

5.22—COLLEGE COURSES

A ninth (9th) through twelfth (12th) grade student who successfully completes a college course(s) from an institution OF HIGHER EDUCATION (IHE) approved by the Division of Higher Education (DESE) shall be given credit toward high school grades and graduation at the rate of one (1) high school credit for each three (3) semester hours of college credit.

A student who takes a three (3) -semester hour remedial/developmental education courses shall receive a half (1/2) credit for a high school career focus elective. The remedial/developmental education course cannot be used to meet the core subject area/unit requirements.

Students will retain credit, including any weighted credit, earned as a concurrent credit course or as a dual enrollment course that was applied to a student's transcript from a previously attended, accredited, public school.

Concurrent Credit Courses

A student's participation in the concurrent high school and college credit program must be either:

1. Documented by a written agreement between:
 - The student;
 - The student's parent(s), legal guardian(s), person(s) standing in loco parentis to the student, or person(s) having lawful control of the student if the student is under the age of eighteen (18);
 - The District; and
 - The publicly supported community college, technical college, four-year college or university, or IHE the student attends to take the concurrent credit course; or
2. Taken through the Arkansas Course Choice Program

While students are ultimately responsible for having the transcript for the concurrent credit course(s) they've taken sent to their school in order to receive credit for the course(s), the District shall work with the IHE(s) to establish a process for the District to receive student transcripts. Credit for concurrent credit courses will not be given until a transcript is received. Students may not receive credit for the course(s) they took or the credit may be delayed if the transcripts are not received at all or in a timely manner: this may jeopardize students' eligibility for extracurricular activities, graduation, graduating with honors, or awarding of a diploma or merit or a diploma or a diploma of distinction.

A student or a student's parent, legal guardian, person having lawful control of the student, or person standing in loco parentis to the student shall not be responsible for tuition, fees, or materials for participation in a concurrent credit course.²

The District shall work with the IHE to ensure that a student receives any accommodations for a concurrent credit course that are required by the student's Individual Education Program (IEP) or 504 Plan.

Dual Enrollment Courses

Dual enrollment courses are college courses that are:

- Taken at an IHE the District does not have an agreement with;
- Taken at an IHE the District has an agreement with but are beyond the number of courses a student is allowed to take per year under the agreement with the IHE;
- Taken at an IHE the District has an agreement with but is a course offered by the IHE that is outside of the course list included in the agreement with the IHE; or
- Not taken through the Arkansas Choice Program.

Unless approved by the school's counselor, **prior to enrolling for the course**, dual enrollment courses shall be applied toward the student's graduation requirements as an elective.

Students are responsible for having the transcript for the dual enrollment course(s) they've taken sent to their school in order to receive credit for the course(s). Credit for dual enrollment courses will not be given until a transcript is received. Students may not receive credit for the course(s) they took or the credit may be delayed if the transcripts are not received at all or in a timely manner; this may jeopardize students' eligibility for extracurricular activities, graduation, graduating with honors, or awarding of a diploma of merit or a diploma of distinction.

A student or a student's parent, legal guardian, person having lawful control of the student, or person standing in loco parentis to the student are solely responsible for tuition, fees, or materials for participation in a dual enrollment course.

The student's parent, legal guardian, person standing in loco parentis to the student, or the person having lawful control of the student or the student if the student is eighteen (18) years of age or older are responsible for working with the IHE to ensure that the student receives any necessary accommodations for a dual enrollment course.

A student eligible to receive free or reduced price meals shall not be responsible for any of the costs for the student's first six (6) concurrent credit hours so long as the concurrent credit courses are taught on the District grounds and by a teacher employed by the District. Any and all costs of concurrent credit courses beyond the six (6) hours permitted, that are not taught on the District's campus, or are not taught by a teacher employed by the District are the responsibility of the student. Students who are not eligible to receive free or reduced price meals are responsible for any and all costs associated with concurrent credit courses.

Notes: ¹ If your district has other repercussions that would apply for failure to receive credit for a course, enter them here.

² The cost for concurrent credit hours may be paid by the District, the institution of higher education, or through a cost sharing agreement between the District and the institution of higher education. Acceleration Scholarship Program funds may also be used to pay for concurrent credit courses. The prohibition on students or a student or a student's parents, legal guardian, person having lawful control of the student, or person standing in loco

parentis to the student being responsible for cost associated with concurrent credit courses also applies to private school and home schooled students taking concurrent credit courses through the district as A.C.A. § 6-18-232 prohibits a private school or home schooled student who is attending a concurrent credit courses through the district under Policy 4.59 from being charged for the concurrent course unless the district also charges the district's students for concurrent credit courses; however, a private or home school student who has an active Education Freedom Account (EFA) may have the student's EFA charged to cover the cost that otherwise would have been covered by the public school.

³ If your district has other repercussions that would apply for failure to receive credit for a course, enter them here.

This paragraph is not mandatory, but would put the responsibility on the student for getting the student's transcripts to you.

⁴ While students may make use of Acceleration Scholarship Program funds to pay for dual enrollment courses, it is ultimately the parent or students responsibility to cover the cost of dual enrollment courses.

Cross Reference: 4.59---ACADEMIC COURSE ATTENDANCE BY PRIVATE SCHOOL AND HOME SCHOOLED STUDENTS

Legal References: A.C.A. § 6-15-902(c)(1)
 A.C.A. § 6-16-1201 et seq.
 A.C.A. § 6-18-232
 DESE Rules Governing Grading and Course Credit

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