

# DUAL CREDIT

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# WHAT IS DUAL CREDIT?

Dual credit is a process through which a student may earn high school credit for successfully completing a college course.

The “dual credit” earned is college credit and high school credit for one course.

# WHO IS ELIGIBLE FOR DUAL CREDIT?

To be eligible for dual credit, a student must:

- Obtain written permission from high school counselor
- Apply at the college/university offering the course(s)
- Meet the entrance requirement(s) of the college/university including the required placement exams
- Enroll and pay for classes at the college/university offering the course(s)

# IS YOUR STUDENT READY FOR COLLEGE-LEVEL CLASSWORK?

High School Classes	College Classes
Teachers tell students frequently when assignments are due and tests are scheduled.	Students are responsible for completing assignments and taking tests on time as outlined in the syllabus.
Teachers tell students what they need to study.	Students determine what they need to learn.
Teachers provide outlines, notes and study guides.	Students take notes and prepare their own outlines and study guides.
Teachers provide progress / grade reports frequently.	Students monitor their own progress and calculate their own grades.
Teachers provide the information needed for successful completion of the class.	Students must have prerequisite knowledge and skills before starting the class.
Teachers ask questions and lead discussions.	Students are expected to generate questions and initiate discussion.
Teachers cover all course content during class time.	Students are responsible for learning all material whether or not it is presented in class.
Teachers give tests over the material and provide make-up tests and retakes.	Students take fewer tests over large amounts of material and are not necessarily allowed to make-up or retake tests.
Grades are based on many assignments: class participation, extra-credit opportunities and many quiz and test grades.	Student grades are based on a small number of assessments.
Parents have open communication with the teacher and their student.	Due to Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), communication is between only the student and professor.
Subject matters may be avoided to gear instructions towards high school student population.	College courses sometimes deal with controversial issues or subject matter.

# THINGS TO THINK ABOUT

- Instructors will not talk to parents. Students have to communicate with the professor using their college email account if there is an issue.
- Instructor changes are not allowed. Part of the college experience is learning to navigate various instructional styles.
- Students taking a 3-semester hour class should set aside a minimum of 6 hours per week to study.

# THINGS TO THINK ABOUT

- Involvement in extra curricular activities does not excuse the student from course responsibilities.
- TCC does not operate under the “six weeks” concept. The course grade is a work in progress and is not finalized until the end of the semester.
- Dual credit students are on a college schedule. The semester in college is shorter than a high school semester. It ends after 16 weeks.

# WHO TEACHES DUAL CREDIT COURSES?

- Azle High School teachers qualified to teach post-secondary core curriculum

OR

- Professors from the college or university where the credit is offered in an online setting

# WHAT DUAL CREDIT COURSES ARE AVAILABLE?

COURSE		CREDITS	TAUGHT BY
English Composition I	(ENGL1301)	3	Weatherford College professor (online at AHS)
English Composition II	(ENGL1302)	3	Weatherford College professor (online at AHS)
Federal Government	(GOVT2305)	3	Weatherford College professor (online at AHS)
Principles of Macroeconomics	(ECON2301)	3	Weatherford College professor (online at AHS)
United States History I to 1876	(HIST1301)	3	Weatherford College professor (online at AHS)
United States History II since 1876	(HIST1302)	3	Weatherford College professor (online at AHS)
Introduction to Humanities	(HUMA1301)	3	TCC professor (online at AHS)
Art Appreciation	(ARTS1301)	3	TCC professor (online at AHS)
Introduction to Criminal Justice	(CRIJ1301)	3	TCC professor (online at AHS)
Essentials of Medical Terminology	(HPRS1206)	2	TCC professor (online at AHS)
College Algebra	(MATH1314)	3	AHS teacher
Precalculus Math	(MATH2412)	4	AHS teacher
Biology for Non-Science Majors	(BIOL1408)	4	AHS teacher
Introductory Chemistry I	(CHEM1405)	4	AHS teacher
Anatomy & Physiology I	(BIOL2401)	4	AHS teacher
Anatomy & Physiology II	(BIOL2402)	4	AHS teacher



# ASSOCIATE OF ARTS DEGREE

The table below lists the courses required for an Associate of Arts degree at TCC or Weatherford and the courses offered at Azle High School to fulfill those requirements. Azle High School now offers half of the credits needed to obtain an Associate of Arts degree.

COURSES REQUIRED	COURSES AVAILABLE AT AZLE HIGH SCHOOL
Composition - two three-credit courses	ENGL1301 (3 credits) ENGL1302 (3 credits)
Mathematics - one three-credit course	MATH1314 (3 credits) MATH2412 (4 credits)
Life and Physical Science - two four-credit laboratory science courses	CHEM1405 (4 credits) BIOL1408 (4 credits) BIOL2401 (4 credits) BIOL2402 (4 credits)
Creative Arts - one three-credit course	ARTS1301 (3 credits)
Language, Culture, and Philosophy - one three-credit course	HUMA1301 (3 credits)
American History - two three-credit courses	HIST1301 (3 credits) HIST1302 (3 credits)
Government and Political Science - two three-credit courses	GOVT2305 (3 credits)
Social and Behavioral Science - one three-credit course	ECON2301 (3 credits)
Speech and Communication - one three-credit course	-----
Health and Wellness - one one-credit course	-----
Electives - eighteen credits	-----

# WHAT ABOUT GRADES FOR DUAL CREDIT COURSES?

- Students must earn a grade of an A, B, or C to earn high school credit for dual credit courses
- Students who earn a grade of a D or an F will not receive high school credit for that course and may become ineligible to continue in dual credit courses during high school
- All college courses attempted for high school credit are recorded on the student's transcript as a P/F (pass/fail) and will not be included in the GPA calculation

# WHAT ABOUT GRADES FOR DUAL CREDIT COURSES?

- For Performance Acknowledgments, a student must earn an “A” or “B” in at least 12 hours of college academic courses
- *NOTE - Students should be aware that taking college classes concurrently while in high school results in the establishment of a collegiate academic record and students earn a college grade point average*

# HOW MUCH DO DUAL CREDIT COURSES COST?

<b>Weatherford College</b>	<b>All dual credit students</b>
	\$80 per credit

<b>Tarrant County College</b>	<b>Tarrant County Resident</b>	<b>Parker County Resident</b>
	\$59 per credit	\$106 per credit

# COST COMPARISON

COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY	COST FOR THREE CREDIT HOURS (approximate)	POTENTIAL SAVINGS IF A STUDENT COMPLETES 12 CREDITS HOURS WHILE AT AHS
Tarrant County College / Weatherford College	\$177 - 240	----
University of North Texas	\$760	\$2250
University of Texas at Arlington	\$1000	\$3200
Tarleton State University	\$462	\$1100
Texas A & M University	\$1300	\$4400

# IS FINANCIAL AID AVAILABLE FOR DUAL CREDIT COURSES?

## Weatherford College

Students on free/reduced lunch

Tuition reduced to \$25 per credit

## Tarrant County College

1. Student must complete FAFSA at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov) making sure to note that they are still in high school

2. Student must complete a Dual Credit Reimbursement Form to be submitted by Ms. Wheeler to the TCC Financial Aid office

3. Determination of eligibility for assistance will be completed by the Financial Aid Office at TCC

# STEPS TO ENROLLMENT

- Apply for admission to Tarrant County College/Weatherford College online at [www.applytexas.org](http://www.applytexas.org)
- Complete pre-assessment activity
  - A session to complete both of these will take place at AHS on Tuesday, February 28th

- Complete TSI Assessment (unless exempt)
  - A TSI testing session will be held at AHS on Wednesday & Thursday, March 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>

### TSI MINIMUM SCORES FOR COLLEGE LEVEL DUAL CREDIT COURSES

Math	350
Reading	351
Writing	Essay score of 5 or essay score of 4 with 363 on multiple choice portion



# TSI Exemptions:

SAT	
Combined Score	1070
Math	500
Critical Reading	500

ACT	
Combined Score	23
Math	19
Critical Reading	19

## Tarrant County College

- Complete Smarter Measure Assessment for enrollment in any online course (<http://tccd.readi.info>) - Tarrant County College classes only
- Complete a High School Early Enrollment form after all steps are complete (see Ms. Wheeler) - Tarrant County College classes only

## Weatherford College

- More information to come

- If student successfully completes all steps prior to Wednesday, April 28<sup>th</sup>, student will be enrolled in a dual credit course(s) for the Fall semester.
- No other action is required until student receives information about payment and books. Payment can be made online or at the TCC/Weatherford Campus.

# PROS AND CONS OF TAKING DUAL CREDIT CLASSES

PROS	CONS
Save money	Not all students are emotionally and socially ready to graduate from college in 3 years
Some classes are taught by high school teachers	Student may not qualify for freshman scholarships (parents/students need to research this)
Students get an idea about college readiness and college level work	All courses may not transfer for the student's MAJOR (parents/students need to research this)
Better retention/completion rates from college	Students may be taking sophomore level classes sooner than normal

# • TCC Summer Dual Credit Course Info



## DUAL CREDIT SUMMER REGISTRATION CHECKLIST

- Apply to Tarrant County College: [www.applytexas.org](http://www.applytexas.org)  
AHS will host an application session on Tuesday, February 28th
- Complete TSI placement testing (if needed). See back for TSI exemption information. Free for all dual credit students. A TSI testing session will be held at Azle HS on March 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup>.  
  
If student is unable to test at Azle HS, then the student will need to go the TCC Counseling Office (Room WCTS 1110A – phone# 817-515-7788) to take the Pre-Assessment Activity. Hours are Monday-Thursday 8-7, Friday 8-5.  
  
The Counseling office will give the student a referral for testing. Student will then go to the Testing Center (Room WCTS1132 – phone# 817-515-7444) to take the TSI test. Hours are Monday-Thursday 8-5, Friday 8-4. Please allow yourself at least 4 hours for testing.
- Complete Smarter Measure Assessment (**for enrollment in online course only**) at <http://tccd.readi.info>
- Obtain an up-to-date transcript from Ms. Baker
- Obtain proof of meningitis shot (**for classes taken on the TCC campus only**)
- Complete the TCC High School Early Enrollment form (HSEEF).
- After completion of all the above steps, the student will need to take their HSEEF, official transcript, and proof of meningitis shot to the Registrar's Office at TCC Northwest Campus (WADM building) to register for class. Payment is due at the time of registration.
- After registration is complete, bring proof of registration to Ms. Wheeler and complete a TCC transcript request to authorize Azle High School to receive your grades after completion of the course(s).

**Registration for summer classes begins on March 27<sup>th</sup>**  
**Be ready! Classes fill up quickly!**

DATES:		COST:	
Summer 1	June 5 – July 6	Tarrant County Resident	\$59 per credit hour
Summer 2	July 10 – August 10	Parker County Resident	\$106 per credit hour

Contact information:  
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Coordinator of Dual Credit  
Tarrant County College Northwest Campus  
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Student Services Counselor  
Azle High School  
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- Differences between TCC summer and fall registration
  - Proof of meningitis shot required for classes taken on the TCC Campus
  - Student must go to TCC to register

# • Weatherford Summer Dual Credit Course Info



## DUAL CREDIT SUMMER/FALL STUDENT CHECKLIST

- Apply to Weatherford College: [www.applytexas.org](http://www.applytexas.org). Select two-year college, "Weatherford College." Instruction sheet included in this packet. (Social security number is required to process the WC application.) You will receive a [Weatherford College email with your student ID# and password information.](#)
- Complete TSI placement testing (if needed). See next sheet TSI exemption information.  
Call the testing center (817-598-6383 or 817-598-6439) to set up an appointment. Cost is \$25.
- Obtain an official transcript from Ms. Baker
- Obtain proof of meningitis shot (for classes taken on the WC campus only)
- Complete a Substitute Form W-9S: Request for Student's Taxpayer Identification Number
- Complete an Early Admission Application Form
- Fall/Spring - Complete a Dual Credit Tuition Exception Form (students on free/reduced lunch only)
- Complete a Student Consent for Access to Education Records (FERPA Release Form)
- Submit paperwork to Angie Atkins at WC main campus (fax: 817-598-6219; email: [aatkins@wc.edu](mailto:aatkins@wc.edu)) or see Ms. Wheeler in the Counseling Office
- Register for classes with Weatherford College on [myWC](#).
  - Go to <https://mywc.wc.edu>
  - Enter your student USERNAME & PASSWORD
  - Your username is the first part of your WC student email address (e.g.: jdoe.1234). Your password is your birthday (mmddyyyy). You received this information in an email when you completed your [ApplyTexas](#) application.
  - Complete your password recovery challenge
  - Click the "Campus Connect" tab and scroll down to the message notification box.
  - Click the acknowledgement button. The page will advance to the options below.



Hover over "Registration" and select "Add/Drop Courses". Select "Campus", then "course name". Click "Display Schedule and Available Courses" button and "add" class(es).

- Pay for classes.  
Online by hovering over "Account Info" and select "Review/Pay Account" to pay in full or set up a payment plan, pay at your local WC facility, or call the WC Business Office (817-598-6265).
- Purchase your books at the WC Bookstore (817-598-6286), online through [MyWC](#), or at your local WC Educational Center

Registration for summer classes begins on April 11<sup>th</sup>

DATES:		COST:	
Summer I	June 5 – July 11	Student on free/reduced lunch (Fall/Spring only)	\$25 per credit hour
Summer II	July 12 – August 17	Parker County resident	\$80 per credit hour
		Tarrant County resident	\$115 per credit hour

Contact information:  
Angie Atkins Dual Credit Specialist Weatherford College 817-598-8818 [aatkins@wc.edu](mailto:aatkins@wc.edu)

- Differences between TCC and WC
  - After paperwork is turned in, student must register for their course online
  - Online courses require that the student take tests in the testing center at WC