



M.B. LAMAR HIGH SCHOOL

Arlington Independent School District

Dear Parent,

It is that time of year when we start thinking about courses for the upcoming school year. Perhaps your child would be interested in our dual credit program. Lamar High School, in conjunction with Tarrant County College (TCC), offers dual credit courses during the summer and regular school day. In these courses, students may earn college and high school credit at the same time.

Beginning with students in the graduating class of 2025, dual credit courses shall be categorized and weighted as Honors courses. Students in the graduating classes of 2023 and 2024 do not receive any GPA points for dual credit courses.

Listed below are the **academic** dual credit classes offered at Lamar High School:

Economics
English IV

Psychology
Sociology

US Government
US History

In addition, students may take **workforce** dual credit classes at the AISD Career and Technical Center or at TCC. Programs include: Accounting Assistant I, Automotive Engine Analysis Technician, Business I, Cisco Support, Computer-Aided Drafting & Design – Building Technology, Architectural CAD Operator, Graphic Communication with Photographic Retouching Emphasis, Computer Maintenance, Culinary Arts I, Game & Simulation Programming I, HVAC Technology I, and Welding. Please see a counselor for more information if you are interested in these.

If your child is interested in taking academic dual credit courses this summer or for the next school year, below are the necessary steps to enroll:

- 1) Complete the TCC application.
- 2) Set up your WebAdvisor account after you receive your TCC ID number.
 - a. Students will get an email from TCC with their TCC ID number a few days after they complete their application.
- 3) View the Pre-Assessment Activity (PAA), which will help students prepare for the TSI assessment.
- 4) Take the TSI Assessment.
 - a. This test measures student's reading and math skills in order to make sure the student can successfully complete college-level work. In order to take the TSI, students must complete the PAA prior to testing.
 - b. Students could also be exempt from the TSI based on PSAT, SAT, or ACT scores.
- 5) Once students pass the TSI Assessment they will be cleared to register for college courses using TCC's MyTCCTrack/Student Planning system.
 - a. Students taking summer courses will pay tuition fees to LHS, not TCC.
 - b. There is no charge for students taking courses during the school year.
- 6) After completing registration, students taking Dual Credit courses for the first time must complete an online orientation required by TCC. If this step is not completed, students will be dropped from registered courses.

Information sessions will be announced in the Fall for the summer and upcoming school year.

Sincerely,

The Lamar Counseling Staff

DUAL CREDIT – FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Who is a good candidate for Dual Credit?

If you are self-directed, can advocate for yourself, and well-organized, dual credit is for you!

How many Dual Credit courses can be taken each semester?

It is recommended that no more than 2 courses are taken each semester. There is significant studying that must be completed outside of class. You must remember that you will also have other courses and perhaps extracurricular activities that will occupy your time.

How does Dual Credit compare to AP?

Both are rigorous courses of study. If you make a 70 or higher in a Dual Credit course you will earn high school and college credit. (Grades of 60-69 will earn you college credit *only*.) The dual credits are accepted at all public colleges in Texas. Many neighboring state colleges also accept these credits. It is the responsibility of the student to verify which colleges accept these credits.

If a student scores a 3 or higher on an AP exam, they will be awarded college credit at public colleges in Texas.

In an AP course you will receive a semester grade, which is based on each six weeks grade and the final exam. In a dual credit course you will have a 6 weeks grade reported, but your semester grade will be cumulative, *not* an average of the six weeks grades.

What about grade points (GPA)?

AP courses receive weighted grade points. Students in the graduating class of 2023 and 2024 do not earn grade points for TCC Dual Credit courses. Students in the graduating class of 2025 will receive weighted grade points for TCC Dual Credit courses.

What do I do if I have a problem in a Dual Credit course?

You are a college student and must first reach out to your college instructor. If there is still an issue you can contact April Lee, the TCC Dual Credit coordinator and she will forward it on to the TCC administration. TCC will talk with you about the issue but will not talk with your parent unless you have signed a FERPA release that allows them to talk with you and your parent.

Your high school counselor does not have any authority to change policies or decisions made by TCC.

What should I do if I'm ready to start the process to take Dual Credit courses?

Talk to your counselor or click [here](#) to access instructions for each step listed on the previous page.