

Frequently Asked Questions Dual Enrollment

1. **What is a dual enrollment course?**

A dual enrollment course is a postsecondary course, taught either at the postsecondary institution or at the high school by postsecondary faculty or credentialed adjunct faculty. Students enroll at the postsecondary institution offering the course and earn postsecondary credit upon completion of the course. Additionally, high school credit is awarded based on local policy.

2. **Where is the course taught?**

Dual enrollment courses can be taught at a high school, postsecondary institution, or online. Tennessee's community colleges, four-year institutions, and colleges of applied technology (TCATs) all offer dual enrollment opportunities for high school students.

3. **Who teaches the course?**

Dual enrollment courses must be taught by postsecondary faculty or credentialed adjunct faculty. This includes high school teachers who meet the requirements for adjunct faculty. Dual enrollment courses and teachers must meet postsecondary requirements, but there are no secondary licensure requirements associated with dual enrollment.

4. **Do students receive a course grade?**

Yes. Students receive postsecondary credit and course grades as determined by the postsecondary faculty teaching the course. High schools are required to use the state's [Uniform Grading Policy](#) to calculate weight for the HOPE Lottery Scholarship GPA and the Local Grading System for dual enrollment.

Please note that local high schools **must** accept postsecondary credits as a substitution for an aligned graduation requirement course, including general education and elective focus courses for those students who take and pass dual enrollment courses at a postsecondary institution for credit (See Graduation Requirements in the [High School Policy](#) for more information.)

5. **Do students pay to take a dual enrollment course?**

Yes. Students are enrolled in the postsecondary institution offering a dual enrollment course and therefore are required to pay tuition and fees for each course.

6. **What are the eligibility requirements for the Dual Enrollment Grant?**

The Dual Enrollment Grant can only be used for courses taken during a student's junior and senior years. Students who receive a Dual Enrollment Grant for one semester must reapply for the grant for subsequent semesters. Students must maintain a cumulative GPA of 2.75 in all postsecondary courses attempted using funds from the Dual Enrollment Grant. Additionally, in order to receive grant funding

for the second dual enrollment course in a semester, students must meet the HOPE eligibility requirements. Visit the [Tennessee Student Assistance Corporation](http://www.tennessee.edu/assistance) website for more information.

7. How has the dual enrollment grant changed?

The structure of the grant has changed to allow more students to take advantage of dual enrollment courses; however, the total funding has not changed. The grant provides students up to \$1,200 per year, and the total gap between the grant award and cost to take four dual enrollment courses is still \$800. However, this gap cost will accumulate over two courses instead of four. The chart below illustrates the current grant amount.

AWARD AMOUNT AT ELIGIBLE TWO-YEAR AND FOUR-YEAR POSTSECONDARY INSTITUTIONS		
	Current DEG Amount	Current Gap in DEG Funding
1st Course	\$500	\$0
2nd Course	\$500	\$0
3rd Course	\$200	\$300
4th Course	\$0	\$500
Total (per year)	\$1,200	\$800