

DUAL ENROLLMENT GUIDELINES

Some upperclassmen are taking advantage of dual-enrollment options offered by community and four-year colleges. Most of these courses are offered online, allowing students to complete course work on campus. While we want parents to have the option of using this tuition saving program, HCS must insure that its biblical curriculum and instructional goals are not subverted by secular philosophies. For this reason, we permit students to continue to utilize dual-enrollment opportunities, but carefully approve transferred courses on a case by case basis. Factors we consider are the college's philosophy (secular or biblical), the philosophical nature of the college course, and whether the course applies toward the college-prep track requirements.

GUIDELINES FOR STUDENTS PARTICIPATING IN DUAL ENROLLMENT

- Permission from the administration must be obtained for students to leave the HCS campus to attend college classes.
- Permission must be obtained for students to substitute HCS classes for online college classes.
- Courses may be taken from Christian, private-secular, or NC system colleges.
- HCS is not likely to credit dual-enrollment courses as an honors course; they will be credited as a college-prep course. Exceptions may apply for courses taken from an accredited four-year college or university and exceptionally exceed the academic standards of HCS's courses.
- HCS will not permit students to be exempt from junior and senior year literature classes (Christian college courses may be an exception to this rule). These courses are a critical part of our biblical worldview training, and much of the material in secular college literature courses contains objectionable content or immoral perspectives. However, college English grammar and writing courses may be substituted.

CONSIDERATIONS WHEN CHOOSING COURSES

- Not all college classes will be transferred to HCS; however, students may be given time during the school day to work on online college courses even if they are not transferable.
- Be aware that dual-enrollment courses are not always transferable to other colleges, even if the dual-enrollment college is fully accredited. Each college makes its own policies about transferring college credits earned from another institution. Even if HCS accepts your dual-enrollment credits, a future college of your choice may not transfer your dual-enrollment credits. Certain college majors require that their students take courses from their college rather than accepting transfer credits from another college. Check with the colleges of your choice to learn more about their acceptance policies of dual-enrollment credits.
- Not all math courses offered through dual-enrollment benefit students for college admissions. Consult with someone about college admission requirements before substituting college math

for upper-level high school math courses. For example, some college majors are best preceded by taking high school pre-calculus rather than dual-enrollment college algebra.

- Electives may be transferred and applied toward graduation requirements; however, dual-enrollment electives are not included in a students' GPA. Remember that electives (in-class, online, or dual-enrollment) are given a pass/fail credit on the student's transcripts and will not be considered for the valedictorian and salutatorian award.
- Dual enrollment classes operate according to each individual college's calendar; they do not conveniently coincide with the HCS calendar. Students need to prepare for busy times of the year when mid-term exams and projects are due. The busyness of these intensive periods may be compounded by school events and extracurricular activities.

Be aware that HCS does not receive updates from the local community colleges about registration dates, requirements, or courses. Students and parents must explore these opportunities on their own. HCS only tries to facilitate a time and place for students to work on college course work.