

**ALTERNATIVE METHODS FOR EARNING CREDIT  
COLLEGE COURSE WORK/DUAL CREDIT****EHDD-R**

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Dual credit refers to the practice of awarding academic credit at college and high school. The student must be classified as a junior or senior. The student must meet all entrance requirements as well as appropriate prerequisites for any course. DISD requires that a student must pass the respective college readiness exams in addition to State exams.

Dual Credit classes taken through Amarillo College

Counselors will inform the students which classes will be offered as dual credit through Amarillo College. A student must receive approval/recommendation from the appropriate teacher before they can request dual credit courses when he/she pre-registers for high school classes in the spring. After Spring Registration, the Dual Credit Information Packet will be distributed to the student. The Acknowledgment Form provided with the packet must be signed and dated by both the student and the parent in order for the student to enroll in dual credit classes. If the requirements for taking dual credit courses are not fulfilled by the end of the first day for students at DISD, the regular high school course will be placed in the student's schedule.

For dual credit classes offered through Amarillo College, the district will pay the tuition cost up to \$50 per credit hour for 2 classes per semester. The student will be responsible for the payment of all books, fees, and any tuition cost over the \$50 per credit hour limit and/or 2 classes per semester limit. A student with 92 or higher GPA is eligible to take more dual credit classes with tuition sponsored by DISD. The student is still responsible for all books and fees and any tuition cost over the \$50 per credit hour limit.

Students enrolled in dual credit courses will be required to provide a \$100 deposit for each dual credit course they are enrolling in. Upon successful completion of the college course the \$100 will be refunded to the student. In the case that a student drops a college course or fails a college course, the \$100 deposit will be forfeited to the district. The \$100 will go towards the cost of the college course with the district paying the additional tuition. Each semester students will be required to provide the deposit for the number of college courses they are enrolled in.

Dual Credit classes not offered through Amarillo College

Some dual credit classes are not offered through Amarillo College. Students may get special approval from the counselor and principal to leave the high school campus to attend college class on another campus. The student is responsible for the payment of all tuition, books, and fees.