

2015-16 Statewide Dual Credit Pilot

EXPANDING OPPORTUNITIES FOR STUDENTS

Statewide dual credit provides academically challenging, high school courses that are aligned to postsecondary standards.

- Tennessee high school and college faculty worked together to develop the learning objectives and challenge exam for each course.
- Students have the opportunity to earn credit that can be applied to any TN public postsecondary institution.
- Prior academic performance, ability, and interest should be used to inform student placement decisions.

Students who participate in early postsecondary courses are more likely to enroll and persist in college.

- The courses add to the portfolio of available early postsecondary credit opportunities, but do not replace local agreements.
- High schools can offer early postsecondary credit courses regardless of their access to a local postsecondary partner or funding for other courses.

Students can earn postsecondary credit if they meet or exceed the established cut score for the challenge exam.

- All students enrolled in a statewide dual credit course take the online challenge exam, which is used to assess mastery of the postsecondary-level learning objectives.
- Exam scores are reported on the high school transcript to ensure postsecondary credit is accurately awarded but are not used in any state accountability measures.

2015-16 STATEWIDE DUAL CREDIT COURSES	
Available to All Schools	Available to Returning Schools Only
College Algebra Statistics Sociology Criminal Justice I Health Information Technology	Greenhouse Management Agriculture Business Finance

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DID YOU KNOW?

- ❑ The state's Uniform Grading Policy has been updated to include statewide dual credit courses, allowing for an additional four points.
- ❑ The statewide dual credit courses are college-level classes that are a positive reflection of student achievement and do not impact state and district accountability measures.
- ❑ It is a local decision whether or not to include the challenge exam score as part of a student's overall grade for the course.
- ❑ Upon matriculation, a student is responsible for contacting the institution's Records Office and providing his/her statewide dual credit course/exam information in order for postsecondary credits to be awarded.
- ❑ It is important that students and families understand their early postsecondary and postsecondary options in Tennessee. CollegeForTN and the Office of Postsecondary Coordination and Alignment have resources available online at: www.CollegeForTN.org and <http://www.tn.gov/education/cte/postsecondary.shtml>

Early postsecondary opportunities allow students to:

- **Earn postsecondary credits while in high school**
- **Become familiar with postsecondary expectations**
- **Develop confidence and skills for success in postsecondary**
- **Decrease the time and cost of completing a certificate or degree**

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