BRAZOSPORT
CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

2010-2011 Dual Credit and Concurrent College Course Guidelines

Concurrent enrollment college courses are taken to earn college credit and not taken to meet high school graduation requirements. Concurrent courses will not be reflected on the high school transcript and will not be figured in the GPA and the CNA. These courses earn college credit that may transfer to another college or university.

Dual credit college courses are taken to meet high school graduation requirements and earn college credit. Dual credit courses may count toward GPA and the CNA but will not be weighted on the high school transcript (unless it is an AP course). Students may take dual credit college courses through the BCS Online Academy or at local colleges. The student pays any cost related to the dual credit course.

Students can earn dual credit toward high school graduation and college credit if they meet the following criteria:

- Student receives the approval of the BCS Head of School or Counselor for each dual credit course *(TEA requirement)*
- Student must have successfully completed the 10th grade *(TEA requirement)*
    - *with the exception of PSYC 1300 Learning Frameworks offered at Brazosport College which can be taken in the spring semester of the 10th grade*
- Student must demonstrate college readiness *(TEA requirement).* Therefore, student should have a weighted CNA of 80 or better and no failing or incomplete grades on their high school transcript
- Student is required to maintain four academic classes on the BCS campus *(TAPPS requirements state that the four classes cannot be dual credit off campus or online courses)*
- Student continues to comply with all policies included in the BCS student handbook
- Student must meet the entrance requirements of the participating institution of higher learning *(TEA requirement)*
- High school students may not be enrolled in more than two courses for dual credit per semester. *(TEA requirement)*
- To receive high school credit for a dual credit course, a student must earn at least a numerical value of 70 or higher in the college course.

FAQ About Dual Credit (DC) and Concurrent College Classes:

- Where will DC classes be offered? Classes offered through the BCS Online Academy may be taken on or off campus. Classes taken at a local college will be offered on that campus.
- If I'm interested in taking a college course that is not listed as a BCS High School Graduation Requirement, is that considered a DC class? No, that is a concurrent college course.
- Will the DC classes be supplemented with Biblical integration? DC classes through the BCS Online Academy will have Biblical integration. DC classes at local colleges do not have Biblical integration.
- Can I take a DC class if the same course is offered at BCS? Usually not, for the following reasons:

- TAPPS requires that students take a minimum of 4 academic classes on campus. Due to that requirement, most approved DC courses will be electives, physical education or fine arts courses not offered at BCS.
- BCS is accredited by ACSI (Association of Christian Schools International). Allowing classes that are not taught from a Biblical perspective is not within the spirit of ACSI accreditation guidelines.

- Are there any exceptions to the above rule? Yes. If the course must be taken either through the BCS Online Academy or at a local college to satisfy scheduling requirements. This generally applies to BCS high school transfer students.
- Will scheduling of DC courses be a problem?
  - BCS Online Academy courses can be taken at anytime, on or off campus.
  - DC off campus courses will most likely be taken in the evening, summertime or online because students are still required to take 4 academic classes on campus.
- Does BCS have a list of DC courses offered at Brazosport College?
  - Yes, it is located on the BCS College and Career website as well as the BC website.
- Who is the Brazosport College Counselor serving BCS students? Jennifer Hedrick, 979-230-3238, Jennifer.Hedrick@brazosport.edu
- When does registration open? Dual Credit registration opens one week prior to Early Registration at Brazosport College.
- What is the cost of the DC courses? Cost of college course + textbooks + applicable lab fees.

Brazosport College Fall 2010 Tuition		
# College Credit Hours	In-district (live in BISD)	Out-of-district (live outside of BISD)
1	$70	$94
2	$125	$173
3	$180	$252
4	$235	$331

- If I'm approved to take a DC course, will the course credit transfer to the university I plan to attend after high school graduation? If so, will it apply towards my major? It is the responsibility of the student to determine if the course will transfer and/or apply.
- What are the benefits of taking a college course for DC? The student may earn college credit prior to graduating from high school.
- Is there any disadvantage to taking a DC course? An academic DC course is not weighted (unless it is an AP course) and therefore the GPA and CNA may be affected (possibly lowered). This would affect the class rank, Valedictorian and Salutatorian status, top 10% of the class, etc. Electives, physical education and fine arts courses are not counted in the GPA and CNA so they won't affect class rank.

- What is the process if I want to take a DC or concurrent course at Brazosport College?
  - Pick up a Dual Credit/Concurrent Form in the BCS Secondary Office. The form is not available online. This form will need to be filled out and requires four signatures (in this order): (1) student, (2) parent, (3) BCS Counselor or Head of School and (4) Brazosport College counselor, Jennifer Hedrick. After the student and parent have filled out the form with the course code and name requested, and signed the form, return it to the BCS Secondary Office for approval. If there are no questions, BCS will sign the form and return it to the student. If there are questions, BCS will contact the student and/or parent. Upon receiving the signed form back from BCS, it is then the student's responsibility to take all further steps required to register for a course at the college. If you have any questions, please contact Jamie Travis at jtravis@1bcs.org.
  - Apply to Brazosport College at www.ApplyTexas.org. Create a "New 2 Year College Admissions Application".
  - NEW IN 2010 - Brazosport College requires all students to take PSYC 1300 Learning Frameworks at Brazosport College prior to registering for ANY DC or concurrent course. This course can be taken as early as the spring semester of the 10th grade year. This course is not offered online. Placement testing is not required prior to taking this course.
  - Required Placement Testing at Brazosport College
    - One of the following guidelines allows a student who has completed the **sophomore year** to attend the college by acting as a *waiver* for entry:
      - Achieve a combined Reading and Math score of 107 on the PSAT with a minimum of 50 on the critical reading and/or mathematics test relevant to the courses to be attempted. (An eligible high school student who has enrolled in dual credit under this provision must demonstrate eligibility to enroll in dual credit courses in the twelfth grade.)
      - *Take and pass* COMPASS (Reading, Writing and Math sections) placement exam offered at Brazosport College. (NEW IN 2010 – COMPASS replaced the THEA.)
    - Upon completion of their **junior year**, students must then either have one of the following *exemptions*:
      - Achieve an ACT composite score of 23 with individual Math and English scores of no less than 19.
      - Achieve a combined SAT Math and SAT Critical Reading score of at least 1070 with a minimum of 500 in each of these components
      - *Take and pass* COMPASS (Reading, Writing and Math sections) placement exam offered at Brazosport College. (NEW IN 2010 – COMPASS replaced the THEA.)
    - The Brazosport College Counselor will need to advise you regarding scores needed for exemption depending upon the course you wish to take. For more information on testing, contact your Brazosport College Counselor, Jennifer Hedrick, at (979) 230-3238, Jennifer.Hedrick@brazosport.edu or check out the Brazosport College website.
  - Contact Brazosport College Counselor, Jennifer Hedrick, at (979) 230-3238, Jennifer.Hedrick@brazosport.edu after you have completed the above steps. Jennifer must meet with the student and give her approval prior to the student being allowed to register.
  - Brazosport College requires that all first time students view online New Student Orientation
  - Register, pay for courses, lab fees (if applicable) and textbooks.