

POCONO MOUNTAIN SCHOOL DISTRICT

DUAL ENROLLMENT PROGRAM



Northampton Community College



East Stroudsburg University



Keystone College



Pocono Mountain School District Dual Enrollment Information

What is Dual Enrollment?

Dual Enrollment is the opportunity for students to take college courses while still enrolled in high school at any of our partnering institutions. Upon successful completion of the course, students will earn both high school and college credit(s).

What are the benefits of Dual Enrollment?

Students will have the opportunity to earn college credits at a very low cost. They will be able to get a jumpstart on their college education, and have a more successful transition into the culture and expectations in postsecondary institutions.

Who is eligible to participate in Dual Enrollment?

Current 11th and 12th grades students are eligible for dual enrollment. Students must be in excellent academic standing, and must consult with their parent/guardian and their high school guidance counselor prior to applying for dual enrollment.

How are Dual Enrollment courses different from AP Courses?

Advanced Placement (AP) classes are college-level courses offered by the College Board and are taught by our high school teachers. Students typically choose to take AP courses in the area(s) they are most passionate about, and excel in. Unlike dual enrollment courses where the student earns credit upon completion of the course, AP courses offer an exam at the end of the course in which the student must earn a qualifying score to earn college credit.

What will my high school schedule look like if I participate in Dual Enrollment?

Students may choose to have a modified high school schedule during their senior year. Students would be required to attend WHS for their required core courses only. Students will work collaboratively with their guidance counselor to create their schedule based upon course offerings and their extracurricular activities. Juniors are not permitted to modify their high school schedule, but do have the opportunity to take dual enrollment courses after the school day during their junior year, and during the summer before their junior and senior year.

What is the tuition for a dual enrollment course?

Dual enrollment courses are offered at a significantly discounted rate. The cost per credit depends on the institution the student attends. This cost can vary year to year. More information on tuition fees can be found on the institution's website. Some of our partnering colleges offer scholarships that may cover the cost of one or more courses.

Which colleges partner with the Pocono Mountain School District?

Currently, PMSD has agreements with Northampton Community College (NCC), East Stroudsburg University (ESU) and Keystone College.

Is transportation provided?

No. Students must provide their own transportation to and from their college classes. Students do have the option of taking a college course online, but an in-person experience is preferred (especially for the first college course).

What if I wish to withdraw from my dual enrollment course?

Before withdrawing from any college course, it would be best to first speak with your professor to explain your circumstances. Be sure that you are aware of the add/drop calendar, and how it will impact reimbursement. If you choose to withdraw from the college course, you will be placed into a full day schedule at your respective high school.

Do the college courses appear on my high school transcript?

Yes. The college you are attending, the title of the course, and the grade earned will appear on your high school transcript. The college courses are NOT factored into your high school GPA and class rank. You will also have a college transcript (with a college GPA) that is available at that institution.

How do I know if the college courses are transferable to the institution I attend after graduation?

While most dual enrollment courses will transfer in some capacity, it cannot be guaranteed. Typically, a student must earn a "C" or better to successfully transfer credits, however, confirmation should come directly from the college. It is best to speak with the dual enrollment coordinator, as well as the college you plan on applying to, for a definitive answer.

What is expected of me as a dual enrollment student?

Dual enrollment is appropriate for students ready to take on an academic challenge. Students must be responsible, driven, mature, and demonstrate a high level of independence. A successful dual enrollment student is able to manage their time efficiently, and have strong communication skills. They must be able to utilize campus resources (i.e. tutoring) and reach out to their professors if they need assistance. In addition, they must have reliable transportation.

Will I have homework?

In college, students should plan to spend 3 hours in class (for a 3-credit course) and 9 hours a week outside of class a week completing "coursework" which can include: readings, reviewing notes, studying, completing assignments, writing papers etc.

What is the attendance policy in college?

Students are expected to attend all classes and arrive on time as well as stay for the entire course. Leaving early for high school activities (athletic events, club meetings, etc) will not be a valid excuse.