

Hamilton Independent School District

"Learn Today, Lead Tomorrow"

July 2018

Dear Parents and Students,

Hamilton High School will be offering Dual Credit courses through Central Texas College for 2018-2019. Based on an attendance scholarship Hamilton ISD will pay a certain percent of the tuition and fees of all Dual Credit courses. If a student enrolls in a Dual Credit course and drops or earns below a 70 (C) in the course, the student and/or parent will be responsible for reimbursing Hamilton ISD the cost of the tuition and fees. Reimbursement must be made to Hamilton ISD prior to enrollment in any future dual credit courses. Below are the steps to follow for enrolling in Dual Credit courses:

Step 1: Complete the online application at www.applytexas.org.

Step 2: Complete the Dual Credit application included in the Central Texas College Dual Credit Application Packet.

Step 3: Take the TSI Assessment by August 23, 2018 if necessary. The April, May, and August 2019 administrations are for the 2019-2020 school year. Cost of the exam at Hamilton High School will be \$30 for all exams. Students choosing to take the TSI at Hamilton High School may take the exam a maximum of 2 times.

TSI will be administered at Hamilton High School on the following dates beginning at 8:30 am. The Pre-Assessment Activity will be presented at 8:30 am, followed by the TSI Assessment. The assessment could last up to 5 hours. This assessment is for Hamilton High School Dual Credit students. If you wish to take this assessment for freshman college entrance, please check with your college to confirm that they will accept a TSI score administered at Hamilton High School.

- Thursday, August 23, 2018 for **2018-2019** Dual Credit Enrollment
- Thursday, April 25, 2019 for **2019-2020** Dual Credit Enrollment
- Thursday, May 23, 2019 for **2019-2020** Dual Credit Enrollment
- Thursday, May 30, 2019 for **2019-2020** Dual Credit Enrollment
- Thursday, August 22, 2019 for **2019-2020** Dual Credit Enrollment

Hamilton High School is excited to offer Dual Credit courses. If you have questions, please do not hesitate to contact Jeff Rankin at 254-386-8009 or me (254)386-8010.

Sincerely,

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Application Procedures
Dual Credit 2018-2019

1. Have qualifying scores on either the SAT, ACT, or TSI by August 23, 2018
2. Register online at www.applytexas.org.
3. Complete all required forms included in the Central Texas College Dual Credit Application Packet.
4. Turn in the following to Hamilton High School counseling office by 8/23/2018 or 6/20/2019:
 - a. Qualifying TSI Assessment scores or ACT/SAT score report
 - b. Online confirmation page from registration
 - c. Required forms from the Central Texas College Dual Credit Application Packet

Dual Credit Eligibility

To take English Dual Credit you must meet one of the following criteria:

- SAT score 480 on Reading
- ACT score of 23 with 19 on English
- TSI score of 5 or higher on Writing Essay OR a Writing Essay score of 4 AND a score of 363 on Writing Multiple Choice AND a score of 351 on Reading

To take History, Government, Economics, Psychology, Sociology, and Foreign Language Dual Credit you must meet one of the following criteria:

- SAT score 500 on Verbal/Writing
- ACT score of 23 with 19 on English
- TSI score of 351 on Reading

To take Math Dual Credit you must meet one of the following criteria and have HHS school approval:

- SAT 530 on Math
- ACT score of 23 with 19 on Math
- TSI score of 344 on Mathematics

TSI Examination

The TSI Assessment is part of the Texas Success Initiative program designed to help your college or university determine if you are ready for college-level course work in the general areas of reading, writing, and mathematics. A Pre-Assessment Activity must be completed prior to taking the TSI Assessment. This activity includes the following:

- An explanation of the importance of the TSI Assessment and how the assessment works;
- Practice test questions and feedback;
- An explanation of all your developmental education options, if you don't meet the minimum passing standard; and
- Information on campus and community resources that will help you succeed as a college student.

TSI Assessment Informational Websites:

<https://accuplacer.collegeboard.org/sites/default/files/accuplacer-tsi-assessment-student-brochure2.pdf>

https://secure-media.collegeboard.org/digitalServices/pdf/accuplacer/TSI_Test-Content.pdf

<https://accuplacer.collegeboard.org/students/prepare-for-accuplacer>

How much does Dual Credit cost? Tuition and fees are set forth by Central Texas College and Ranger College. The cost of a 3 hour class is \$339 and a 4 hour class (Spanish 3 & 4 and college algebra) is \$452. All tuition, books and fees are the responsibility of the student.

However, Hamilton ISD has established a scholarship system based upon the student's attendance rate the previous semester. If a student drops a Dual Credit course or earns below a 70 (C) in a Dual Credit course, the student and/or parent will be responsible for reimbursing Hamilton ISD the cost of the scholarship received for the course. Reimbursement must be made to Hamilton ISD prior to enrollment in any future dual credit courses. Textbooks may cost as much as \$400 per course and must be purchased and received by the end of the first week of the course.

Scholarship Rates

<u>Attendance Rate</u>	<u>Absences Spring '18</u>	<u>Percentage HISD Pays</u>	<u>Textbooks</u>
99%	<2	100%	Furnished
96%	<5	75%	Furnished
94%	<6	50%	Furnished to F/R
92%	<7	25%	Furnished to F/R
<92%	>7	0%	Student Responsibility

**** Student with catastrophic event or illness may appeal to 3 person panel comprised of HS Principal, HS Counselor, and Superintendent.**

Frequently Asked Questions

What is Dual Credit? Dual Credit allows a high school student to earn college credit and high school credit concurrently.

Will the credits transfer?

Most of the credits earned will transfer to other colleges or universities. It is the students' responsibility to make sure that the Dual Credits earned will transfer to another college or university.

What Dual Credit classes are offered at Hamilton High School? See the CTC Course Catalog at <http://www.ctcd.edu/academics/catalog/>.

What is a Dual Credit passing grade? Credit will be awarded for HHS High School credit for a "C" average or better for the semester. If a Dual Credit course is taken to satisfy the Distinguished Academic Plan requirements, the student must earn a "B" average or better for each course taken.

What happens if I earn a C or lower in a course?

The course will not fulfill the requirement for an advanced measure of the Distinguished Academic Graduation Plan.

What happens if I fail a course?

If a student fails a Dual Credit course he/she will not be allowed to enroll in another Dual Credit Course until the student has reimbursed the district for the cost of the course that was failed. If a student fails more than 1 Dual Credit course he/she will not be allowed to enroll in anymore Dual Credit courses.

Why does Hamilton High School care if I fail a course? Hamilton ISD, along with Friends of Hamilton ISD, has made a strong financial commitment to pay for part if not all dual credit tuition and fees for Hamilton High School students who qualify. It is the expectation of Hamilton High School for students to be college ready. It is not beneficial for students to earn low grades since this affects both high school GPA and class rank as well as college GPA. A low GPA could negatively affect both college acceptance as well as scholarship opportunities.

What happens if I drop a Dual Credit Course?

If a student drops a course after the set "Drop Date" the student will be responsible for reimbursing all fees associated with the class until further enrollment in Dual Credit Classes will be allowed.

Who can take Dual Credit courses?

Sophomores who have met TSI requirements can enroll in 1 Dual Credit class. Juniors and Seniors who have met the TSI college readiness requirements by earning a college readiness score on the TSI Assessment OR meeting one of the TSI exemptions may register for Dual Credit courses.

What is the deadline for turning in required paperwork to take Dual Credit courses?

All required paperwork and TSI exams must be completed and turned in to Hamilton High School counseling office by 4:00 pm on Thursday, August 23, 2018.

How will my college class affect my high school schedule and GPA?

Dual Credit courses will receive a weight of 5 and be figured into the student's GPA at the end of the semester per HISD Local Board policy. If a student drops a Dual Credit course with a failing grade or fails a course in the spring semester, the student will be required to complete the high school semester credit by credit recovery. A student who drops or fails a Dual Credit course will not be allowed to enroll in any other Dual Credit courses in that subject area until fees are reimbursed to HISD.

<u>Dual Credit Grade</u>	<u>Grade Entered in Grade Portal</u>
A	99
B	89
C	79
D	69
F	59

How is a Dual Credit course different from a regular high school course? Most Dual Credit courses are taught online by a Central Texas College instructor. Students must be self-motivated and be able to meet deadlines in order to be successful in a Dual Credit course. Dual credit courses are taught at the pace and rigor of regular college courses. Students will not receive Six Week grades. Students will be able to monitor Dual Credit grades through their Central Texas College online account. Grades will not be posted in TxEIS Parent Portal. Dual Credit students will be expected to conduct themselves as a college student. Students will be responsible for communicating any concerns or questions with Central Texas College instructor via email, Blackboard Account, phone, or making arrangements to meet with instructor on Central Texas College campus. Hamilton High School staff is not able to change due dates for assignments or dates set for testing. If there is a conflict or problem, it is the student's responsibility to contact the Central Texas College instructor prior to the due date to see if other arrangements can be made.

Who should I contact if I have questions?

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