

# BEARDEN HIGH SCHOOL DUAL ENROLLMENT 2019-2020

## Frequently Asked Questions

### What is Dual Enrollment?

- Dual Enrollment (DE) takes place when a high school student is enrolled in high school and college simultaneously. In other words, the student is approved for getting high school and college credit for the same class.
- Only **rising juniors** and rising **seniors** can apply to take DE courses. Dual Enrollment provides a means for high school students to accelerate their college education and get a feel for what learning will be like in college.
- With the help of the Dual Enrollment Grant, this process can save students time and money.
- DE courses are usually 2 days a week.
- **DE courses are now taken on the college campus or online (they are no longer taught on Bearden's campus – all are off BHS campus).**
- **DE courses must be scheduled during first or last block and must be pre-approved by your school counselor.**
- When the student is not attending a DE class, the student is permitted to come in late or leave early.

### What are the Dual Enrollment Qualifications?

- 1) Only rising juniors and seniors can take Dual Enrollment courses.
- 2) To qualify for students must meet one of the categories below:
  - 3.0 Unweighted GPA AND ACT subscores of 19 in Reading & 18 in English
  - 3.0 Unweighted GPA AND PSAT Evidenced-based Reading & Writing score of 500 (*only* if the ACT is not taken before DE course)

### What is the Dual Enrollment Grant?

- The TN Dual Enrollment Grant is a grant program for the students that pays for qualifying students to take DE classes.
- For rising **juniors and seniors**, the grant will pay the below amounts toward tuition...
  - 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> class – up to \$500 per class
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> class - \$200
  - 4<sup>th</sup> class - \$0
- To remain eligible for the grant, students **must maintain at least a 2.75 college GPA (a "B" average).**
- For more information about the DE grant : <https://www.tn.gov/collegepays/money-for-college/tn-education-lottery-programs/dual-enrollment-grant.html>

### What DE courses are normally taken by BHS students?

**DE English I** – Can count for English 4 for HS & College English 1010.

**DE English II** – Can count for English 1020. *English 1010 is a prerequisite.*

**DE Psychology** – Can count for a HS humanities elective credit and College Psychology.

**DE Math** – Can count as quantitative elective at UTK & transfers to all Board of Regents schools.

\*\* If interested in other DE courses (Social Studies, Foreign Language, Science, Cybersecurity, Coding and others), indicate that choice during registration.

**All DE courses are taken off the BHS campus or online must be pre-approved by your school counselor.**

**Please consult the Pellissippi or Tusculum websites (see next page) for a comprehensive list of Dual Enrollment Courses and their equivalencies to a college / university.**

### What are the Pros / Cons of taking DE courses (now that they are off Bearden's campus)?

- **Pros:** Since DE courses are now ALL off the BHS campus, we are able to offer more...
  - Opportunities - students can now take DE courses at Pellissippi State Community College (in class or online) and Tusculum University (all online)
  - Course Options – students have more courses to choose from since they are able to take the courses at the college campus
  - Experiences – students now will have the full experience of taking a college course. They will be in the classroom on a college campus, and registering themselves (with our assistance / guidance) for their courses.
  - Similarities – students at other Knox County High Schools take their DE courses on a college campus (L&N, Karns, HVA, & West) or online with other college students
- **Con:** The student must provide their own transportation to their DE course – all other pieces of taking DE courses remains the same as in the past.

## **What is the process for signing up for DE courses (now that they are off Bearden's campus)?**

- During BHS Course Registration:
  - Choose the DE course(s) that you plan to take when registering for your 2019-2020 courses on ASPEN – indicate which semester you would like to try to have the DE course (in the “Notes to Counselor” box) & your DE application.
  - Complete a BHS DE Application and return to your counselor by March 8<sup>th</sup>
  - Plan to attend a “DE Day” Meeting (specific dates TBA) when those dates are announced
  - Research / plan which institution that you would like to attend (PSCC / Tusculum)
  
- March
  - ALL prospective DE students MUST attend a “DE Day” Meeting – this is where you will complete all items needed to take your DE course with a representative of the college, in which you plan to enroll. At these meetings, you will complete the following:
    - College (PSCC or Tusculum) application
    - Dual Enrollment Grant Application
    - Immunization Forms (for respective school)
  
- April / May
  - For Fall enrollment: Complete your course registration (through the college's registration portal – not ASPEN) & give a copy of your college course schedule to your counselor before leaving this meeting.
  
- November:
  - If not taking DE in the Fall semester: Complete your course registration (through the college's registration portal – not ASPEN) & give a copy of your college course schedule to your counselor before leaving “DE Day”.

### **NOTES...**

- Indicating you are taking a dual enrollment class through online registration for your BHS classes does not equal enrollment in a dual enrollment class. It is simply indicating that you plan to take a dual enrollment course.
- Ultimately, it is the student's responsibility to register for your class at the college and confirm attendance. There are many steps required before registration with the college can happen, which we will help you with during the required “DE Day”.
- It is recommended that you plan to take a dual enrollment class that occurs during first block or fourth block, or in the evening. We will work with you once you register for your dual enrollment class to create a schedule.
- On the first day of the semester, attend a dual enrollment meeting at BHS during the block in which you have the DE class, to receive additional instructions and reminders.

## **Other Important DE Information:**

- DE courses are not listed as Honors or Advanced Placement courses on the high school transcript; however, they will receive 1.0 weight in the weighted GPA.
- All eligibility requirements and pre-approvals for dual enrollment MUST be met or students will be dropped from taking the dual enrollment course.
- Students are responsible for checking with colleges and universities to see how DE courses transfer.
- Bearden does not have access to a student's DE grades throughout the semester. The student is considered a college student and therefore, their educational information is confidential and can't be shared with parents unless the student signs the post-secondary institution's form permitting this information be released.

For more information about Dual Enrollment at Pellissippi, please visit the Pellissippi State website at <http://www.pstcc.edu/dual>

For more information about Dual Enrollment at Tusculum, please visit the Tusculum website at <https://web.tusculum.edu/tepos/>

**All other questions – contact you / your student's school counselor at Bearden.**