



Dual Enrollment Frequently Asked Questions

GENERAL QUESTIONS	
QUESTION	ANSWER
What is a dual enrollment course?	A postsecondary course, taught either at the postsecondary institution or at the high school, by postsecondary faculty or credentialed adjunct faculty. Students are enrolled at the postsecondary institution and earn postsecondary credit upon completion of the course. High school credit is awarded based on local policy.
Where is the course taught?	The course can be taught at the high school, at the postsecondary institution, or online. Tennessee's community colleges, four-year institutions, and colleges of applied technology offer dual enrollment opportunities for high school students.
Who teaches the course?	Dual enrollment courses must be taught by postsecondary faculty or credentialed adjunct faculty. High school teachers who meet the requirements for adjunct faculty can teach dual enrollment courses and are considered postsecondary faculty during the course. Dual enrollment courses and teachers must meet postsecondary requirements, but there are no secondary licensure requirements associated with dual enrollment.
Do students receive a course grade?	<p>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 the official HOPE Lottery Scholarship GPA. The policy provides specific guidance for weighting advanced courses, but dual enrollment is not currently included because the reporting process varies by institution.</p> <p>The district determines whether or not to award high school credit and is responsible for entering course information on the student's high school transcript.</p>

	The Tennessee Department of Education, Board of Education, and Student Assistance Corporation are working together to update the policy for 2016-17 so that participation in dual enrollment is also reflected in a student's official GPA.
Do students pay to take a dual enrollment course?	Students are enrolled in the postsecondary institution, and therefore are required to pay tuition and fees for each course.
What are the eligibility requirements for the dual enrollment grant?	<p>The dual enrollment grant can only be used for courses taken during a student's junior and senior years.</p> <p>Students who receive a dual enrollment grant for one semester must reapply for the grant for subsequent semesters.</p> <p>Students must maintain a cumulative GPA of 2.75 in all postsecondary courses attempted using funds from the dual enrollment grant.</p> <p>In order to receive grant funding for the 2nd dual enrollment course in a semester, students must meet the HOPE eligibility requirements.</p>
How has the dual enrollment grant changed?	While the structure of the grant has changed to allow more students to take advantage of dual enrollment courses, 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.

	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