# Jumpstart your future with dual enrollment

An introductory guide for students and guardians



### What is dual enrollment?



Dual enrollment refers to any college course taken by a high school student. It lets students earn college credit while still in high school, acting as a gateway to a college education and providing a head start on career goals

Every year, more than 250,000 Californian students in grades 9-12 take advantage of dual enrollment, and there is opportunity for you to enroll in these programs today

## Why should students enroll?



Dual enrollment is for every student. Students should enroll so they can....



Earn college credits in high school; then use these credits to graduate from college early & save money



Access a broad range of courses



Explore careers while still in high school



Obtain skills that might help you in your future studies or career



If any of these appeal to you, consult your high school counselor for next steps!

# What are example pathways?

Note: <u>Pathways shown below are examples</u>

#### Malik's accelerated path to earn a degree





Malik is a 9<sup>th</sup> grader who is interested in coding

He enrolls in dual enrollment to accelerate his journey to becoming a software engineer



Take courses to fulfill General Education (GE) college requirements

- English Composition
  - Statistics
  - Math

Take introductory courses to earn college credits, build foundational coding skills, and explore software engineering



- Basic Data Science
- Introduction to C

Example courses



Malik graduates being well prepared to pursue college education

He is confident about handling college-level coursework and environment

Enroll in community college with 40 credits, allowing him to earn an associate degree in 1 year, saving around ~\$2K in tuition

#### Then Malik can:

- Transfer to a 4-year college and graduate early
- Start working in his field of interest (e.g., software engineer)

Enroll directly in 4-year college, with ~40 college credits

Has the potential to graduate 1-2 years early, saving \$5K-\$30K in tuition costs

#### Camila's accelerated path to entering the workforce





Camila is a 10th arader who is interested in healthcare

She enrolls in dual enrollment to explore different career opportunities and get a head start on her future

#### Through dual enrollment she's able to ...

Take Career Technical Education (CTE) courses to gain hands-on experience and technical skills for the workforce



- First Aid and CPR
- Pharmacology
- Clinical Nursing Skills

Explore careers through introductory courses while earning credit for certifications and degrees



- Anatomy and Physiology I
- Introduction to Nursing
  - Example courses



araduates prepared to pursue many different healthcare paths

experience and the technical skills needed for

Start working in an entry level positions, such as:

- Certified Nursing **Assistant**
- Occupational Therapy Aide

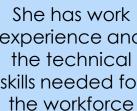
#### Enroll in community college to:

- Complete work certificate (e.g., Licensed Vocational Nursing in ~1 year)
- Earn 2-year degree (Associate Degree in Nursing, ADN)
- Transfer to a 4-vear college to earn a bachelor's degree (Chance to graduate early using dual enrollment credits)









# How are courses structured? What dual enrollment path is right for me?

#### Most common types of dual enrollment course structure

	Standard high school courses	College and Career Access Pathways (CCAP)	Early College High Schools (ECHS)	Middle College High Schools (MCHS)	Individual dual enrollment
Where do classes take place?	High school 🏥	High school 🏥	On college campus or high school	On college campus 🏥	
Who are the students?	High school students	High school students 🙎	High school & College students	High school & College students	Students can also independently apply for dual enrollment
Who are the teachers?	High school teachers	Mix of high school and college educators	Mix of high school And college educators	College educators 🚨	
What are the additional costs <sup>1</sup> ?	None	None – fees typically covered	Transportation fees	College student services fees (\$5-50 per semester, depends on school <sup>1</sup> ) and transport fees	college
What do the credits count towards?	High school degree	High school and college degrees & certificates			School and guardian approval is required
How are classes structured <sup>2</sup> ?	Hands-on teacher guidance based on subject, period and grade level	<ul> <li>More independent style of teaching with lectures and assigned readings</li> <li>General Education and major-specific courses: provide mix of introductory and more advanced content</li> <li>Career Technical Education courses: gain vocational skills and hands-on experience</li> </ul>			

Dual enrollment is for everyone and every dual enrollment journey is unique. Consult your counselor for more details on course types and structures

Legend: A High school campus, students and educators



College campus, students and educators

1. Varies by school, consult your counselor for exact details 2. Based on evaluating dual enrollment programs of various schools

# What are the implications to consider?

Dual enrollment offers many benefits; students and guardians should be informed of these implications...



Grades earned will be included in high school and college transcript

Low grades (typically C or below) can affect college admission and financial aid eligibility



Obtaining college credits in high school could allow you to graduate college faster, potentially reducing your need for financial aid in college<sup>1</sup>



Extra GPA points earned from dual enrollment may be shown differently on high school transcripts than GPA points earned from AP/IB courses<sup>2</sup>

However, colleges standardize these points during admissions

1. Consult your counselor for additional detail 2. For advanced courses like dual enrollment, AP, and IB, students earn extra GPA points for grades given the greater difficulty (e.g., an "A" in dual enrollment may add additional 1.0 GPA point, showing it as a 5.0 GPA on the transcript instead of the usual 4.0)

# What resources are available to support students?

#### Many resources available to support students with dual enrollment



#### High school counselor

Provide guidance on:

- Course selection & transferability
- Application assistance
- Career & academic planning



#### College counselor

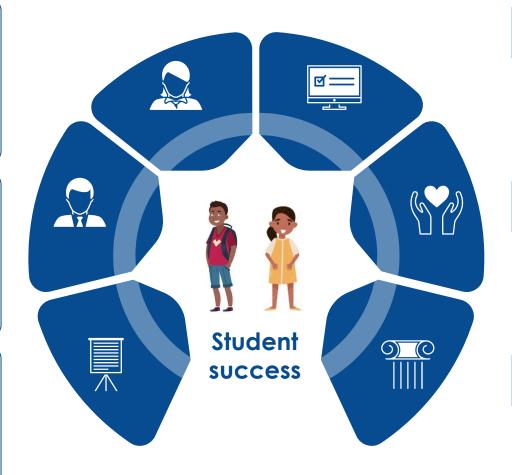
Provide guidance on:

- Course selection & transferability
- Navigating college resources
- Degree pathway planning



#### **Tutoring/peer mentoring**

Offer academic support with assignments, studying techniques and career & college mentorship



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#### Online resources

Provide information to navigate transferability (e.g., high school / college websites, Assist.org), FAQs, and academic content review



#### On-campus basic needs

Essential resources (e.g., food pantry, health services) to ensure student wellbeing and success



#### **Disability supports**

Offer resources for students with disabilities, including assistive technology, alternate testing and disability services coordinator

Note: Consult your counselor for additional details on what support resources are available

# What are the steps to enroll?

#### Consult counselor

# Consult your high school counselor for guidance on eligibility requirements, course selection and other relevant questions

Complete online college application

Go to ccc.apply to complete college application form

Fill out dual enrollment form

Fill out collegespecific dual enrollment form

List out course interests and collect approvals from guardian and school

#### **Enroll in courses**

Register for approved courses through college's online portal

## Complete orientation

Attend any required

#### orientation sessions

to familiarize
yourself with
college resources
and expectations

Note: Consult your counselor for further details on specific steps and forms needed to apply

#### Want to learn more about dual enrollment as you consider applying...?





#### Access:

- icangotocollege.com dual enrollment section, including frequently-asked-questions
- California Community Colleges report on more students taking dual enrollment courses
- Dual enrollment success story | Celeste Galvan of McFarland
- Dual enrollment success story | Lauren Gray of John Muir