI.

Test	Score	Content Area and Specifics
ACT	Composite Score 23	English – 19 exempts for both reading and writing on TSI
		Math – 19 exempts from mathematics on TSI
SAT	Composite Score of 1070	Critical Reading – 500 exempt for both reading and writing on TSI
		Math – 500 exempts from mathematics on TSI
STAAR EOC	English III	Level 2 – minimum score exempt on TSI
	Algebra II	Level 2 – minimum score exempt on TSI

- 2) An 11th and/or 12th grade student may also enroll in dual credit under the following conditions:

STAAR EOC	Algebra II	Minimum final phase in Level 2	Not required to demonstrate eligibility in 12 th grade
	English II Reading OR English II Writing	Minimum final phase in Level 2	Not required to demonstrate eligibility in 12 th grade
PSAT/NMSQT	Combined score 107	Critical Reading – minimum 50	Must demonstrate eligibility to enroll in dual credit courses in twelfth grade
		Mathematics – minimum 50	
PLAN	Composite score of 23	Math – 19	Must demonstrate eligibility to enroll in dual credit courses in twelfth grade
		English - 19	

When a high school student completes a dual credit math course they are considered TSI complete in mathematics. To be TSI complete in English, students may take an English course or any other course that is deemed to be intensive reading and/or writing. High intensive reading courses may

include history, psychology, etc. Colleges will designate courses as high intensive in reading. Successful completion of any of these courses will qualify the student to be TSI complete in English.

- 3) A high school student is eligible to enroll in workforce education dual credit courses in 11th and 12th grade if:

STAAR EOC	Final phase in	Algebra I	Relevant to the courses to be attempted
STAAR EOC	Final phase in	English II Reading OR Writing	

- 4) Students must be at least a junior to take dual credit courses. Exceptions are students with outstanding academic performance (as evidenced by achieving or exceeding the minimum TSI college readiness standards on PSAT/NMSQT, PLAN, SAT, ACT, or TSI Assessment). These students may be approved for dual credit courses by the principal of the high school and the chief academic officer of the college.
- 5) High school students shall not be enrolled in more than two dual credit courses per semester. Exceptions to this requirement are students who have demonstrated outstanding academic performance and capability (as evidenced by grade-point average, ACT or SAT scores, or other assessment indicators). These students may be approved by the principal of the high school and the chief academic officer of the college to a maximum of 15 semester credit hours.
- 6) A student may not enroll in more than three courses per academic year at a community college if the community college does not have a service area that includes the student's high school, except to the extent approved by the Commissioner of Texas Education Agency.
- a. A student enrolled in more than 2 dual credit courses in a semester must pass all courses during that semester with a grade of C or better to continue to enroll in more than 2 dual credit courses the following semester.