

Student Services Department: New Dual Enrollment Rule/HB 444

Below is a summary of changes to the state-funded Dual Enrollment Program under HB 444 effective Summer 2020. See the district DE webpage for more detailed information: <https://schoolwires.henry.k12.ga.us/domain/8984>

Who can enroll in the Dual enrollment program?

9th Grade

Ineligible

10th Grade*

Must meet post-secondary admission requirements in order to participate.

*Students who participated in DE during the 19-20SY may enroll as 10th graders in any approved DE courses at any eligible participating postsecondary institution for the 2020-2021 year and continue until they reach their capped number of hours.

High Achievers- SAT score of 1200 or an ACT score of 26, prior to the summer 2020, may enroll in any approved Dual Enrollment courses at a TCSG, USG or private eligible participating postsecondary institution.

May enroll in Career, Technical and Agricultural Education (CTAE) courses at a participating TCSG institution only.

11th & 12th Grade

Must meet post-secondary admission requirements to take any approved Dual Enrollment courses at an eligible USG, TCSG or private institution until they reach their capped number of hours.

How many hours can a student enroll?

Term Cap

15 hours per semester or 12 hours per quarter

Current DE Students

18 hours or less- 30 semester hour funding cap applies
19 hours or more- may receive funding for an additional 12 semester hours

First-time DE Students (effective Summer term 2020 & beyond)

Participation and funding is capped at 30 semester or 45 quarter hours

High School Graduation Opportunity / (Option B/SB2)

Students designated as SB2 in Spring 2020 will be allotted the hours needed to complete their pathway

All new Option B/SB2 students will be subject to the 30-hour funding cap.

How does a student apply to participate in Dual Enrollment?

A new online student application was released mid-March 2020 for Summer term 2020 and beyond. It will be accessible on Gafutures and must be completed by student, and parent/guardian, once a year, before attending DE courses.

<https://www.gafutures.org/hope-state-aid-programs/scholarships-grants/dual-enrollment/application-procedure-and-deadline/>

What courses are available?

Approved courses are listed here:

<https://www.gafutures.org/hope-state-aid-programs/scholarships-grants/dual-enrollment/course-directory-2020-2021-beginning-summer-term-2020/>

What options are available after a student reaches the state funded Dual Enrollment funding cap of 30 semester hours?

Students may choose to continue pursuing college credit through a joint or non-state funded dual enrollment arrangement at his or her own expense.

Students who have reached the Dual Enrollment Funding Cap may elect to begin using hours from HOPE Grant and HOPE Career Grant Programs.

Can a student retake or withdraw from a Dual Enrollment course?

Students may not receive funding for the same DE course twice. Courses (passed/ failed/withdrawn) cannot be retaken or receive funding.

Grades of W, WD or WF (withdrawal from a course) given at the college will equate to a "F" on the high school transcript. Students become ineligible to continue to receive funding from the program after their 2nd withdrawal.

Is there consideration for extenuating circumstances with withdrawals or retaking a course?

A student may submit an Extenuating Circumstance Appeal Request with supporting documentation and approval from the high school and postsecondary institution.

Appeals do not extend or add additional hours of funding. The 30 semester hour funding cap still applies.

