

Jourdanton High School Dual Credit Information

What is Dual Credit?

School districts have formal agreements with colleges to provide their students with opportunity to take college classes. These agreements include what college courses students can take and what each specific college course coordinates with for a high school credit. Students must complete steps to qualify and enroll in the college their high school partners with. Once students successfully complete a course they are enrolled in, they receive both college credit and high school credit.

What kind of Dual Credit Courses are there?

Academic Dual Credit refers to a type of course, specifically a core course that can be used to meet high school graduation requirements. These college courses most likely transfer as “college basics” to other institutions in Texas. An example of this is the college courses HIST 1301 & 1302. These two courses, each one semester college courses, when completed successfully, fulfill the high school graduation credit for US History. In this situation the student has completed 6 college credit hours and also received a full credit for high school.

Students taking core college courses should be able to work independently, monitor their own performance, and be motivated to keep up with work as assigned. Students must use the school day class time provided wisely for the courses they are taking. Professors for online courses have high expectations and do not have to make exceptions for late work or even simple mistakes/ misunderstandings. Most of the assigned college work is independent reading and writing and tests taking. Student receive high school credit for these academic dual credit classes and the grades earned figure into the student’s grade point average as an advanced course with extra rank points (10).

Career and Technical Education Dual Credit refers to the type of courses that fulfill endorsement or elective credit for graduation. These courses for Jourdanton High School students are taken through the Alamo Academy Program. Examples of these courses are classes in the Aerospace, Information Technology and Security, or Advanced Technology and Mechanical Engineering programs. Students participate in mostly hands on learning that teaches them specific career skills. Most of these college CTE dual credit courses don’t transfer to other colleges. Students do earn college and high school credits as juniors and seniors for these courses that will help them fulfill the 26 credits needed to graduate.

Like all elective and career courses at Jourdanton High School, the grades earned will not receive additional rank points and are left out of ranking calculations. Currently (for 2023 graduates and going forward) students who successfully complete their junior and senior year in an Alamo Academy Program, are invited back to complete their Associates Degree at any one of the Alamo Colleges **with a scholarship for free tuition called the Alamo Promise**. The courses required to complete the degree will include core course credits that will transfer to other colleges and universities.

Dual Credit Eligibility

Students must apply and qualify for dual credit courses and programs. Standards for qualifying are determined by the college. All steps must be completed by the deadlines given to the high school by the college.

- Take the TSI exam and make college qualifying scores by the deadline
- Complete the ApplyTexas application including the required modules from Alamo Colleges by the deadline
- Complete and return Parent Consent form signed and dated
- If applying to Alamo Academies, turn in required essay with Parent Consent form.

Dual Credit Course Expenses

JISD has an arrangement with Alamo Colleges to pay for the tuition and fees for each student who is enrolled in up to two dual credit courses each semester.

JISD does not pay for the cost of textbooks, materials, or supplies for dual credit classes unless they are included in the cost of tuition and fees.

Dual Credit Expectations

- Students are responsible for staying on top of their grades, all course assignments, exams and tests. They must do this by logging into their account daily and reviewing class information. Assignments must be submitted as directed by the professor.
- JHS faculty and parents are not permitted to intervene for students with college professors. Students must communicate with professors themselves through their Canvas accounts or ways as provided to ask for clarification or if they have questions.
- Students must make a grade of C or better for all dual credit prerequisite courses in order to take the next course. It is not recommended that a student take the next course if they make a C, but the college will allow it.
- Students may drop a college course after they start it if they are having difficulty. This is done by requesting to do drop by talking to the high school counselor or program director before the census date in the semester. Students who do not drop before census dates and drop later may be responsible for the costs related to dropping after the deadline. Dual credit course drops do not count toward the 6-drop limit when students start college after graduation.

Dual Credit Guidelines and Procedures

- Students are required to print out and submit their final grade averages from their Canvas accounts before the school semester ends.
- Students who fail a dual credit course are not eligible to take another dual credit course through JHS.
- Students who drop college classes after the census are not eligible to take college courses without compensating financially for the cost incurred to the school when they dropped late. These students will need to meet with the program director and make a formal request to be permitted to take college classes again.
- Sophomores may take one college class a semester. Juniors may take two college courses each semester. Seniors may take 2 college courses first semester and 3 the second semester, but they have to pay for the third class themselves.