# Dual Enrollment

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Georgia's Dual Enrollment program allows high school students (10th – 12th grade) to earn college credits while working on their high school diploma. Dual Enrollment is designed to make it easier for students to take advantage of all the options to enroll in college courses while still in high school.

# Funding Cap

- The Dual Enrollment Funding Cap is 30 semester or 45 quarter hours.
- The Funding Cap is a hard cap based on hours paid by the Dual Enrollment funding program for terms of enrollment (as invoiced by the postsecondary institutions).
- The Funding Cap does not include dual credit coursework attempted and paid by other sources.
- All first-time students, as of Summer term 2020 and beyond, are subject to the Dual Enrollment Funding Cap.
- Students who received Dual Enrollment funding for 18 semester/28 quarter or less hours, through Spring term 2020, are subject to the Funding Cap.
- Students who received Dual Enrollment funding for 19 semester/29 quarter or more hours through Spring term 2020, have a Funding Cap of an additional 12 semester hours or 18 quarter hours of funding.

# Student Eligibility

- Any student enrolled in and physically attending a public or private high school in Georgia or an eligible home study program. Student's high school or home study program has completed a Participation Agreement.
- 11th and 12th graders may take any approved Dual Enrollment courses listed on the Course Directory, at an eligible participating postsecondary institution (USG, TCSG or private).
- 10th graders may enroll in approved Career, Technical and Agricultural Education (CTAE) courses listed on the Course Directory at a participating TCSG institution only.
- 10th graders who have a minimum SAT score of 1200 or minimum ACT composite score of 26 on a single national test administration, may enroll in any approved courses listed on the Course Directory at a TCSG, USG or private eligible participating postsecondary institution. Note: The student's qualifying test score must be in GSFC's system prior to the student's Dual Enrollment funding Application being approved by the high school or home study.
- No residency requirement.
- Dual Enrollment funding is only available for a maximum of 15 semester hours or 12 quarter hours per term.
- Admission requirements at the chosen postsecondary institution(s) must be met.
- Students that complete high school graduation requirements prior to officially graduating may continue participation in Dual Enrollment until high school graduation.

**Program requirements and eligibility are subject to change**

# Course Options

Students must select eligible approved courses from the Dual Enrollment Course Directory on **GAfutures.org.** The Course Directory includes comparable required courses such as degree and non-degree level core courses (English, math, science, social studies, foreign language), and Career, Technical and Agricultural Education courses. Course selections must be approved for high school credit by the student's high school counselor. Dual Enrollment courses are available for fall, spring and summer semesters and fall, winter, spring and summer quarters.

# Tuition, Mandatory Fees and Books

The specific Dual Enrollment award amount will vary based on the postsecondary institution and the number of credit hours in which a student is enrolled. Complete Dual Enrollment award amounts are available on **GAfutures.org**. In most cases, the program covers all required standard tuition, mandatory fees and required book expenses. Students are responsible for lost or damaged books, books that are considered optional or specific course-related fees, such as a lab fee.

## Benefits of Dual Enrollment for Students

- Earning college credits while still in high school may enable students to graduate early and/or possibly even earn an associate degree, diploma or certificate.
- Dual enrollment can help students adjust to certain aspects of the college experience (e.g., classes, coursework, instruction, being on a college campus) so the transition from high school to college may be easier.
- Students who participate in a dual enrollment program are more likely to go to college and earn a degree.
- Students may be able to take classes that are not offered at their high school, especially in subject areas they are interested in for a potential career.
- Taking college-level classes while still in high school may build confidence and encourage those students who may not be thinking about college to reconsider.

# Application Process

- The annual online application is completed through **GAfutures.org**.
- Application deadlines may vary. Students should check with their high school and postsecondary institution for the application deadline for each term.
- Students attending a Georgia eligible participating public or private high school must complete the annual online Dual Enrollment funding application.
- Students attending a home study program must complete the annual online Dual Enrollment funding application
  - First, the Georgia home study parent/guardian official must create a GAfutures Education Professional account for the name of the home study program. The Georgia Home Study Program parent/guardian will receive an assigned HSP# to provide to the student prior to completing the annual online Dual Enrollment funding application.
- Once the student has completed their portion of the application, the parent/guardian must electronically complete the Parent Participation Agreement section of the student's application.
  - Provide parent/guardian's email address.
  - Parent receives an email to complete the online acknowledgment.
- The student's eligible participating high school counselor must approve the student's Dual Enrollment courses and funding application.
- The student must be accepted by the college. The eligible participating college must approve the student's Dual Enrollment courses and funding application.

# Frequently Asked Questions

- **What do students have to do to participate in Dual Enrollment?**
  To participate in Dual Enrollment, students must meet the admission requirements and be accepted at the postsecondary institution(s) of their choice, and make satisfactory academic progress. Interested students should see their high school counselor and visit **GAfutures.org** for complete program information and to access the annual online Dual Enrollment funding application.

- **What expenses does the Dual Enrollment program cover for eligible participants?**
  Students who meet all eligibility requirements will receive a student-specific award amount to be applied to tuition, mandatory fees and required books for a maximum of 15 semester or 12 quarter hours per term. The award amounts for Dual Enrollment can be found on **GAfutures.org** and are paid directly to the postsecondary institution. The postsecondary institution must provide the required textbooks for the approved Dual Enrollment courses. How the books are provided to the Dual Enrollment student is determined by the postsecondary institution.

# Frequently Asked Questions

- **What expenses are students responsible for when they are receiving Dual Enrollment Funding?**
  Students may incur expenses for course-related fees and supplies required for a particular course or optional fees charged by the postsecondary institution. If the postsecondary institution provided the textbooks through a lending program, students may be charged a lost or damaged book fee if the book is not returned in the required condition. Contact the postsecondary institution selected for more information. Students are responsible for tuition and fees for any course(s) taken that is not listed in the Dual Enrollment Course Directory and listed on their Dual Enrollment funding application.

- **What expenses are students responsible for upon reaching the Dual Enrollment Funding Cap?**
  Students are responsible for charges as a result of hours which are not covered by the Dual Enrollment funding program such as continuing to enroll in dual enrollment coursework upon reaching the Funding Cap or enrollment in courses not listed on the approved Course Directory. Upon reaching the Funding Cap, the eligible postsecondary institution may charge tuition and a prorated portion of the mandatory fees and book costs, based on credit hours not covered by Dual Enrollment funding.

- **Can a Dual Enrollment student attend more than one postsecondary institution in one term?**
  Yes, a Dual Enrollment student may take courses at more than one postsecondary institution. The Dual Enrollment funding application must be completed for each participating eligible postsecondary institution. The student is eligible to receive Dual Enrollment funds for tuition, mandatory fees and book allowance for a maximum of 15 semester or 12 quarter hours per term.

- **Is there a limit to the number of credit hours a student may enroll in during one term?**
  An eligible Dual Enrollment student may enroll in and receive funding for courses up to the maximum of 15 semester or 12 quarter hours per term.

- **What classes/courses are available to students?**
  Approved courses for Dual Enrollment are listed in the Dual Enrollment Course Directory. Approved classes may include degree level or non-degree level courses in the five main academic areas (English, math, science, social studies and foreign language), as well as Career, Technical and Agricultural Education offerings. The Course Directory can be found on **GAfutures.org**. The courses a student chooses each term must be listed on his or her Dual Enrollment funding application and must be approved by the high school and postsecondary institution(s) he or she will be attending.

- **Can students participate in Dual Enrollment if they will be in high school longer than four years?**
  Yes, eligible students may participate until they reach the Funding Cap.

# Other State Financial Aid Programs

- GSFC administers other state financial aid programs for the state of Georgia. These programs are designed to assist students with the cost of their postsecondary education. For more information, visit **GAfutures.org**.
  - Georgia Military College State Service Scholarship
  - Georgia National Guard Service Cancelable Loan
  - Georgia HERO Scholarship
  - HOPE Career Grant
  - HOPE GED Grant
  - HOPE Grant
  - HOPE Scholarship
  - Georgia Public Safety Memorial Grant
  - REACH Georgia Scholarship
  - Scholarship for Engineering Education
  - Student Access Loan
  - Georgia Tuition Equalization Grant
  - University of North Georgia Military Scholarship
  - University of North Georgia ROTC Grant
  - University of North Georgia ROTC Grant for Future Officers
  - Zell Miller Grant
  - Zell Miller Scholarship

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