



# PGCPS Dual Enrollment Frequently Asked Questions



## 1. **What is the PGCPS Dual Enrollment Program?**

- Dual enrollment is an opportunity for a PGCPS high school student to also take courses at a college or university.
- PGCPS will pay the tuition for students who meet the minimum eligibility qualifications at any Maryland public university or college.

## 2. **Am I eligible to take dual enrollment courses?**

- To enroll in dual credit courses the student must meet the following criteria:
  - Enrolled as an 11th or 12th grader.
  - Minimum 2.5 cumulative grade point average at your high school.
  - Minimal college placement test score requirements on the SAT, ACT, or Accuplacer exam.
  - Developmental (remedial) courses may not be taken as part of the dual enrollment program.
  - Please refer to the college or university of interest for additional eligibility requirements.

## 3. **What fees am I responsible to pay?**

- PGCPS will pay tuition for all eligible PGCPS dual enrollment students enrolled in a Maryland public university or college. PGCPS will also pay all fees and textbook expenses for students who receive free and reduced meals (FARMS). If you are NOT a FARMS student, payment for all fees and textbooks are the responsibility of the student.

## 4. **Where can I find the PGCPS dual enrollment form?**

- PGCPS guidance counselors have access to the registration form for dual enrollment and other documents for the application packet. It must be signed by the principal, parent/guardian and student, and collected by the professional school counselor. This form must be submitted to the Office of College and Career Readiness and Innovative Programs. The forms can also be found at <http://www1.pgcps.org/dualenrollment/>. Each college will require additional documents to be submitted.

## 5. **What is the process if I am a current dual enrollment student?**

- Current students must still complete the PGCPS 1-page dual enrollment application.

## 6. **Am I am able to take all of my high school coursework at the college?**

- No. Students must take at least one course at their high school.

## 7. **Is transportation provided by PGCPS?**

- PGCPS does not provide transportation. Students and parents are responsible for transportation to and from the college campus.

## 8. **What is the difference between dual enrollment and dual credit?**

- Dual Enrollment – students are enrolled in high school and college courses
- Dual Credit – students are enrolled in high school and college courses where they receive high school credit AND college credit
  - Limited, pre-approved list of courses
  - Grades are weighted on high school transcript
  - Course list for Prince George's Community College is online
  - Please contact the Office of College and Career Readiness and Innovative Programs for courses at other colleges
  - Requests for dual credit course approval at colleges other than PGCC and BSU must be submitted by the professional school counselor to office of College and Career Readiness and Innovative Programs 30 days prior to the first of day of the college course.



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- 9. What happens if I fail or withdraw from the course?**
- PGCPS reserves the right to charge students who receive a grade of an “E” or “F” in a course or withdraw from a course for 90% of tuition paid, and to not pay for future courses. For pre-approved dual credit courses, an “E” or “W” will appear on your high school transcript. For all courses, an “F” or “W” will appear on your college transcript.
- 10. Do homeschool students qualify for this opportunity?**
- No. Students must enroll in a PGCPS school to take advantage of the paid tuition.
- 11. Do private school students qualify for this opportunity?**
- No. Students must enroll in a PGCPS school to take advantage of the paid tuition.
- 12. Do PGCPS nonpublic special education students qualify for this opportunity?**
- Yes. Please contact Chandra Watson at [chandra.watson@pgcps.org](mailto:chandra.watson@pgcps.org) for additional information.
- 13. Will PGCPS pay for more than one course per semester?**
- Yes
- 14. Will the course be counted in my high school grade point average?**
- The final grade for courses that have been approved by PGCPS for dual credit will appear on the high school transcript and will be reflected in the appropriate GPA regardless of grade earned. If you did not attend PGCC or BSU, grades must be submitted to the Office of College and Career Readiness and Innovative Programs, in order for them to be added to the high school transcript.
- 15. What is the Accuplacer exam?**
- Accuplacer is a college placement exam accepted for admissions to some colleges and universities. PGCPS students who meet the dual enrollment requirements have the opportunity to take the exam in their high school.
  - Students may only take the exam once per semester.
  - Students who have previously taken the exam, and are satisfied with their scores, do not have to retake it.
  - Sample Accuplacer questions - <http://accuplacer.collegeboard.org/students>.
- 16. What do students do in the case of inclement weather, once enrolled in a course?**
- Students are responsible for making up any schoolwork at the college that is missed due to inclement weather or any change in schedules at their high school. Students may be subject to attendance requirements set forth by the college.
- 17. What school calendar do I follow?**
- Students must follow the high school calendar for high school courses and follow the college calendar for college courses.
- 18. Who should I contact with additional questions or more information?**
- Email – [dual.enrollment@pgcps.org](mailto:dual.enrollment@pgcps.org)
  - Website - <http://www1.pgcps.org/dualenrollment/>

**Please Note, See Academy of Health Sciences, Chesapeake Math & IT Academy, and College Park Academy staff for school-specific information.**