

CULVER COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL DUAL CREDIT

Frequently Asked Questions

1) What is dual credit?

Dual credit is the term given to course in which high school students have the opportunity to earn both high school and college credits. Dual credit courses are taught by regular high school faculty or by regular or adjunct college faculty either at the high school, at the college or university, or sometimes through online courses or distance education. Dual credit is offered by both state and independent (private, regionally accredited) colleges and universities in Indiana.

2) What is the difference between dual credit, concurrent enrollment, dual enrollment, and doubling up?

In general, these are all terms that apply to the definition of dual credit.

3) Are Indiana high schools required to offer dual credit courses?

Yes. Indiana law currently requires each Indiana high school to offer a minimum of two dual credit courses. The intent is to expand opportunities for more students to take college-level coursework while in high school. It is also to ensure that students may have the opportunity to fulfill the Core 40 with Academic Honors diploma requirements using the dual credit option and to help more students prepare for college.

4) What does dual credit have to do with Core 40 with Academic Honors?

Students wishing to complete the Core 40 with Academic Honors diploma may use dual credit (as specified below) as one of several options. Students wishing to complete the Core 40 with Academic Honors diploma (graduating class of 2010 and beyond), must complete the following coursework:

- Complete all the requirements for Core 40
- Earn 2 additional Core 40 math credits.
- Earn 6-8 Core 40 world language credits.
- Earn 2 Core 40 fine arts credits.
- Earn a grade of a “C” or better in courses that will count toward the diploma.
- Have a grade point average of “B” or above.
- Complete one of the following:
 - a. Complete AP course (4 credits) and corresponding AP exams
 - b. Complete IB (Higher Level) courses (4credits) and corresponding IB exams.
 - c. Earn a combined score of 1200 or higher on the SAT critical reading and mathematics
 - d. Score a 26 or higher composite on the ACT
 - e. Complete dual high school / college credit courses from the Core Transfer Library (6 transferable college credits)
 - f. Complete a combination of AP courses (2 credit) and corresponding AP exams and dual high school / college credit course(s) from the Core Transfer Library (3 transferable college credits)

5) Which dual credit courses will be offered at CCHS?

Purdue University North Central offers dual credit courses at CCHS. Students will take their regularly scheduled course at CCHS while having the option of applying for dual credit.

CCHS Course Title	PNC COURSE NUMBER
Pre-Calculus	MA 15300 and 15400 ... 2- 3 hour classes
AP Calculus	MA 16100 ... 1- 5 hour class
English 11 & 12	ENGL 10100 and 10200 ... 2- 3 hour classes
Biology II	BIOL 1311 / 11800L ... 2- 3 hour classes
Chemistry II	CHM 11500 / 11500L ... 1- 4 hour class

The dual credit courses offered at CCHS are college-level courses. The quality of work required to earn credit will reflect college-level standards. CCHS faculty is working with PNC faculty to ensure that high standards are not compromised. At their conclusion, courses will be assessed to measure the level at which learning objectives were met.

6) Can Students take multiple dual credit courses?

Yes.

7) Is there a limit to how many dual credit courses a student can take?

Indiana's Policy on Dual Credit Courses states that all postsecondary campuses will establish limits for the number of credit hours a student can earn through dual credit courses offered in the high school. In most cases, the limit is 15 credit hours. However, exceptions have been made for students that have demonstrated superior academic talents and abilities.

8) How do I apply for dual credit?

All students enrolled in dual credit courses will have the opportunity to earn dual credit. An application form for college / university is available in the CCHS Guidance Office and also on the CCHS website. Complete the form and submit it to the CCHS Guidance Office. CCHS will deliver the application forms to the respective college / university.

9) When does the application need to be submitted?

Applications must be submitted to the CCHS Guidance Office no later than 10 days after the beginning of a semester.

10) How much does dual credit cost?

Students / parents will be billed by the college / university after the application is processed. The cost is \$98.12 per credit hour with no additional fees. Students are charged according to credit hour for a course. Three credit hour courses cost \$294.36, 4 credit hour courses cost \$392.48 and 5 credit hour courses cost \$490.60. Students will use the text books included in their textbook rental.

11) Do students on a Free / Reduced Lunch Program have to pay for credit?

No. Check the box on the application form indicating that you are participating in the Free Lunch program at CCHS.

12) What is the Core Transfer Library (CTL)?

To enable students to transfer college credits, Indiana has developed the Core Transfer Library (CTL) – a list of courses that will transfer among all Indiana public college and university campuses, assuming adequate grades.

13) What colleges and universities are in the CTL?

Two-Year Colleges

- Ivy Tech Community College
- Vincennes University

Four-Year Colleges

- Ball State University
- Indiana State University
- Indiana University
Bloomington, East, Kokomo, Northwest, South Bend & Southeast
- IUPUI
Columbus, Fort Wayne & Indianapolis
- Purdue University
West Lafayette, Calumet & North Central
- University of Southern Indiana

More information is available on the Transfer Indiana website: www.transferin.net

14) What if my student does not want dual credit? Can he / she stay in the class and earn regular high school credit?

Yes. To refuse dual credit, do not submit an application to the CCHS Guidance Office.

15) What if my student signs-up for dual credit, completes the course, but doesn't want the grade to show-up on a transcript?

Colleges and universities are bound by law to generate transcripts for all students who complete dual credit courses. Students may withdraw from a dual credit course on the timeline established by the college or university for all students.

16) Is an (AP) course considered dual credit?

(AP) or Advanced Placement, refers to courses offered in the high school administered by the College Board. It is considered an acceleration mechanism like dual credit, but does not fit into the Indiana Commission for Higher Education's definition of dual credit, since AP courses are not offered by a college and do not automatically result in college credit. However, high schools may offer AP courses for dual credit if agreed upon by a college or university.

Some colleges and universities may award college credit or advanced academic standing to students who score a 3, 4, or 5 on an AP exam. Most college websites list information on accepting AP exam scores.

17) What if I have a question that is not answered above?

Please contact Mrs. Sheldon, CCHS Guidance Counselor, at 574-842-3391.