



Dual Credit

Presented by the Dual Credit P-16,
College Readiness Division

The mission of the Houston Community College Dual Credit Program is to provide high school students a seamless pathway into post-secondary education by providing courses aligned with academic or workforce degrees and/or certificates, while being the higher education institution of choice for public, private, charter high school and homeschool partners.

AGENDA TOPICS

- What is Dual Credit?
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HCC DC Program Strategic Plan

- **Access:** P-16 provides an entry point into higher education by providing access to educational resources thus leading to opportunities to obtain college credit.
- **Equity:** P-16 is committed to bridging the gap of limitations to include equal opportunities for all students.
- **Engagement:** P-16 empowers students to take an active role in their education by linking them to resources and student services to engage students in the learning process.
- **Success:** P-16 values the commitment of fully supporting students as they transition into future career and college endeavors having a lifelong impact.

HCC DC Program Strategic Goals

1. Provide college access to homeschool/high school students by providing them with a seamless pathway to post-secondary education;
2. Provide courses that allow homeschool/high school students to begin their post-secondary education and prepare students for high-skill employment in high-demand workforce occupations through advanced, rigorous coursework;
3. Prepare students to reach college readiness standards; and
4. Become the preferred institution of higher education partner for secondary education.

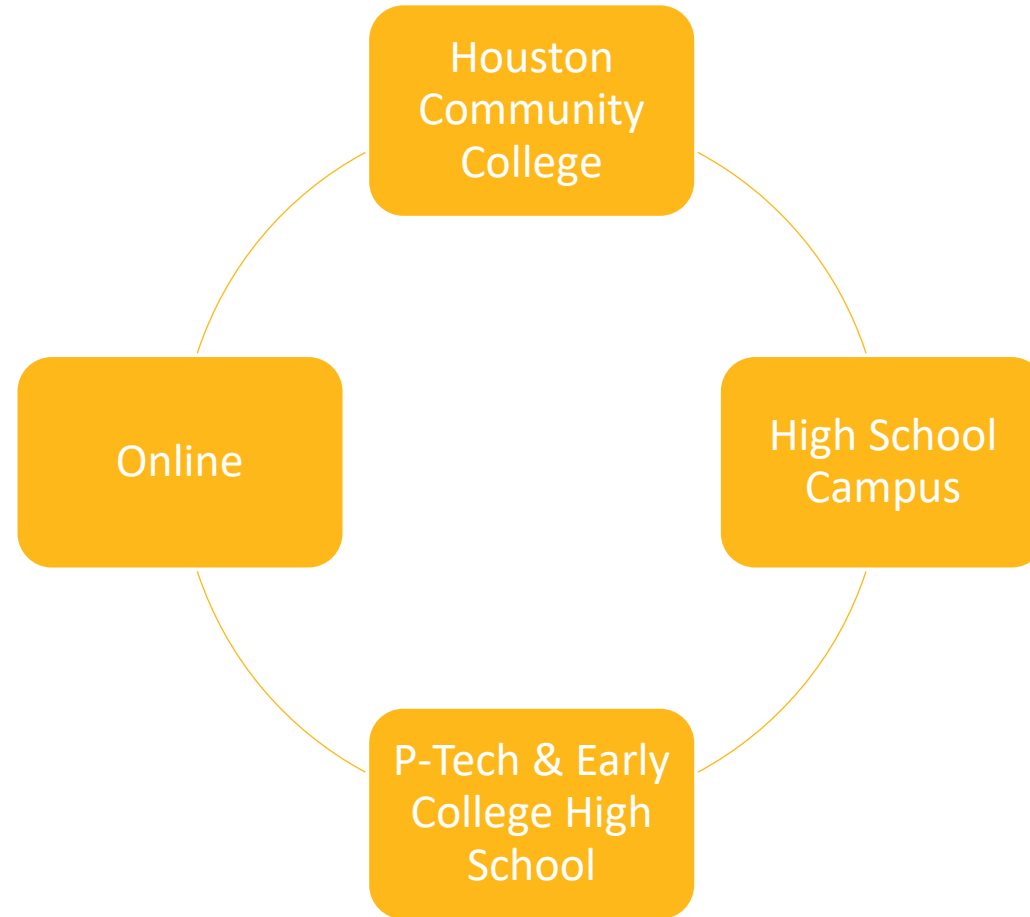
What is Dual Credit?

Dual Credit is a process by which a homeschool/high school student enrolls in a college course and receives simultaneous academic and workforce credit for the course from both the college and the high school or equivalent to HS at the same time.

Dual Credit Courses:

- Are taught by college faculty or college-approved high school instructors meeting the same standards and requirements of regularly employed college faculty.
- Meet Texas Common Core requirements and are transferable to any public college or university in the state of Texas.

Where is Dual Credit Offered?



Benefits of Dual Credit



SAVE MONEY ON COLLEGE TUITION

Participating students and their parents benefit by significant savings on both immediate and long-term costs of a college education.



ACCELERATE TIME TO DEGREE COMPLETION

Dual credit students can earn up to two years of college credit related to the HCC Academic Core that can transfer to a Texas public higher educational institution. Students also can obtain college credit toward a Career & Technical Education (CTE)/Workforce degree or certificate that can position them for unique employment opportunities upon graduating from high school.



BUILD CONFIDENCE

Students find that dual credit programs help establish skills to be successful in college such as following a syllabus, meeting classroom and course requirements, conducting themselves appropriately, using self-discipline, and improving and applying higher-level thinking skills.

ACCESS TO POSTSECONDARY RESOURCES

Exposing dual credit students to the college environment – including HCC student support services such as the library, computer labs, career services, and tutoring – helps to ease the transition to college after high school.



EARN TRANSFERRABLE COLLEGE CREDITS

Many dual credit courses are transferrable to Texas public colleges and universities, private institutions, and some out-of-state colleges and universities.

Dual Credit Costs

The Houston Community College Board of Trustees has waived tuition and fees for dual credit students. Students living within taxing districts (In-District) may take dual credit classes at **no charge**.

Students living outside of the taxing district (Out-of-District) pay a flat rate fee per course.

Textbooks and other essential course materials may be an added cost to the student. The exception would be in cases where the high school provides textbooks.

**Responsibility for Tuition and Textbook fees may vary by Institution or student*



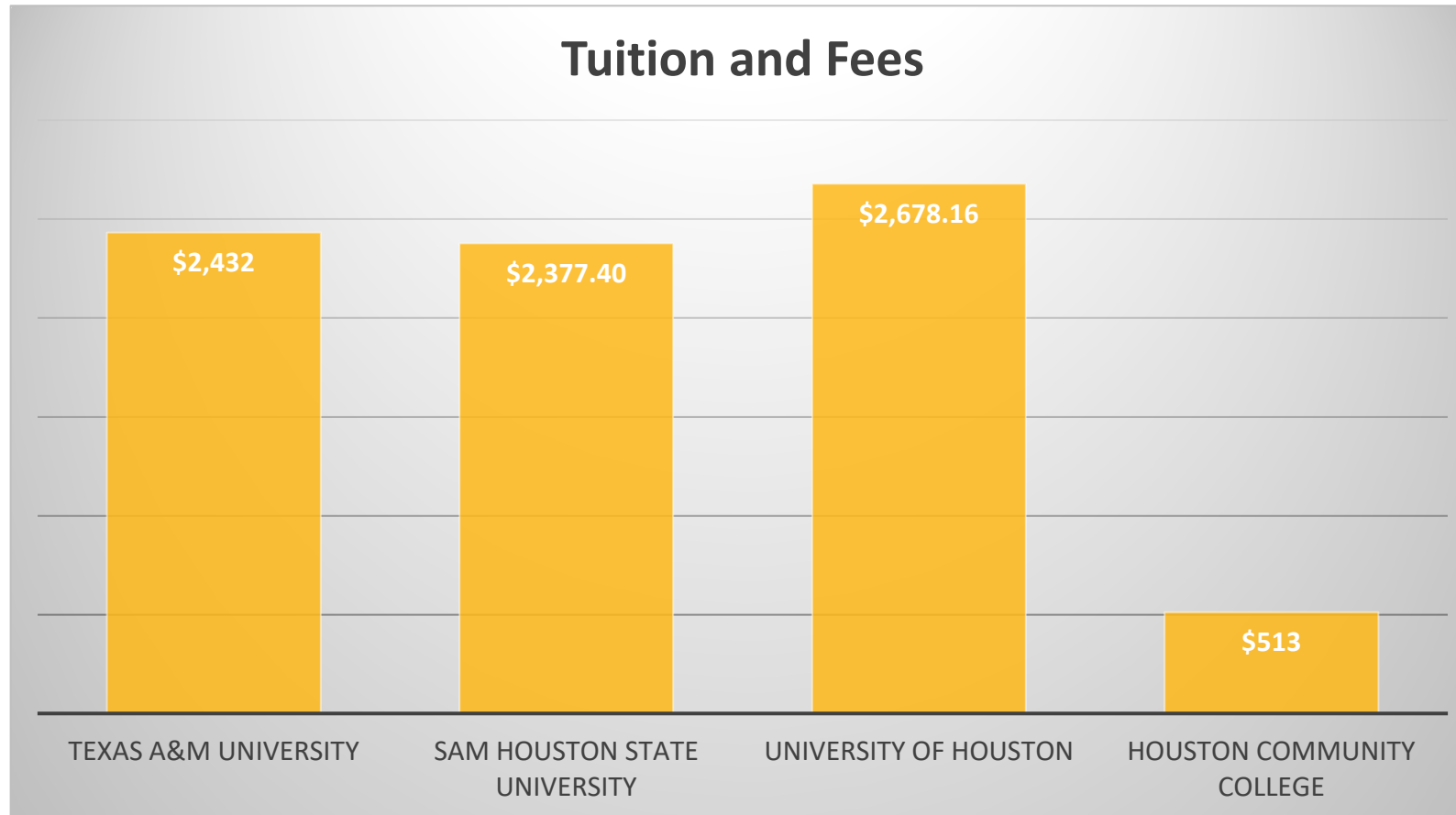
Dual Credit vs College Credit Costs

Credit Hours	HCC Dual Credit (In-District Tuition)	HCC Dual Credit (Out of District Tuition)	HCC College Credit Only (In-District Tuition)	HCC College Credit Only (Out of District Tuition)
3	\$0	\$65.00	\$259.50	\$547.50
6	\$0	\$130.00	\$513.00	\$1089.00

**Tuition subject to change*



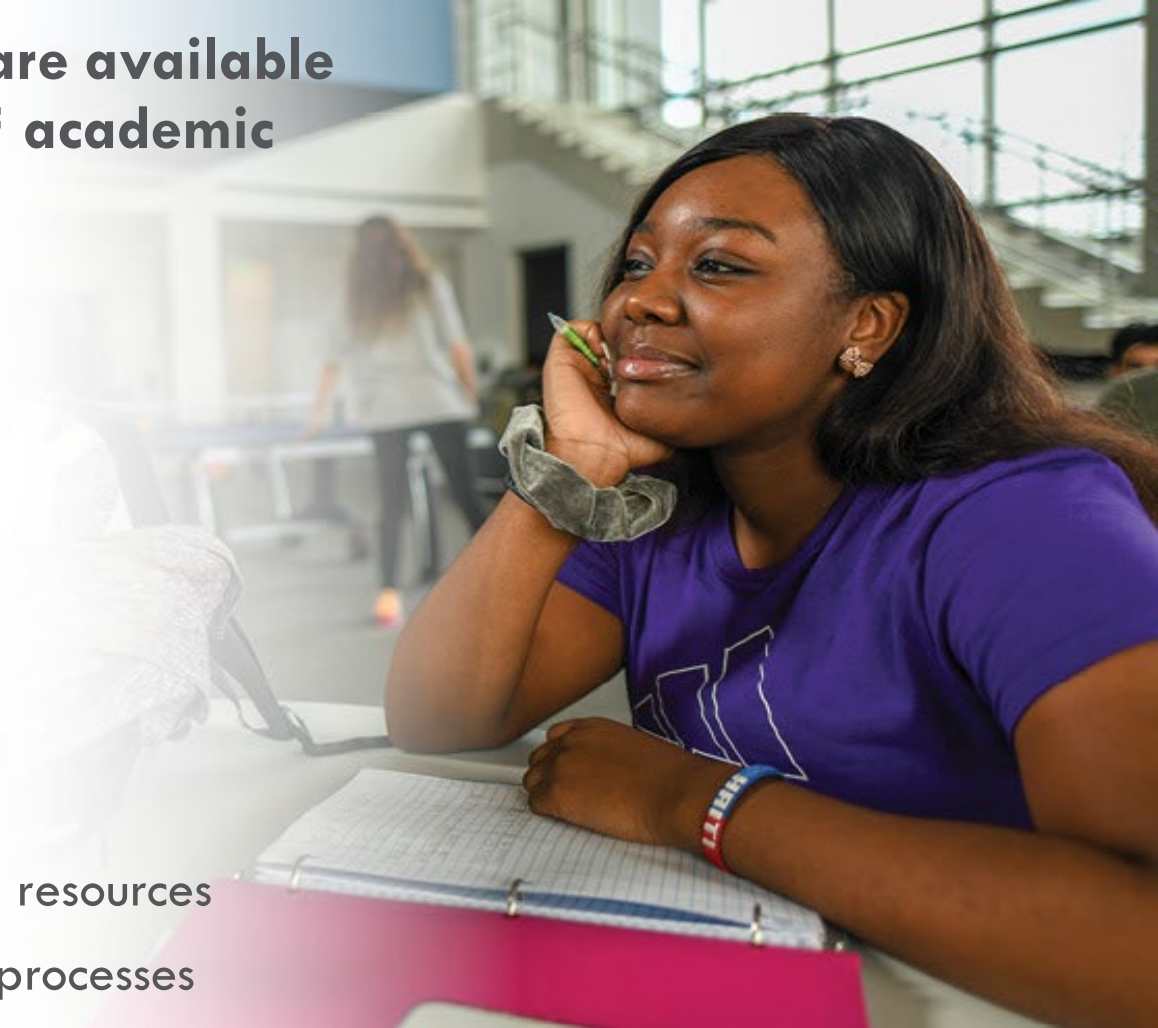
University Cost Comparison (6 Credit Hours)



Success Coaches

Dual Credit Success Coaches are available to assist you with a variety of academic services including:

- Dual Credit Orientation
- Admissions & Onboarding
- Academic Coaching
- Testing
- Registration
- Add/drop/withdrawal process
- Referral of campus and community resources
- Transfer planning and graduation processes



Student System of Support

- Ability Services
 - Connect with an HCC ADA Counselor
- Book Store
- Career Services
- Counseling Support Services
- Library Services
- Tutoring Services
- Foundation
 - Over 100+ scholarships – Apply today



Ability Services



High School Student Request to be Contacted by an HCC ADA Counselor

High School Students can request to be contacted by an HCC ADA Counselor (Americans with Disabilities Act).

Before you complete this form, please note this is the request to be contacted by an HCC ADA counselor. Accommodations are not provided until you receive a letter of accommodation from your HCC counselor and the letter is provided to your faculty.

It may take 3-4 business days for an HCC ADA Counselor to contact you back. For additional information on HCC Accommodations, please visit: <https://www.hccs.edu/support-services/ability-services/>

In compliance with section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act and under the **Americans with Disabilities Act**, Ability Services at each college within the Houston Community College System is responsible for arranging reasonable accommodations for all qualified students with a documented disability. For additional information about our services, visit <https://www.hccs.edu/support-services/ability-services/#d.en.192659>

If you are experiencing a mental health emergency, please call 9-1-1 for immediate assistance.

If you or someone you know is experiencing suicidal thoughts, please call the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline at 1-800-273-8255 or Text "TALK" to 741741.



Visit the HCC Foundation website at hccsfoundation.org/scholarships.

Complete the online application, and you may receive an HCC Foundation scholarship that pays for part or all of your HCC tuition, fees, and books.

The new and improved online application for the 2023-2024 Academic Year opens on **January 15, 2023** and closes **June 15, 2023**.

Questions? Visit hccsfoundation.org/scholarships or email foundation.scholarships@hccs.edu

Student Life



ARTS

Offers a variety of fine arts programs both academic and extracurricular. From theatre productions to music and art, there are a number of ways to join the fine arts community at HCC.



CLUBS & ORGANIZATIONS

provides creative and energetic outlets for students' academic, career, cultural and recreational interests and needs.



INTRAMURALS & CLUB SPORTS

provides the opportunity to compete and have fun in various team and individual sports on campus, and club sports offers competition through leagues off-campus. (Check age requirements)

AP vs Dual Credit vs On Ramps

Which is the right choice for me?

PROGRAM	ADVANCED PLACEMENT	DUAL CREDIT	ON RAMPS
Description	A program created by the College Board which offers college-level curricula and examinations to high school students	College-level academic or workforce courses taken to receive college and high school credit at the same time	Dual Enrollment allows students to earn high school and potentially earn college credit while still in high school
Instructor	Courses taught by high school-approved teachers meeting AP course evaluation and professional development requirements	Courses taught by college faculty	Courses taught by high school teachers trained by the University of Texas Professors
Location	Courses are taught on the ISD campuses	Courses are taught on the high school campuses and students may also take dual credit courses at any HCC campus	Courses are taught on the high school campuses
Costs	Payment for College Board Exam	Tuition is waived; however, students may be responsible for fees and textbooks	ISD/Student pay per class
Courses Available	Academic Courses	Core Academic & CTE Workforce courses	Academic Courses
Credit	Each year a student takes an AP Exam, they have the opportunity to send one free score report by entering the four-digit code of the college, university, or scholarship program on their first or "registration" AP answer sheet	Credit is automatically applied to a student's HCC transcript	Students receive college credit if they qualify for and pass the college portion of the course
Criteria to Receive Credit	A passing score on AP exam is typically a 3 or higher	Student receives credit and a grade reflective of their class performance	Students receive college credit if they qualify for and pass the college portion of the course
Transferability	Acceptance of credit depends on the institution and exam score	Most academic courses will transfer to any public Texas college or university when a student earns a "C" or better	Most academic courses will transfer to any public Texas college or university when a student earns a "C" or better
Eligibility	Open to any student	Open to any students who meet all course prerequisites and minimum college readiness test scores in reading, writing, and/or math for enrolled courses	Open to any student

Dual Credit Student Eligibility

To qualify for a dual credit class, a 9-12th grade school student must meet several key requirements:

- Meet school district or high school requirements for taking a dual credit class.
- Be recommended for dual credit by his/her high school authority.
- Complete college admissions requirements to enroll into the dual credit program
- Pass the applicable areas of a Texas Success Initiative test (TSI) to determine college readiness. (The student may be exempt from state-mandated TSI testing if he/she meets the qualifying standards on applicable areas of the ACT, PSAT, SAT or STAAR EOC; for certificate programs, consult with a high school dual credit representative.)
 - Meet course prerequisite requirements.
 - Level I programs do not have TSI requirements.



College Readiness

Dual Credit courses allow students to experience the demands that college will bring and help them to better understand what is expected of them as college students.

Begin with an end in mind

What Is My End Goal?

Certificate
Degree
Transfer
Career/Employment



Your pathway starts here!

A guided pathway will help you earn you on a path to a rewarding career and to successfully transferring to a four-year institution.

Need more info?

hccs.edu/studentpathways



In choosing an area of study, what's in it for me?



Reduce college debt



Save time by minimizing excess credits



Increase the likelihood of your on-time completion

Want to explore majors, in-demand careers and education? Check out Career Coach!

Take a Career Assessment to learn about yourself and Career Coach will give you career suggestions based on your interests.



Career Coach allows you to:

- Browse Careers, including Hot Jobs
- Browse available programs that lead to the career you want
- Find out civilian careers related to your military occupation
- Build your resume

hccs.emsicc.com/assessment

Pathways to Success

Connection | Entry | Progress/Completion | Advancement

Types of Dual Credit Pathways



ACADEMIC

Associate of Arts (AA), Associate of Science (AS) or Associate of Science in Engineering Science (ASES) degrees. Designed primarily to apply to transfer (bachelors).

- Core Curriculum
- Foreign Language



WORKFORCE

Career & Technical Education

Associate of Applied Science (AAS) degree or Level 1 & 2 Certificates.

Designed to allow students to enroll in HCC credit workforce program while working towards obtaining a credential.



FIELD OF STUDY

Designed to fulfill freshman and sophomore requirements for a specific major/degree plan in addition to the core curriculum. They are guaranteed to transfer to any public college or university in Texas.

Academic Freedom

EMPLOYEE RIGHTS AND PRIVILEGES ACADEMIC FREEDOM AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Each faculty member will have freedom in the classroom to discuss the subject he or she teaches. Additionally, each faculty member is expected not to introduce into his or her teachings controversial matters that have no relation to the classroom subject. Faculty members shall, when speaking, make clear that their opinions are not necessarily those of HCC. At the same time, faculty members should strive to be accurate in their statements and to be willing to listen to and show respect for others who express different opinions.

Institutions of higher learning exist for the common good. The common good depends upon a free search for truth and its free expression. Therefore, it is essential that College System faculty be free to pursue scholarly inquiry without undue restriction and to voice and publish their conclusions concerning the significance of evidence they consider relevant. The faculty member must be free from the corrosive fear that others, inside or outside the college community, may threaten his or her professional career because their vision differs from that of others. Faculty members are entitled to freedom in the classroom in discussing the subject being taught to the full extent permitted by law. Furthermore, faculty members are free from institutional censorship or discipline when they speak, write, or act as citizens of their nation, state, and community. AAUP Statement.

The concept of academic freedom must be accompanied by an equally demanding concept of responsibility, shared by the Board, administrators, and faculty members. Exercise of professional integrity by a faculty member includes recognition that the public will judge the member's profession and the College System by the faculty member's statements. Therefore, faculty members should strive to avoid creating the impression that they are speaking or acting for the College System when speaking or acting as private citizens. Faculty members should be judicious in the use of controversial material in the classroom and should only introduce such material when it has a clear relationship to the subject matter of the course being taught. [AAUP Statement](#)

The Core Curriculum

Core Component	Required Semester Hours from Core
Communication	6
Math	3
Life & Physical Science	6
American History	6
Government	6
Social/Behavior Science	3
Creative Arts	3
Language, Philosophy & Culture	3
Component Area Option	6

High School Endorsement	HCC Area of Study	Programs
Arts & Humanities	Art & Design	Art, Audio Recording Technology, Digital Communication, Digital Gaming & Simulation, Fashion Design, Fashion Merchandising, Filmmaking, Interior Design, Music Business
Arts & Humanities	Liberal Arts, Humanities & Education	Academics, Communication, Fine Arts, Humanities, Kinesiology, Liberal Arts, Philosophy, Speech, Teacher Education, World Languages
Arts & Humanities	Social & Behavioral Sciences	Academics, Anthropology, Economics, Geographic Information Science, Geography, Government, Psychology, Sociology
Business & Industry	Business	Accounting, Business, Business Technology, Finance & Banking, International Business, Logistics and Global Supply Chain Management, Marketing, Paralegal Technology, Translation & Interpretation
Business & Industry	Construction Industry & Manufacturing	Construction Management Technology, Drafting & Design Engineering Technology, Electrical Technology, Heating, Air Conditioning & Refrigeration, Machining Technology, Manufacturing Engineering Technology, Welding
Public Service	Public Safety, Transportation & Consumer Services	Automotive Technology, Cosmetology, Criminal Justice, Culinary Arts, Diesel, EMS, Fire Science & Safety, Hospitality, Pastry Arts
STEM	Health Sciences	Dental, Diagnostic Medical Sonography, LVN, Medical Assistant, Nursing, Occupational Therapy Assistant, Pharmacy Technician, Physical Therapist, Surgical Technology
STEM	Science, Technology, Engineering & Math	Artificial Intelligence, Academics, Agricultural Sciences, Astronomy, Biology, Chemistry, Computer Programming/Systems, Cyber, Engineering, Physics, Process Technology

HCC Grading Procedures

HCC GRADING

- HCC uses a grading system in which students are assigned a letter grade of A, B, C, D, or F reflecting the student's performance in a course
- Each grade will be recorded on the student's Houston Community College Transcript at the end of the semester

ISD GRADE POINTS

- The student's high school grade for the course will be reported on his/her high school report card.
- The college letter grade will be recorded on the student's Official Houston Community College Transcript.

*Please check with your local school district to determine your Dual Credit weighted rank factor.

FERPA

FERPA is a federal law that governs privacy of and access to personally identifiable student records. Instructors will only communicate with the student about their grade status and not the parent. Parents should communicate with their student about academic progress.

- Students must communicate with the instructor
- College Faculty and Staff will not communicate with parents or the high school counselors
- No parent conferences

FERPA allows high schools and community colleges to share the educational records of dual credit students without the consent of either the parents or the student.



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TO HELP
YOU!**

