

DUAL ENROLLMENT

PROGRAM GUIDE



What is Dual Enrollment/Dual Credit?

Dual Enrollment (DE) allows eligible Montgomery Public Schools (MPS) students to enroll in college-level courses while still in high school. Dual Credit (DC) is earned when students earn both high school and college credit upon successful completion of an approved course.

Advantages of Dual Enrollment

Dual Enrollment in Alabama enables eligible high school students to take college-level coursework while still enrolled in high school. Coordinated participation among students, parents, and school counselors ensures that students maximize academic, financial, and future career benefits.

The advantages include:

Simultaneous High School and College Credit

Alabama Dual Enrollment/Dual Credit (also referred to as Dual Credit or Early College) allows students to earn both high school and college credit for approved courses through community colleges or state universities. Courses are academically rigorous and aligned with postsecondary curricula. ([Alabama Achieves](#))

Reduced Cost of College Coursework

Many Alabama institutions have significantly reduced dual enrollment tuition rates, making college-level coursework more affordable for high school students. Several universities have substantially lowered per-credit costs, reducing the cost of earning college credit before high school graduation. ([University of Alabama News](#))

Increased Access and Equity

Dual Enrollment is available to students in public, private, parochial, and home school settings who meet eligibility criteria, expanding access statewide. Because the tuition for Dual Enrollment is substantially lower than traditional college tuition, students from economically disadvantaged backgrounds can participate with fewer financial barriers. ([Alabama Achieves](#))

Transferability of College Credits

Credits earned through Dual Enrollment in Alabama may transfer to other colleges and universities. Students planning to transfer should consult the STARS Guide for public postsecondary transfer pathways or equivalent tools for private/independent institutions to confirm transferability. ([Alabama Community College System](#))

Opportunity to Graduate Early

When Dual Enrollment coursework is approved to satisfy high school graduation requirements, students can accelerate their academic progress. This acceleration may allow students to complete high school sooner or enter higher education with advanced standing, yielding a head start in meeting career or degree objectives. ([Alabama Achieves](#))

Flexible Instruction and Scheduling

Alabama Dual Enrollment courses are offered through multiple formats – including online, on-campus, or blended delivery – providing flexibility to fit students' academic schedules and personal commitments. (<https://www.wsfa.com>)

Preparation for Postsecondary Rigor

Engagement in college-level coursework while in high school helps students develop critical academic skills, including time management, independence, and academic discipline. Exposure to postsecondary expectations fosters confidence and readiness for future college success.

Improved Postsecondary Success Rates

Across Alabama, participation in Dual Enrollment supports increased college enrollment and progression. Many students who complete Dual Enrollment coursework are better prepared for the academic demands of college, and

research generally shows that students who earn early college credits have higher rates of persistence in postsecondary education. (<https://www.wsfa.com>)

Participation Requirements

All MPS students interested in academic Dual Enrollment must:

- Have a minimum unweighted 2.5 GPA (C average) in completed high school coursework.
- Select courses from the Approved Course Replacement List
- Meet with their high school counselor prior to enrollment.
- Obtain written approval from the principal.
- Meet all postsecondary institution admission requirements.

Student Athletes: Students participating in athletics must consult with both their school counselor and athletic director to ensure compliance with NCAA eligibility requirements.

Important: MPS does not issue letters of recommendation in place of postsecondary admission requirements.

Eligible Grade Levels

Dual Enrollment is open to students in grades 10-12.

In accordance with Alabama Administrative Code 290-3-1-.02, exceptions may be granted for gifted and talented students below grade 10, upon written recommendations from the principal and superintendent and approval by the postsecondary institution.

Maintaining Eligibility

Students who are admitted to Dual Enrollment must:

- Earn a C or better in all college courses.
- Maintain a B average in completed high school coursework.

Students who fail to meet these requirements or withdraw from a course will be:

- Ineligible for one academic term (summer terms do not count toward suspension).
- Required to reapply and meet eligibility requirements prior to re-entry.

Accommodations: Students requiring academic accommodations must contact the postsecondary institution's Office of Accessibility or Student Support Services.

Grading & Academic Credit

- Dual Enrollment grades are recorded on both high school and college transcripts.
- DE courses are weighted for GPA, class rank, honor roll, and honor societies:
 - A = one point higher than a regular A
 - B = weighted as an A
 - C = weighted as a B
 - D = weighted as a C
 - F = not weighted

Important Graduation Information:

- Students must complete the entire course to receive credit.
- Failing a DE course results in no college credit and no high school credit, which may delay graduation.

Course Withdrawal & Scheduling

- Placement back into a high school course is guaranteed only if withdrawal occurs within four (4) weeks of the semester start.
- Withdrawals after four weeks may result in loss of credit.
- Students must provide official withdrawal documentation to their school counselor.
- Missed high school assignments due to Dual Enrollment participation must be completed.

Note: Withdrawals may affect graduation eligibility. It is the responsibility of the student and parent to ensure graduation requirements are met.

Course Approval & Scheduling Guidelines

- Students may take up to six (6) Dual Enrollment courses per academic year (June–May).
- This means students can take 2 courses per Semester, a total of 6 per year.
- A maximum of two (2) courses during summer terms.
- Courses must align with the MPS Approved Course Replacement List.
- Courses may be online (asynchronous) or face-to-face.
- Face-to-face courses should be scheduled outside the regular school day, when possible.
- Seniors may not enroll in Dual Enrollment courses required for graduation during the spring semester.
- Students who register for a course different from the one for which they were approved may not be eligible for dual credit.

Upon completion, students must submit an official college transcript or grade report to the high school.

Tuition, Fees, & Scholarships

- Tuition, textbooks, and fees are the responsibility of the student/parent unless covered by a scholarship.
- MPS Dual Enrollment scholarships cover up to \$ 200 per approved course.
- Tuition rates vary by institution; families should confirm costs directly with the college.

Course Transferability

Students and parents are strongly encouraged to verify credit transferability with the college or university the student plans to attend before enrolling in Dual Enrollment courses.

Transportation

Transportation to and from the postsecondary institution is the responsibility of the parent/guardian, unless otherwise provided by MPS. MPS and postsecondary institutions assume no liability during student travel.

Participating Colleges & Universities

- Alabama State University
- Auburn University - Auburn First
- Auburn University at Montgomery
- South University
- Trenholm State Community College
- Troy University
- University of Alabama - Early College

Getting Started: MPS Dual Enrollment

1. Counselor Consultation - Meet with your high school counselor to review eligibility and approved courses.
2. Research - Review postsecondary admission requirements, deadlines, and course offerings.
3. Apply - Complete both the MPS Dual Enrollment Application and the college application.
4. Eligibility Review - Monitor email for approval and scholarship notification.
5. Register - Enroll in approved courses with the postsecondary institution.
6. Submit Proof - Provide proof of enrollment and final grades to your high school counselor.

Important Dates (2026-2027)

Term	Due Date(s)	Task
Summer 2026	April 6, 2026	Students complete the online dual enrollment applications
Fall 2026	July 13, 2026	Students complete the online dual enrollment applications
Spring 2027	November 16, 2026	Students complete the online dual enrollment applications
Summer 2027	April 5, 2027	Students complete the online dual enrollment applications

Approved Course Replacement Lists

(Institution-by-Institution)

Alabama State University			
ALSDE Graduation Requirement	College Course	Course Number	Credit
English 11/12	English Composition I or II	ENG 131 / ENG 132	1.0
U.S. History (10/11)	History of the United States I & II	HIS 251 / HIS 252	1.0
U.S. Government	American Government	POS 207	1.0
4th Math Credit	Pre-Calculus with Algebra	MAT 137	1.0

3rd/4th Science	General Biology	BIO 127 / BIO 128	1.0
Art Elective	Art Appreciation	ART 131	1.0
Music Elective	Music Appreciation	MUS 121	1.0
Theatre Elective	Introduction to Theatre Arts	THE 111	1.0
Public Speaking	Public Speaking	CMS 205	1.0

Auburn University - Auburn First			
ALSDE Graduation Requirement	College Course	Course Number	Credit
English 11/12	English Composition I or II	ENGL 1100 / 1120	1.0
Economics	Microeconomics / Macroeconomics	ECON 2020 / 2030	1.0
4th Math Credit	Pre-Calculus / Calculus I	MATH 1120 / 1610	1.0
3rd/4th Science	Principles of Biology	BIOL 1020	1.0
U.S. Government	American Government	POLI 1090	1.0
Psychology	Introduction to Psychology	PSYC 2010	1.0
Theatre Elective	Intro to Theatre	THEA 2010	1.0
Music Elective	Music Appreciation	MUSI 2730	1.0
Foreign Language (Spanish I/II)	Elements of Spanish I or II	FLSP 1010 / 1020	1.0

Auburn University at Montgomery (AUM)

ALSDE Graduation Requirement	College Course	Course Number	Credit
English 11/12	English Composition I or II	ENGL 1010 / 1020	1.0
Economics	Principles of Micro/Macroeconomics	ECON 2010 / 2020	1.0
4th Math Credit	Finite Math / Calculus I	MATH 1100 / 1610	1.0
3rd/4th Science	Principles of Biology / A&P	BIOL 1000 / 2100	1.0
U.S. Government	Intro to American Politics	POLS 1020	1.0
Psychology	Introduction to Psychology	PSYC 2110	1.0
Sociology	Introduction to Sociology	SOCI 2000	1.0
Foreign Language	Spanish I or II	SPAN 1010 / 1020	1.0

South University

ALSDE Graduation Requirement	College Course	Course Number	Credit
English 11/12	Composition I or II	ENG 1100 / 1200	1.0
Economics	Micro/Macroeconomics	ECO 2071 / 2072	1.0
4th Math Credit	Pre-Calculus / Calculus I	MAT 2000 / 2101	1.0
3rd/4th Science	Biology I & II	BIO 1011 / 1021	1.0

U.S. Government	American Government	POL 2076	1.0
Psychology	General Psychology	PSY 1001	1.0
Sociology	Introduction to Sociology	SOC 1001	1.0

Trenholm State Community College			
ALSDE Graduation Requirement	College Course	Course Number	Credit
English 11/12	English Composition I or II	ENG 101 / 102	1.0
Economics	Principles of Macroeconomics	ECO 231	1.0
4th Math Credit	Finite Math / Pre-Calculus	MTH 112 / 110	1.0
3rd/4th Science	Biology I or II	BIO 101 / 102	1.0
U.S. Government	American National Government	POL 211	1.0
Art Elective	Art Appreciation	ART 100	1.0
Music Elective	Music Appreciation	MUS 101	1.0
Psychology/Sociology	Intro Psychology/Sociology	PSY 210 / SOC 200	1.0

Troy University			
ALSDE Graduation Requirement	College Course	Course Number	Credit
English 11/12	English Composition I or II	ENG 1101 / 1102	1.0

Economics	Micro/Macroeconomics	ECO 2251 / 2252	1.0
4th Math Credit	Finite Math / Calculus I	MTH 1110 / 1125	1.0
3rd/4th Science	Biology I & II	BIO 1100 / 1101	1.0
U.S. Government	American National Government	POL 2241	1.0
Psychology	Introduction to Psychology	PSY 2200	1.0
Sociology	Introduction to Sociology	SOC 2275	1.0
Foreign Language	Spanish or French I/II	SPN 1141/1142 / FRN 1101/1102	1.0
Art Elective	Visual Arts	ART 1133	1.0
Music Elective	Music Appreciation	MUS 1131	1.0
Public Speaking	Introduction to Communication and Media	COM 1101	1.0

University of Alabama - Early College			
ALSDE Graduation Requirement	College Course	Course Number	Credit
English 11/12	English Composition I or II	ENG 101 / 102	1.0
Economics	Micro/Macroeconomics	EC 110 / 111	1.0
4th Math Credit	Finite Math / Calculus I	MATH 110 / 125	1.0
3rd/4th Science	Biology I & II	BSC 108 / 109	1.0

U.S. Government	Intro to American Politics	PSC 101	1.0
Psychology	Introduction to Psychology	PY 101	1.0
Sociology	Introduction to Sociology	SOC 101	1.0
Art Elective	Intro to Visual Arts	ART 151	1.0
Public Speaking	Public Speaking	COM 123	1.0

Courses align directly to ALSDE graduation requirements and are reviewed annually.

ACADEMIC CALENDARS

[Alabama State University](#)

[Auburn University](#)

[Auburn University Montgomery](#)

[South University](#)

[Trenholm State Community College](#)

[Troy University](#)

[University of Alabama](#)

QUICK START GUIDE FOR STUDENTS

STEP 1 | EXPLORE PARTNER COLLEGES

Visit Dual Enrollment websites for approved MPS postsecondary partners:

- [Alabama State University](#)
- [Auburn University \(Auburn First\)](#)
- [Auburn University at Montgomery](#)
- [South University](#)
- [Trenholm State Community College](#)
- [Troy University](#)
- [University of Alabama \(Early College\)](#)

Review eligibility, courses, deadlines, and delivery formats.

STEP 2 | REVIEW & RESEARCH

Learn about:

- Dual Enrollment requirements
- Available college courses
- Application and enrollment processes
- Academic calendars and important deadlines

STEP 3 | MEET WITH YOUR COUNSELOR

Schedule a meeting with your high school counselor to:

- Confirm Dual Enrollment eligibility
- Review academic readiness
- Select courses from the MPS Academic Dual Enrollment Approved Course Replacement List
- Ensure courses meet graduation requirements

STEP 4 | COMPLETE REQUIRED APPLICATIONS

Two applications are REQUIRED:

1. [MPS Dual Enrollment Digital Application](#)
2. Postsecondary Institution Dual Enrollment Application

Both applications must be completed by the stated deadlines.

STEP 5 | DECISION REVIEW

- Monitor application status
- Review acceptance and placement decisions
- Complete any additional requirements if requested

STEP 6 | REGISTER FOR COURSES

- Register only for approved Dual Enrollment courses
- Confirm course format (online or on campus), start dates, and expectations

STEP 7 | SUBMIT PROOF OF ENROLLMENT

Provide your high school counselor with:

- College registration confirmation
- Course name(s) and credit hours
- Semester of enrollment

REMEMBER

- ✓ Dual Enrollment courses earn both high school and college credit
- ✓ Students must follow both MPS and college policies
- ✓ Staying organized and meeting deadlines is critical to success

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

What is the difference between Dual Enrollment and AP?

Dual Enrollment allows students to earn college and high school credit simultaneously by taking actual college courses. AP courses are high school courses that may result in college credit only if a student earns a qualifying score on an AP exam.

Will Dual Enrollment affect my GPA?

Yes. Dual Enrollment courses are weighted and may positively impact GPA if successfully completed.

What happens if I fail or withdraw from a course?

Failing or withdrawing may result in loss of high school credit, impact graduation, and trigger a one-term suspension from Dual Enrollment.

Are Dual Enrollment courses harder than high school courses?

Yes. Courses follow college-level rigor, pacing, and expectations, and course content is not modified.

Will credits transfer to all colleges?

Transferability is determined by the receiving institution. Students and parents should confirm transfer policies before enrolling.

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