

Dual Enrollment: High School Based



Take select Frederick Community College (FCC) courses at your Frederick County Public Schools (FCPS) high school or at the Career and Technology Center (CTC). Earn your high school diploma and college credits from FCC simultaneously.

High school students in this program take FCC courses at their high school or the CTC during the regular school day. These are college level, credit-bearing courses taught by FCPS teachers who are hired by FCC as college adjuncts. Available courses vary by school; talk to your counselor to see what is offered at your FCPS high school. High School Based students receive free tuition at FCC for all courses.

Frequently Asked Questions:

What is Dual Enrollment: High School Based?

High School Based refers to high school students taking FCC courses at their high school or the CTC during the regular school day.

How do I qualify for a High School Based FCC course?

Currently enrolled FCPS high school students who are college and career ready and have an unweighted cumulative GPA of 2.0 may consider dual enrollment. Assessment scores (SAT, ACT, ACCUPLACER, and AP), FCPS final course grades, and/or unweighted GPA may determine college and career readiness. Scores required to enroll in college level, credit-bearing courses are listed in the chart below.

Student must meet one of these options:

Option	English	Math*
ACCUPLACER	Reading: 253 Writing: 263	Quantitative Reasoning, Algebra, and Statistics: 263
ACT	Average score of Reading and Writing tests: 21	21
AP Exam	English Lang/Comp or Lit/Comp: 3 or higher	Calculus AB or BC: 3 or higher
FCPS Course Final Grade	English 10, 11, or combined 10/11, or 12**: A or B AP Lang/Comp or Lit/Comp: A or B	Algebra II or higher*** within the past two years: A or B
FCPS GPA	Unweighted after sophomore or junior year: 3.0	
SAT	Evidence-Based Reading & Writing: 480	530

*Math exemptions on this chart are for placement into MATH 110,113,101,120,125,127,145. Please contact the Dual Enrollment office for placement requirements for MATH165 or higher. **Eligible for one year after high school graduation. ***Students who receive an A in FCPS Pre-Calculus are eligible to enroll in FCC MATH185: Calculus I. The Accuplacer is available to students wishing to take FCC MATH185 who did not earn an A in FCPS Pre-Calculus.

What High School Based courses are offered at my high school?

High School Based courses vary from school to school depending on the school size, staffing, and student interest. Talk to your counselor to see what is available at your FCPS high school.

How much does a High School Based course cost?

High School Based students receive free tuition at FCC for all courses. There are no fees or textbook costs for High School Based courses.

Who teaches the FCC High School Based courses?

High School Based courses are taught by FCPS teachers from your high school. These teachers are hired by FCC to teach college courses and are held to the same hiring and credentialing standards as adjunct professors.

Frequently Asked Questions (Continued):

How do I enroll in the High School Based Dual Enrollment program?

1. Complete an FCPS Dual Enrollment Participation Form provided by your high school and ensure all paperwork is signed by the student, parent(s), and school staff.
2. Complete the online application for the College at frederick.edu/apply.
3. Determine the need for placement testing.
 - a. If exempt from placement testing, submit proof of the exemption to the point of contact at the high school.
 - b. If not exempt, sit for the ACCUPLACER to determine college readiness at frederick.edu/placement.
4. Students will be notified of assessment results and college ready status.
5. High School Based dually enrolled students are not responsible for registering for classes. Registration is completed collaboratively by FCPS and FCC staff.

What is the difference between college credit and dual credit?

College credit is awarded upon successful completion of the college course(s). This credit is reflected on the college transcript. Dual credit means that both high school credit and college credit can be earned upon successful completion of a college course. Dual credit is awarded to high school students if the college course meets the curriculum requirements of an approved FCPS high school course. Dual credit is reflected on both the high school transcript and the college transcript.

Can a parent/guardian monitor their student's progress in the college course?

Family Educational Rights Privacy Act (FERPA) applies to all students enrolled in college courses, despite the age of the student. Therefore, communication is only between the student and the college. Students are responsible for monitoring their educational progress through their FCC student account and communication with their instructors. A FERPA waiver is available for students as a way to provide parents the right to communicate with FCC.

Are Dual Enrollment final course grades weighted on my high school transcript?

Yes, grades earned in Dual Enrollment courses (including High School Based, Open Campus, and Early College) count as weighted grades in your high school GPA, but only for courses for which you elect to receive dual credit.

What FCC resources are available to students if they are dually enrolled?

A dually enrolled high school student can access all resources available to FCC students (Learning Commons; free tutoring at the Tutoring Center, Writing Center, and STEM Learning Center; Disability Access Services; online databases; online Writing Center).

Does FCC provide accommodations for FCPS students with an IEP or 504 plan?

Dually enrolled students, including both open campus and high school based students, seeking disability accommodations for FCC courses must request services through the FCC Disability Access Services (DAS) Office. Reasonable accommodations for post-secondary classes are offered to eligible students based on a formal initiation of services request and submission of appropriate disability documentation. Students are required to meet with a disabilities specialist for an intake appointment. This appointment may be scheduled by calling 301.846.2408 or emailing DAS at disabilityservices@frederick.edu. More information about disability services is available at frederick.edu/das.

Contact:

If you have questions about any of our offerings or wish to enroll, please visit frederick.edu/DE, reach out to your school counselor, email us at dualenrollment@frederick.edu, or contact one of our Dual Enrollment staff members. We look forward to hearing from you!

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