

What is Dual Enrollment?

Dual Enrollment: Michigan Public Act 160 Post-Secondary Enrollment Options ACT

Background

In 1996, the Michigan State Legislature passed Public Act 160, the post-secondary Enrollment Options Act or “Dual Enrollment Bill.” The bill modifies and expands on Provisions of the State School Aid Act providing for the participation of eligible high school students in dual enrollment or post-secondary enrollment options. The bill also requires that the board of a school district or public school ensure that each student in eighth grade or higher be given information about college level equivalent or Advanced Placement courses. **The college classes that students are eligible for must not be offered by the high school and must fall in line with their Xello student account and must support future goals of pathways as determined by student and counselor.**

Purpose of This Act

The purpose of this Act is to provide a wider variety of options to high school pupils by encouraging and enabling qualified pupils to enroll in courses or programs at eligible post-secondary institutions.

Benefits of Dual Enrollment

This opportunity is for students that have demonstrated a strong academic performance in high school and are prepared to do college work. Other benefits include:

- Students have access to courses not currently offered by the high school
- Dual enrollment students may count their earned college credits both toward high school graduation and college requirements
- A head start on a college career by taking classes before students graduate from high school
- Financial savings. The tuition at Macomb Community College (MCC) is substantially less than the cost of most state universities

Things to Consider When Deciding on Dual Enrollment

- Students should have a history of academic success and their measurable skills should be appropriate for college level rigor and expectations.
- Student should be emotionally mature; they are attending classes with students over the age of 18.
- Consider the rigor of the student's high school classes (AP and/or Honors) taken at the same time as college class, as we don't want students to feel overwhelmed with their course load.
- If a student does not successfully pass the dual enrollment course, the student will be charged for all fees and costs that the district incurred for the course. This includes courses that are dropped after the appropriate time limits set by the college for full tuition reimbursement.
- If a student drops a course, they will immediately inform their high school counselor and enroll in additional high school classes. Not doing so could have an impact on graduation.
- Credit for courses cannot be changed after class has started. Choices are: College only, High School only or College & High School credit. Credit goes on your permanent school records. A counselor can answer any question about this if you are unsure.
- Transportation is the responsibility of the parent/guardian and student. For safety and supervision reasons, students must leave the building after their scheduled Dakota classes.
- Athletics, Band and Choir require after school and evening participation which may conflict with the student's MCC class schedule.
- College courses enrolled in must begin AFTER the student's high school schedule ends (travel time must also be accounted for).

Eligible Charges

School districts are required to pay the lesser of:

- The actual charge of tuition, mandatory course fees, materials fees and registration fees or that portion of the student's foundation allowance adjusted to the portion of the school year they attend at the post-secondary institution

Books and Transportation

The approximate cost for books is \$40.00 - \$150.00 per class. After you have enrolled in class, check with the instructor/institution before purchasing books. If money remains after these fees, the district will apply it to the cost of **required** textbooks only. Students will be responsible for paying part or all their textbook costs once the full **foundation allowance** has been applied. The school will charge this difference to the DHS student account, which can be reviewed on Pay Schools Central. You can access Pay Schools Central through the Dakota High School website. See Macomb Community College Bookstore information [here](#).

The act does not require a school district to pay or otherwise provide financial support for transportation or parking costs necessary for participation. **Be aware that transportation will be the responsibility of the student/family to their Macomb Community College (MCC) classes.** Dakota High School will not approve dual enrollment if a student cannot provide proper transportation to and from Macomb classes. Students must leave the building at the end of their scheduled Dakota classes. Dakota High School does not have resources or classroom space to properly supervise students who are not enrolled in a class for a given class period.

How are classes paid for?

The Chippewa Valley Schools district is responsible by law to pay tuition and fees for our students' college credit up to 1/6 of 1/2 of the annual state foundation weighted average. The amount is based off state budgets and changes from school year to school year. For the current 2020-2021 school year, CVS allowance was **\$684.50** per college class. The amounts for the 2021-2022 will be determined when the State Education Budget is finalized in October 2021.

EXAMPLE: a student is allowed up to **\$684.50** for one dual enrollment course. Any additional fees over the **\$684.50** estimate will be the responsibility of the student. The first set of fees covered by the district include course fee, in district tuition, registration fee, student service fee, and the technology/facilities fee.

For example, if the district's fund allowance is \$684 and a student enrolls at Macomb Community College in Arab-1260, Introduction to Arabic Language and Culture. The course fee is \$126, the in-district tuition is \$366, the registration fee is \$40, the student service fee is \$10, and the facilities fee is \$20. The district will pay for all \$562 of the course fees. The student then has \$122 to apply to required textbooks. For this class, there are two books required that are \$130 combined. After applying the \$122 from the district, the student would be responsible for \$8 and his/her DHS student account would reflect the charges of \$8.

Any amount per class, including books, over the calculated amount above is the responsibility of the students/parents/guardians.

If, when the state budget is finalized, and the district is provided an updated state weighted average foundation allowance (for the calculation noted above), it is determined that a student/parent/guardian has overpaid, a refund can be issued from CVS.

Preparing to Enroll in Dual Enrollment

Step 1: Make sure you have qualifying test scores. Print a copy for your counselor. Minimum qualifying scores accepted by Macomb Community College for 2020-2021 are:

Assessment	Test Section	Content Area	Minimum Qualifying Score
ACT	Mathematics	Mathematics	22
ACT	Reading	Reading	22
ACT	Science	Science	23
ACT	English	English	18
MME*	ELA	ELA	2100
MME*	Mathematics	Mathematics	2100
MME*	Science	Science	2100
MME*	Social Studies	Social Studies	2100
PSAT 8/9	Critical Reading	Evidence-Based Reading and Writing	460
PSAT 8/9	Mathematics	Mathematics	510
PSAT 10	Critical Reading	Evidence-Based Reading and Writing	460
PSAT 10	Mathematics	Mathematics	510
PSAT/NMSQT 11	Critical Reading	Evidence-Based Reading and Writing	460
PSAT/NMSQT 11	Mathematics	Mathematics	510
SAT	Critical Reading	Evidence-Based Reading and Writing	480
SAT	Mathematics	Mathematics	530
AP**	Various subject areas	May qualify for credit and allow for higher level classes	Check with IHE
CLEP**	Various subject areas	May qualify for credit and allow for higher level classes	Check with IHE
IB**	Various subject areas	May qualify for credit and allow for higher level classes	Check with IHE
ACCUPLACER**	Various subject areas	May qualify for credit and allow for higher level classes	Check with IHE

*MME scores are based on the most recent Spring exams

**PSAT and SAT Scores are from the new redesigned administrations starting in 2015-2016

***There are no state approved scores for Accuplacer. Accuplacer qualifying scores are typically specific to an Institution of Higher Education (IHE). In cases where Accuplacer scores will be used, it is best to contact the IHE to see what scores they accept. *Note: Some college classes may require higher test scores than the minimums listed above.*

Step 2: Update your Xello student account. If you are enrolling in a course that is part of a sequence of courses we offer (ie. Foreign Language, etc.), you must have maxed out of the highest level at Dakota to enroll in the class. The class you are interested in cannot be offered in the CVS Course Catalog.

Step 3: Meet with your counselor. Request an appointment with your counselor either through email or Teams or Schoology. With your counselor you will:

- Bring a printed copy of your Xello account with your test scores to review to ensure eligibility. If you do not have a qualifying score, you are not eligible. (see chart above)
- Receive the Macomb Community College Authorization form from your counselor to take home to your parent to be completed and returned by the due date.
- List **ALL** courses you may be interested in enrolling on the Authorization form. **Courses not listed on your Authorization form will not be approved.**
- Discuss course options that are right for you and fit your school schedule and other commitments. IE: athletics, band, choir commitments. Macomb class requirements will take precedence over after school activities, so involvement may not be possible.
- Ensure your course of interest does not have prerequisite requirements and is a 3 or 4 credit course (this info is available through course options and prerequisite course information at the [MCC website](#)).

Step 4: Return completed Dual Enrollment Request Form to your counselor by the specified deadlines. Deadlines are set to ensure the Counseling office has the time necessary to ensure all of your registration materials are transferred to MCC by their deadline.

- [Dual Enrollment Request Form](#) – due by April 1st, 2021

Step 5: Complete enrollment with Macomb Community College. Complete the Early Admission checklist to become a Macomb student and set up your online account and schedule your [orientation](#). See the checklist for Macomb Registrations [here](#). All questions regarding this should be directed to MCC [Early Admission](#) (586) 445-7999.

General Information

Dual Enrollment is an accelerated educational program that gives high school students an opportunity to work on both high school and college credit simultaneously. Students may benefit from this opportunity to earn college credit on a college campus while still in high school (paid for through the school district). All Dual Enrollment courses are traditional college classes, with college students and college instructors and are facilitated as so. As classes fill, registration may no longer be possible. All classes, unless otherwise noted, are designed to meet the Michigan Transfer Agreement, when applicable. **Please note, parents and counselors do not have access to student grades or progress reports.**

Online courses are those which 100% of the required content is delivered online. Students may be required to take examinations in an approved environment where appropriate test security and supervision is available. Online classes allow you to attend class from your home or anywhere you have access to computer and high-speed internet service.

Any change in the course selection must be approved by Dakota; the class must be listed on the Payment and School Authorization form and must follow the student's 4-year plan. Student must adhere to the college's Drop and Withdrawal dates/procedures, as well as notify the high school counselor of any changes to the college schedule. Classes taken for college credit will be recorded on a permanent college transcript. Withdrawing from or failing a college class has consequences and may cause a student to be ineligible for Federal Financial Aid after high school graduation.