

### 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<br>23      | English – 19 <b>exempts</b> for both reading and writing on <b>TSI</b>          |
|           |                            | Math – 19 <b>exempts</b> from mathematics on <b>TSI</b>                         |
| SAT       | Composite Score<br>of 1070 | Critical Reading – 500 <b>exempt</b> for both reading and writing on <b>TSI</b> |
|           |                            | Math – 500 <b>exempts</b> from mathematics on <b>TSI</b>                        |
| STAAR EOC | English III                | Level 2 – minimum score <b>exempt</b> on <b>TSI</b>                             |
|           | Algebra II                 | Level 2 – minimum score <b>exempt</b> on <b>TSI</b>                             |

- 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 <sup>th</sup> grade              |
|            | English II Reading OR English II Writing | Minimum final phase in Level 2 | Not required to demonstrate eligibility in 12 <sup>th</sup> 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.