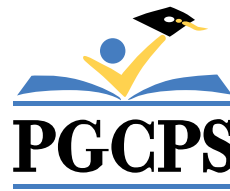


# DUAL ENROLLMENT

## Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)



## GENERAL THINGS TO KNOW

### 1. WHAT IS THE PGCPS-PRINCE GEORGE'S COMMUNITY COLLEGE (PGCC) DUAL ENROLLMENT PROGRAM?

Dual enrollment is an opportunity for PGCPS high school students to also take courses at PGCC. PGCPS will pay the tuition for students who meet the eligibility qualifications at PGCC. Developmental (remedial) courses may not be taken through the dual enrollment program.

### 2. WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS OF PARTICIPATING IN DUAL ENROLLMENT?

- > Students can earn college credit and satisfy high school requirements
- > Lowers the overall cost for college
- > Helps students get comfortable with doing college-level coursework
- > Students can transition to college full-time feeling more prepared and are more likely to be successful

### 3. DO PGCPS NONPUBLIC SPECIAL EDUCATION STUDENTS QUALIFY FOR THIS OPPORTUNITY?

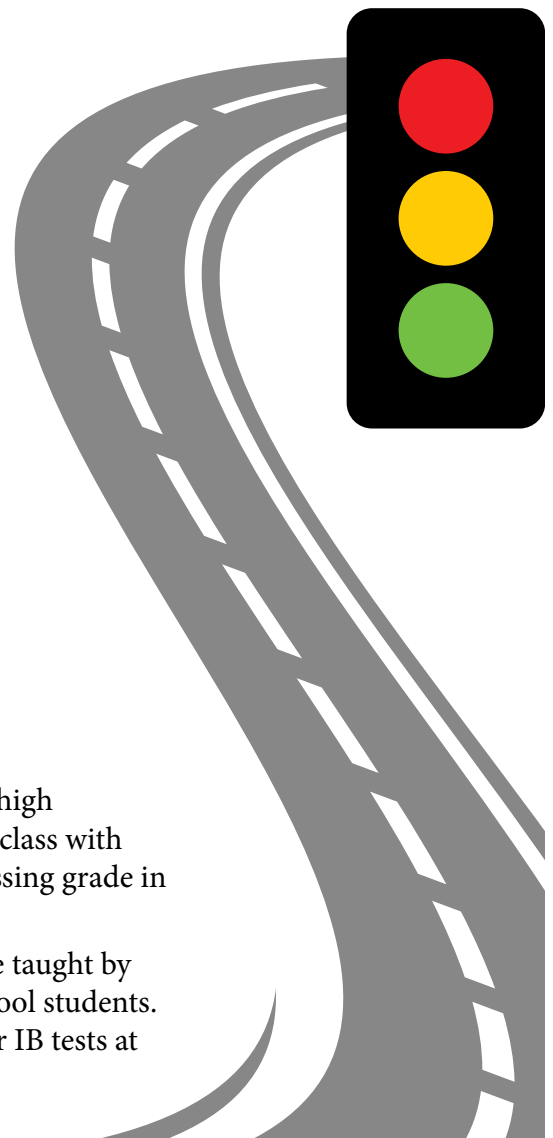
Yes. Contact Chandra Watson at [chandra.watson@pgcps.org](mailto:chandra.watson@pgcps.org) for additional information.

### 4. WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN DUAL ENROLLMENT AND DUAL CREDIT?

- > Dual Enrollment: Students are enrolled in high school and college courses.
- > Dual Credit: Students are enrolled in high school and college courses; and receive both high school credit AND college credit.
  - Limited, pre-approved list of PGCC courses for dual credit is available at: [www.pgcps.org/offices/dual-enrollment](http://www.pgcps.org/offices/dual-enrollment)
  - Dual credit course grades are weighted on the high school transcript.

### 5. WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN AP AND IB CLASSES AND DUAL ENROLLMENT?

- > Dual enrollment courses are taken on a PGCC campus or at the high school, they are taught by college professors, and students are in class with other college students. College credit is earned by receiving a passing grade in the class.
- > AP and IB courses are taken at the student's high school, they are taught by high school faculty, and students are in class with other high school students. College credit is earned by receiving a passing score on the AP or IB tests at the end of the course.



## 6. WHAT IS THE ACCUPLACER PLACEMENT TEST?

Accuplacer is a college placement test accepted for admissions to some colleges and universities. PGCPS students who meet the initial dual enrollment requirements have the opportunity to take the test at their high school.

- > Students may take the test once per semester.
- > Students who have taken the exam in previous semesters, and are satisfied with their scores, do not have to retake the test.
- > Students should study for the Accuplacer. Sample Accuplacer questions are available at: [accuplacer.collegeboard.org/student/practice](http://accuplacer.collegeboard.org/student/practice)

## 7. DO HOMESCHOOL AND PRIVATE SCHOOL STUDENTS QUALIFY FOR THIS OPPORTUNITY?

Homeschool and Private school students qualify for the Concurrent Enrollment Program at PGCC. More information is available at [www.pgcc.edu/go/highschool](http://www.pgcc.edu/go/highschool)

# BEFORE YOU APPLY

## 1. AM I ELIGIBLE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE DUAL ENROLLMENT PROGRAM?

To participate in the program students must meet the following criteria:

- > Be enrolled in the 11th or 12th grade on the first day of the semester in which the course is offered. This will apply to rising 11th and 12th graders during summer sessions.
- > Have at minimum 2.5 cumulative grade point average in high school and be in good academic standing at PGCC.
- > Place into college-level courses using qualifying Accuplacer, SAT, or ACT test scores, or by having a 3.0 cumulative, unweighted high school GPA.

## 2. WHERE CAN I TAKE THE ACCUPLACER PLACEMENT TEST?

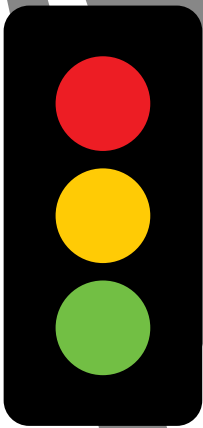
All PGCPS students who wish to qualify for Dual Enrollment using Accuplacer scores must take the Accuplacer placement test at their high school.

## 3. WHAT IF I MISSED THE TESTING SESSION AND WANT TO TAKE THE PLACEMENT TEST?

Contact your high school regarding possible make-up test dates.

## 4. WHAT IF I AM NOT SATISFIED WITH MY PLACEMENT TEST SCORES?

PGCPS dual enrollment students will be offered the opportunity to take the test for a second time at their high school in following semesters. Students should contact their testing coordinator for available test dates.



# DURING/AFTER APPLYING FOR DUAL ENROLLMENT

## 1. WHAT COSTS AM I RESPONSIBLE FOR PAYING?

- > PGCPS will cover the cost of tuition for all eligible students. Applicable fees and textbook expenses are the responsibility of the student. Visit the “Paying for College” page at [www.pgcc.edu](http://www.pgcc.edu) for current fee prices.
- > PGCPS will cover the cost of tuition, applicable fees, and textbook expenses for students who receive free and reduced meals (FARMS).

## 2. WHERE CAN I TAKE COURSES?

Students may take courses on the main PGCC campus in Largo, at PGCC degree and extension centers, or at select PGCPS high schools.

- > Main Campus | Largo
- > Laurel College Center (LCC) | Laurel
- > University Town Center (UTC) | Hyattsville
- > Joint Base Andrews (AAFB) | Joint Base Andrews—Camp Springs
- > Oxon Hill High School (OHHS) | Oxon Hill
- > Select PGCPS High Schools (contact your counselor for details)

## 3. WHAT COURSE FORMATS CAN I TAKE?

- > Dual enrollment students may take courses using one or more of the following modalities:
  - Traditional, face-to-face in 5- to 15-week formats
  - Remote, which meets virtually at scheduled times
  - Hybrid, which combines face-to-face and online, in 5- to 15-week formats
  - Online, after a student has successfully earned 6 credits at PGCC with a GPA of 2.5
  - Weekend, which meet only on Saturdays or only on Sundays
- > Dual enrollment students may not take “weekender” courses, which meet Friday evenings and all day on Saturdays, denoted by section numbers with LW or XW.
- > Students may not take winter session courses.

## 4. WILL PGCPS PAY FOR MORE THAN ONE COURSE PER SEMESTER?

Yes, courses must be approved by your professional school counselor.

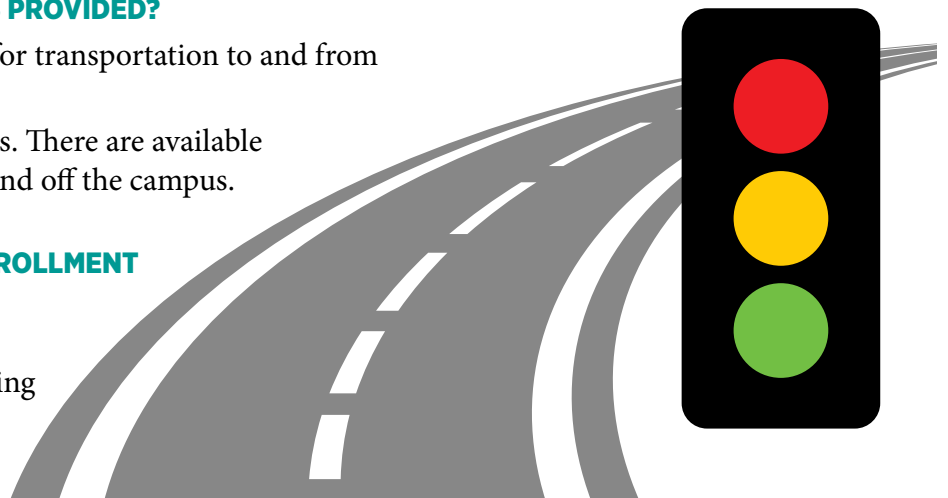
## 5. ARE TRANSPORTATION AND MEALS PROVIDED?

- > Students/parents are responsible for transportation to and from the college campus.
- > Meals are not provided to students. There are available dining options, for purchase, on and off the campus.

## 6. HOW DO I ENROLL IN THE DUAL ENROLLMENT PROGRAM AT PGCC?

Students must do the following:

- > Place into college level courses using qualifying Accuplacer, SAT, or



ACT test scores, or by having a 3.0 cumulative, unweighted high school GPA.

- > Meet with your PGCC COAST Coordinator or PGCC dual enrollment representative, as well as your high school professional school counselor to review requirements and select courses.
- > Complete the application process online in the PGCC DualEnroll site by the established deadline. This involves the student completing an application, course request, and online new student orientation, as well as the parent/guardian providing consent for the student to participate.

### **7. IF I AM A CONTINUING DUAL ENROLLMENT STUDENT AT PGCC, DO I NEED TO APPLY AGAIN?**

Yes, you need to request your courses online in the PGCC DualEnroll site every semester by the established deadline.

### **8. WHERE CAN I FIND INFORMATION ABOUT SUPPORT FOR A DISABILITY?**

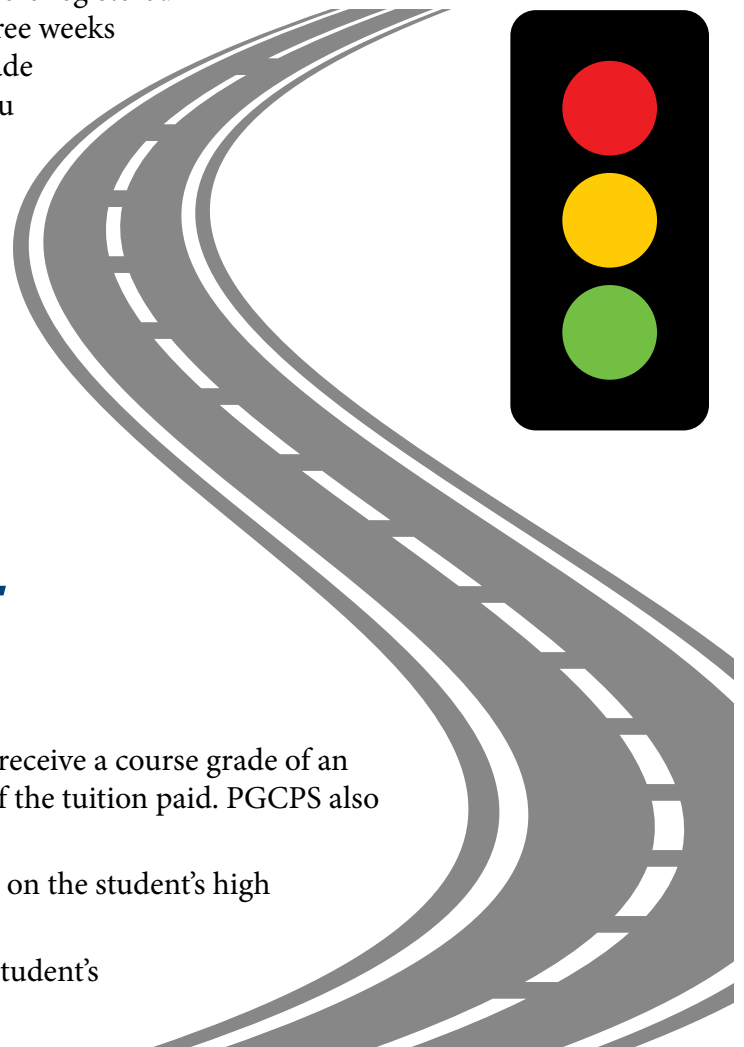
Students should review information about PGCC's Disability Support Services at [www.pgcc.edu](http://www.pgcc.edu) and contact them about requesting accommodations.

### **9. ARE DUAL ENROLLMENT STUDENTS ABLE TO PARTICIPATE IN CAMPUS ACTIVITIES?**

Students with a valid PGCC student ID are allowed to participate in campus activities, including clubs and events. However, current high school students may not participate in Athletics.

### **10. WHAT HAPPENS IF I DON'T ATTEND OR STOP ATTENDING A CLASS I AM REGISTERED FOR?**

- > If you do not attend or participate in a class you were registered for within the first equivalent 20% of the class (three weeks for 15-week courses), you will receive an "NA" grade for nonattendance. Once this grade is assigned you can no longer attend the class. You will still be responsible for any applicable fees associated with the class.
- > If you participate in the class and then stop attending without officially withdrawing, you will receive an "FX" grade for failure due to ceased attendance. You will still be responsible for any applicable fees associated with the class.



## **AFTER DUAL ENROLLMENT**

### **1. WHAT HAPPENS IF I FAIL OR WITHDRAW FROM A COURSE?**

- > PGCCPS reserves the right to charge students who receive a course grade of an "E" or "F", or who withdraw from a course, 90% of the tuition paid. PGCCPS also reserves the right to not pay for future courses.
- > For dual credit courses, an "E" or "W" will appear on the student's high school transcript.
- > For all courses, an "F" or "W" will appear on the student's college transcript.

## 2. WHAT EFFECT CAN MY GRADES FROM DUAL ENROLLMENT HAVE ON ME IN THE FUTURE?

- > The grades you earn while participating in the Dual Enrollment program are part of your official college record. You are establishing your college GPA and course completion record.
- > Even though current high school students are not eligible to receive financial aid, your performance in college classes now will contribute to your eligibility for financial aid after high school graduation. In order to be eligible for financial aid, you must make satisfactory academic progress (SAP), as demonstrated by GPA and course completion record. Please see the current Prince George's Community College Academic Catalog for further information on SAP policies (available at [www.pgcc.edu](http://www.pgcc.edu)).
- > Furthermore, if you are taking courses for dual credit and/or for high school graduation requirements, your grades may impact your high school record and graduation eligibility.

## 3. WHAT COMES AFTER DUAL ENROLLMENT? WILL MY CREDITS TRANSFER TO OTHER COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES?

- > Most courses will transfer to other colleges and universities. However, students should consult degree requirements to ensure a course is required for their major of interest.
- > Students interested in attending a Maryland state public college or university may consult [artsys.usmd.edu](http://artsys.usmd.edu) for course transfer guidelines.
- > Students who successfully complete at least one dual enrollment course and maintain a 2.5 cumulative college GPA may be eligible for a number of PGCC scholarships, including a 50% tuition grant through the Dual to Degree program. These scholarships can help students fund their education and complete their associate degree at PGCC. Visit [www.pgcc.edu/dualtodegree](http://www.pgcc.edu/dualtodegree) for more information.

# CONTACT

## WHO SHOULD I CONTACT WITH ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS?

Prince George's Community College (PGCC) Dual Enrollment Team

[www.pgcc.edu/go/highschool](http://www.pgcc.edu/go/highschool)

Prince George's County Public Schools (PGCPS) Office of College Readiness

[dual.enrollment@pgcps.org](mailto:dual.enrollment@pgcps.org) | 301-499-9222 | [www.pgcps.org/offices/dual-enrollment](http://www.pgcps.org/offices/dual-enrollment)

## PLEASE NOTE

This document does not apply to Academy of Health Sciences, the Information Technology Early College Program at Chesapeake Math & IT Academy, the P-TECH program at Frederick Douglass High School, or the 3D Scholars Program at Charles Herbert Flowers High School.

