

# KHS Dual Credit General Information

## **What is dual credit?**

Dual credit classes are classes that award both high school and college credit. *For example:* Taking English 101 with Mrs. Ingalls awards both a high school humanities credit *and* college English credits.

## **How can my student take dual credit classes?**

Kendrick High School currently offers the following courses for dual credit: English 101, English 175 and Intro to Chemistry. Idaho Digital Learning Academy (IDLA) offers a wide variety of online dual credit classes as well, as do Idaho institutions such as Lewis Clark State College and North Idaho College.

## **Why take dual credit?**

College is expensive. For example, at Boise State University, each credit costs **\$366**. That means that English 101, a 3-credit course, would cost over a thousand dollars.

However, if your student decides to take that same English 101 class while still in high school, it is **free**.

By taking advantage of dual credit opportunities, it is possible for your student to have a head start on college. We regularly have students graduating from KHS with a semester or more of college completed. This cuts down on tuition costs, and also on living/food expenses.

## **Who pays for dual credit?**

Advanced Opportunities is an Idaho program that sets aside **\$4,125** for 7<sup>th</sup>–12<sup>th</sup> grade students to use in pursuit of advanced courses (dual credit, workforce training, advanced placement courses). Here is the link to the state department website, which discusses the specifics of the program <https://www.sde.idaho.gov/student-engagement/advanced-ops/>.

## **Which dual credit courses should my student take?**

Mr. Eggers will help your student select appropriate dual credit classes. These will typically be *core classes* – classes that are required regardless of major. Some examples are English 101, Fundamentals of Oral Communication (Speech), Psychology 101, etc. By completing many of these general education classes while still in high school, it allows your student to focus on their chosen major when they reach college.

## **Are there any downsides?**

Because dual credit classes are college courses, it is very important that your student is prepared for rigor that comes with them. They are more difficult than high school courses. Furthermore, failing or withdrawing from a dual credit class means that this grade will go on their permanent college transcript.

Also, failing to receive credit in a course means that they will lose access to their Advanced Opportunities funds. They can only regain access to their Advanced Opportunities funds after passing – and paying for – an additional dual credit class.

\*While Idaho schools accept dual credit classes, there are no guarantees if going out-of-state. The out-of-state institution will award credit as they see fit. Reach out directly to that school for clarification.