



Dual Credit Program
Richland High School | Tarrant County College
2018-2019



WHAT IS DUAL CREDIT?

- An opportunity for high school students to take college-level courses that simultaneously award high school and college credit.
- Academic or Career and Technical Education (CTE) credits.
- Offered at RHS, BCTAL, and TCC.

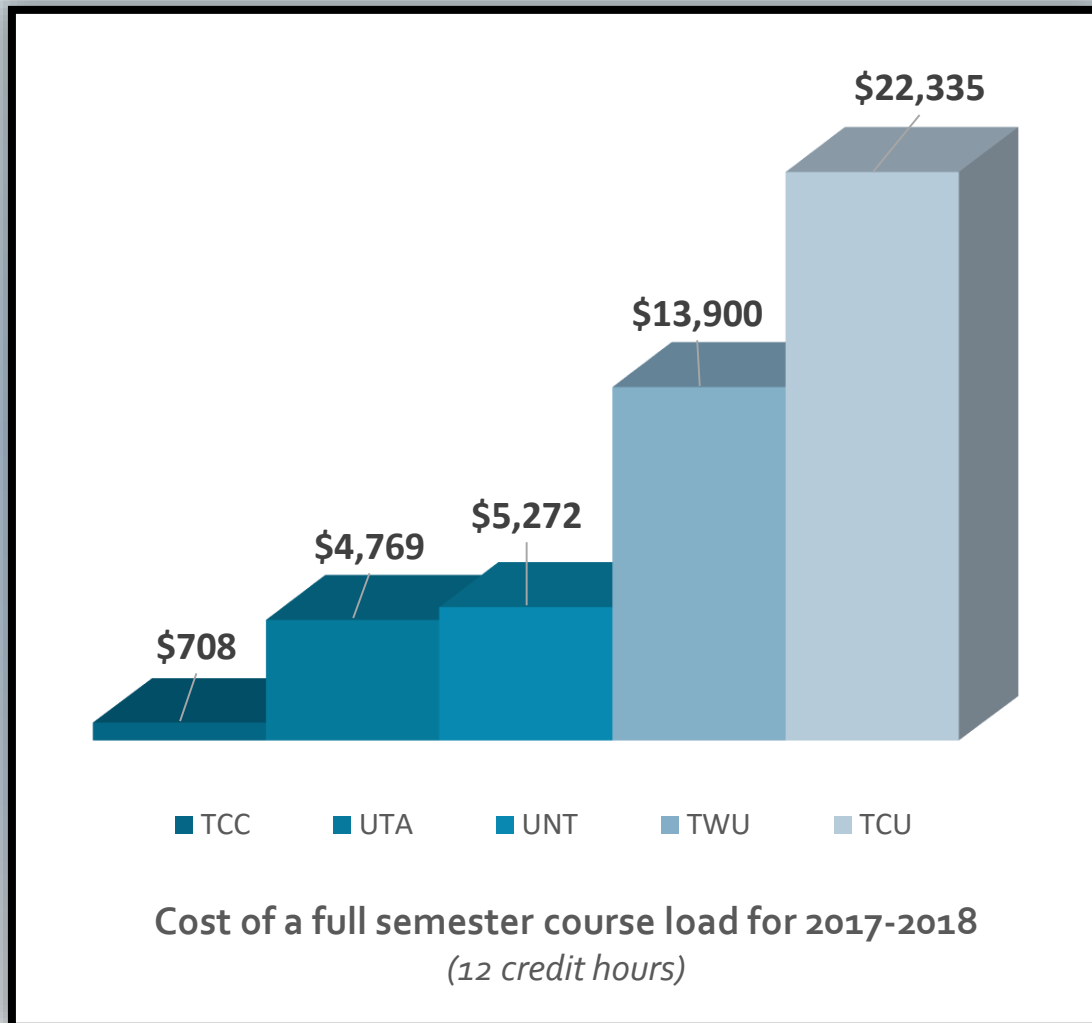


WHY CHOOSE DUAL CREDIT?



- ✓ **Save time**
- ✓ **Save money**
- ✓ **Gain college experience**
- ✓ **Gain options**

TUITION COSTS



- \$59 per credit hour for Tarrant County residents - \$177 per three-hour course. (Out of county tuition is \$106/credit hour.)
- Note: Tuition must be paid for fall and again for spring.
- High school students who have earned 24 college credits or more upon graduation save about \$15,000.
- TCC Grant funds available for qualifying students.

ACCESS TCC RESOURCES

- J. Ardis Bell Library
- The Writing/Skills Center
- Career Services
- Academic Advising
- Financial Aid Services
- Computer Labs
- Academic Learning Center



JUMPSTART YOUR CAREER



Career and Technical Programs offered at TCC

Business

Kinesiology

Child Development and Teaching

Automotive Service and Repair

Aviation Maintenance

Construction Management Technology

Criminal Justice

Culinary Arts

Dental Hygiene

EMS

Fire Fighting

Horticulture

Hospitality Management

Nursing

Paralegal

Physical Therapist Assistant

Surgical Technology

Welding Technology



IS DUAL CREDIT A GOOD FIT FOR ME?

Students who succeed in dual credit are... **proactive!**

- highly motivated and hard working
- not prone to procrastinating
- determined to graduate with college credits
- ready to deal with controversial issues or subject matter sometimes
- available to study at least 6 hours a week for a 3-credit class
- comfortable asking instructors questions
- willing to get help when they are struggling



DUAL CREDIT AT RHS

- Dual Credit GPA calculation is same as Pre-AP (1.10)
- Your counselor schedules dual credit classes based on your other scheduled courses.
- Dual credit instructors are assigned, not chosen by you.

TCC COURSES OFFERED IN RHS DUAL CREDIT PROGRAM

High School Course	College Course	Number of Classes	Number of College Semester Hours	Grade Level
English 4	ENGL 1301 ENGL 1302 ENGL 2322	3	9	12
US Govt	GOVT 2305	1	3	12
US History	HIST 1301 HIST 1302	2	6	11
Accounting (BCTAL Only)	ACCT 2301 ACCT 2302	2	6	11 or 12
Radio/TV/ Broadcasting (BCTAL Only)	RTVB 1302 RTVB 1309	2	6	11 or 12



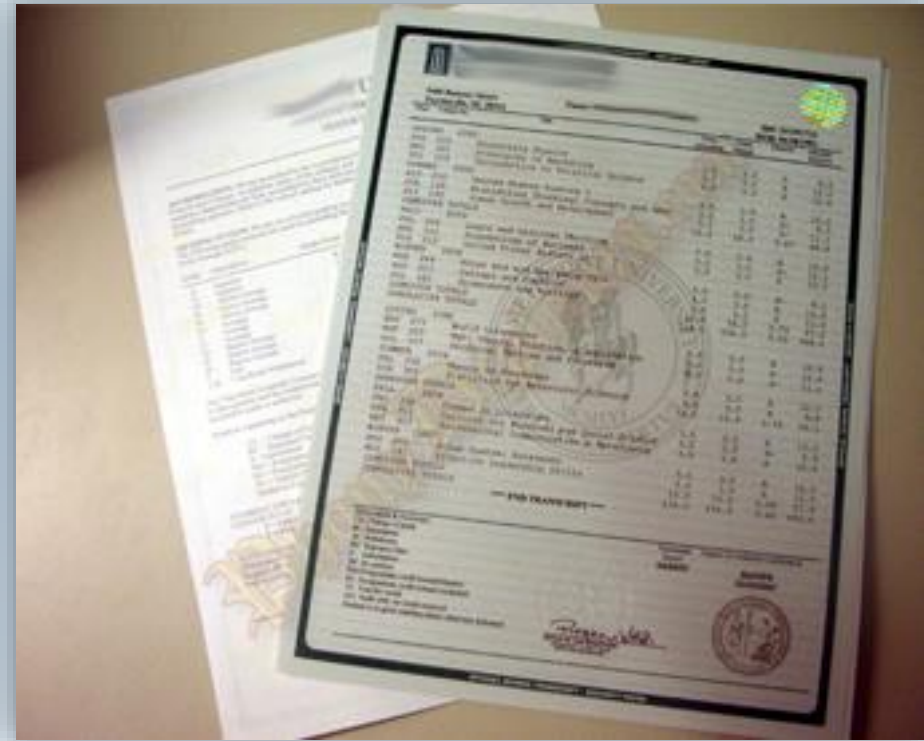
DUAL CREDIT VS. ADVANCED PLACEMENT

	Advanced Placement (AP)	Dual Credit
Description	Allows students to take college-level courses and exams, and to earn college credit or placement while still in high school.	Allows high school students to simultaneously earn high school and college credit by completing courses at their high school.
Credit	No guarantee upon completion of course; must pass The College Board Exam with a 3 or above.	Guaranteed college credit upon successful completion of course.
Teacher / Instructors	Taught by the high school teachers trained by The College Board.	Taught by college instructors and/or high school teachers who serve as adjunct professors.
College / University Acceptance	Accepted throughout the nation with acceptable scores. Consult individual college institution for their policy.	Accepted at public college and universities in Texas, as well as many other colleges and universities across the nation. Consult individual college for their policy.
Location	Courses are taught at the high school.	Courses may be taught at the high school, online, or at a Tarrant County College Campus.
Eligibility	Open to any student	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must have high school approval • Must meet TSI eligibility requirements for college-level course work
Cost	\$91 test fee (waivers may be available)	\$59/credit hour (Grant funds may be available)



YOUR COLLEGE TRANSCRIPT

- When you take Dual Credit, you enroll as a TCC student.
- Dual Credit classes start your college GPA and transcript.
- Dual Credit grades are reported on your permanent, official college transcript from TCC, and can be seen by every university to which you apply.



WILL MY CREDITS TRANSFER?



- **ALWAYS** ask the school where you plan to complete your degree what transfer credits they accept.
- If you plan to attend a public Texas university, it is worth noting which classes are part of the Texas Core Curriculum, as they will transfer in a block.

What is the Texas Core Curriculum?

- ✓ The Texas Core Curriculum is a block of 42 credits that is guaranteed to transfer between public Texas colleges and universities to be substituted for the corresponding core curriculum of the receiving institution.
- ✗ It is **not** the same as the national Common Core standards for K-12.

STUDENT ACCESSIBILITY RESOURCES



- All ADA paperwork (504 / IEP documentation) goes through the SAR department and any accommodations are given through TCC.
- In college, it is the student's responsibility to make sure that they are receiving their accommodations.
- If you require **ANY** form of accommodation, please notify the SAR department as early as possible:

TCC Northeast Campus SAR Office
NSTU 1629A
817-515-0439

FERPA AND DUAL CREDIT

- The **Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA)** is a federal law that protects the privacy of student education records. The law applies to all schools that receive funds under an applicable program of the U.S. Department of Education, i.e. TCC.
- Rights transfer solely to the student at age 18 **or if the student attends a schools beyond the high school level.**
- For Dual Credit students, the high school and college may exchange information on a student. If the student is under 18, the parent/guardian still retains the rights under FERPA *at the high school* and may inspect and review any records sent by TCC to the high school.



HOW DO I GET STARTED?

Complete the TCC
application online at
[ApplyTexas.org](https://www.applytexas.org)

Take the TSI Assessment
OR submit your SAT/ACT
exemption scores

Decide which
classes to take
(talk to your counselor)

Registration for
courses

Pay for your class
online or at
Business Services

Take and pass
course(s) to
receive
dual credit

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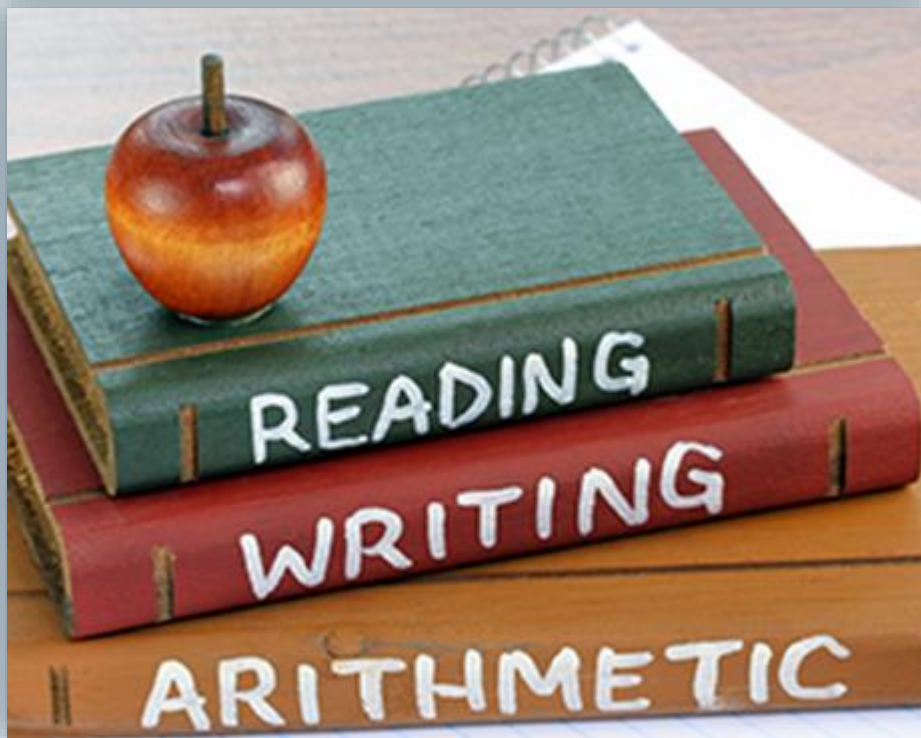
Attend an ApplyTexas application session at RHS:

- Mon, April 2nd – 1:00 PM
- Tues, April 3rd – 1:00 PM



TEXAS SUCCESS INITIATIVE ASSESSMENT

What is the TSI-A?



- The TSI is the placement test mandated by the State of Texas for students taking classes at public higher education institutions in Texas.
- You must take the TSI Assessment before enrolling in classes.
- The TSI has 3 sections – Reading, Writing, and Math.
- The average time to complete all three sections is 3-5 hours, but it is not timed. You have 14 calendar days to complete the test from when you start.

HOW DO I TAKE THE TSI-A?

- Before you take the TSI, the state of Texas mandates that all students view a roughly 25 minute video called the **Pre-Assessment Activity (PAA)** that goes over the test format.
- Richland HS is an official TSI Test Site, and most students complete testing here. The school counselors provide TCC with the score reports.
- Potential dual credit students may also take the TSI at the TCC Testing Center at no cost (including re-testing) after getting a referral from the Dual Credit office.



TSI EXEMPTIONS

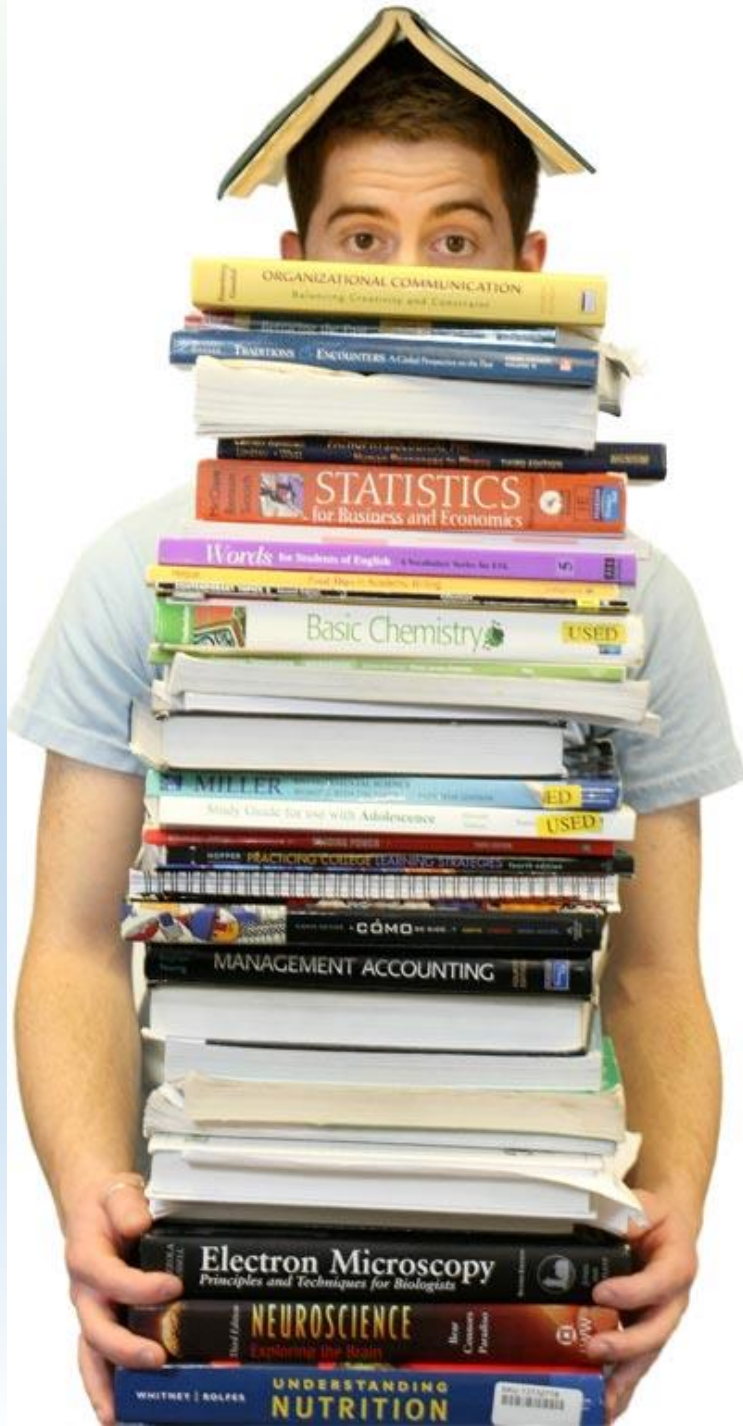


- You may be exempt from taking the TSI if you have qualifying scores on the SAT or ACT tests.
- SAT minimum exemption scores (March 5, 2016 or after):
 - Verbal/Writing – 480
 - Math – 530
 - No requirement for the combined score
- ACT minimum exemption scores:
 - English – 19
 - Math – 19
 - Required composite – 23
- Official score report must be sent to Tarrant County College from College Board or ACT.

DUAL CREDIT REIMBURSEMENT GRANT

- The Dual Credit Reimbursement Grant is available on a first-come-first-serve basis to students who qualify financially.
- The application form is available through the Dual Credit office.
- Students must complete the FAFSA and submit the Grant Request Form to TCC's Northeast Financial Aid Office.
- Students may apply throughout the semester in which they are taking courses.





TEXTBOOKS

- You are expected to have your textbook on the first day of class.
- After you receive your dual credit schedule from your counselor, you can buy your textbook from any TCC campus bookstore or online at tccd.bncollege.com.
- If you rent your textbook or buy it from another retailer, be certain to buy the textbook with the **correct ISBN number**, as there are often multiple editions.

CLASS ATTENDANCE

- You must attend class 85% of the time; failure to do so may result in the professor dropping you from class.
- Involvement in high school extra-curricular activities does not excuse you from course responsibilities or attendance.
- If you decide you are not ready to take the class after all, you must withdraw before the deadline to avoid a failing grade on your permanent college transcript.



GRADES



- Regularly check your grades online.
- Talk to your instructor if you have a question about a grade!
- Double-check if you think you submitted something and still see a zero before the term ends.
- You must earn a C or better to continue in an academic discipline.

A SECRET TO SUCCESS

- Take advantage of your instructor's **office hours!**
- Go early in the term – ask questions or get personalized feedback on your assignments.
- Some instructors hold office hours at the high school, while others have online office hours after school.



KEY DATES FOR 2018-2019 DUAL CREDIT



- All testing and paperwork must be completed by the TCC deadline: **April 20, 2018**
- Payment is due a week before the first day of class (fall and spring).
 - May be made online via WebAdvisor or in person at any TCC Business Services Office.

REMINDERS



- Students are responsible for completing ALL guidelines for application, testing, and registration.
- RHS Contacts for Dual Credit:

Vanessa Matschulat, Guidance Counselor
vanessa.matschulat@birdvilleschools.net
817-547-7027

David Arthurs, Guidance Counselor
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- RHS Counseling staff off duty after June 14th.

QUESTIONS FOR TCC?



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TCC Dual Credit Support



Meet with your guidance counselor to sign up for Dual Credit.