

# Crafting Your Future Path

A Student & Parent Guide to Dual Enrollment  
at Houston County High School



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# The Opportunity: Get a Head Start on Your Future

Dual Enrollment is a state-funded program that allows eligible high school students to take college-level courses and earn credit toward both a high school diploma and a college degree.



## Earn College Credit

Graduate high school with transferable college credits already completed.



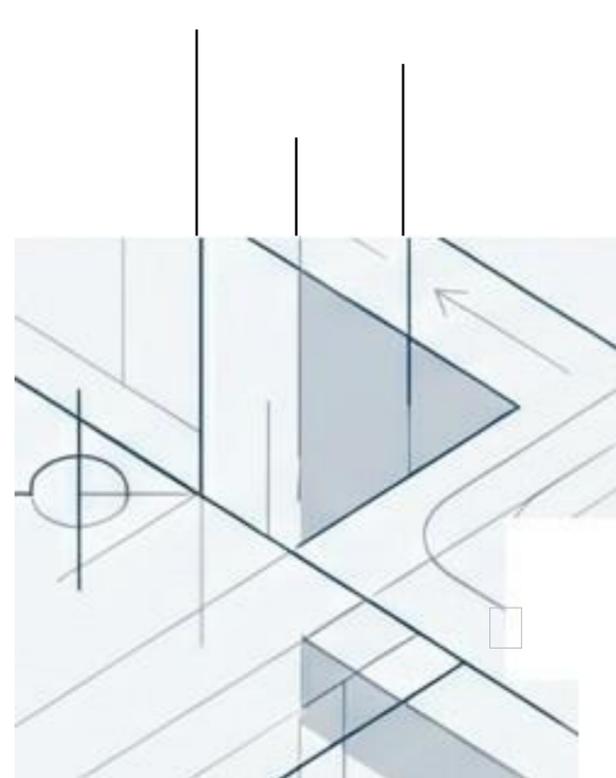
## Experience College Academics

Adapt to the rigor and pace of university-level coursework in a supportive environment.



## Explore Career Paths

Test out potential majors or career fields before committing.



# What Are My Options?

## Three Paths to College Credit

1

### **HCCA (Career Academy)**

For students seeking hands-on, career-focused training and technical college credit.

2

### **On-Campus Dual Enrollment**

For students wanting the convenience of college courses taught right here at HCHS.

3

### **Off-Campus Dual Enrollment**

For students ready for the independence and immersion of a true college campus experience.



# Path 1: The Career Academy (HCCA)

Hands-on learning at Central Georgia Technical College's off-campus center.

The Houston County Career Academy is an extension of our high school programs, designed to provide students with specialized training in various career pathways.



## Key Action Items

- **Learn More:** Students will learn about the various career pathways during Advisement on **January 28**.
- **See for Yourself:** HCCA Open House is Thursday, **January 29, at 6:00 p.m.**



# Path 2: On-Campus Dual Enrollment

The college experience, within the familiar setting of HCHS.

Eligible Juniors and Seniors can enroll in college-level courses taught by qualified instructors on the Houston County High School campus. Students do not leave campus for these classes.

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## Available Courses

- m** DE US History I & II
- mt** DE English 1101 & 1102
- ll** DE Economics
- llll** DE College Algebra
- lll** DE Sociology and/or DE Psychology

**Partner Institutions:** Central Georgia Technical College, Middle Georgia State University



## Path 3: Off-Campus Dual Enrollment

True college immersion and independence.

- **Location:** Taught on college campuses or online, following the college's schedule.
- **Commitment:** Requires a yearlong commitment, with a minimum of two college classes (one per semester).
- **Student Responsibility:** Students are fully responsible for their own admissions process, transportation, and all communication with college faculty and staff.
- **Important Note:** Withdrawing from a college course could result in a 'Z code' on the student's high school transcript.

# Choosing Your Path: A Side-by-Side Comparison

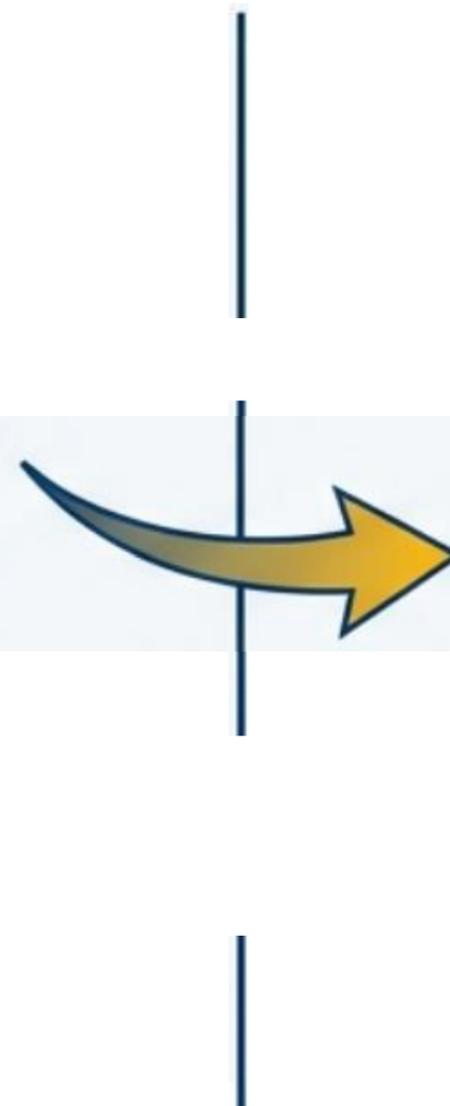
<b>Criteria</b>	<b>HCCA (Career Academy)</b>	<b>On-Campus</b>	<b>Off-Campus</b>
<b>Location</b>	CGTCCampus	HCHS Campus	College Campus/Online
<b>Best For</b>	Career exploration	Convenience & core credits	Independence & variety
<b>Transportation</b>	Required	Not Required	Required
<b>Student Autonomy</b>	Moderate	Low	High
<b>Schedule</b>	Structured block	Integrated into HCHS day	Follows college calendar

# How Off-Campus DE Impacts Your High School Day

For every one college class a student takes, they will be released for **two periods** of the high school schedule.

Standard HCHS Schedule

Period 1: Math
Period 2: English
Period 3: Science
Period 4: History
Period 5: Elective
Period 6: Elective
Period 7: Physical Education



DE Schedule Example

Period 1: Math
Period 2: English
<b>Off-Campus: College Course (e.g., ENGL 1101)</b>
Period 5: Elective
Period 6: Elective
Period 7: Physical Education

# The First Step: Meeting Eligibility Requirements

Students must be enrolled and physically attending an eligible public/private high school or home study program in Georgia.

## 11th & 12th Graders

Eligible to take any approved Dual Enrollment courses.

## 10th Graders

Eligible to enroll in any approved courses if they earn a minimum SAT score of **1200** or a minimum ACT composite score of **26** in a single national test administration.

## 9th Graders



Not eligible to participate in the Dual Enrollment funding program.

# Your Future Campus: Our College & University Partners

Houston County High School is proud to partner with these respected institutions to offer Dual Enrollment opportunities to our students.



# What is Dual Enrollment?

- State-funded program that allows high schoolers to take college-level classes while still in high school
- Students are enrolled in college classes and are considered "regular" college students
  - Allows high schoolers to begin earning college credit

## who is eligible for de?

- Juniors or Seniors with a 2.5 or higher GPA
    - Further eligibility requirements for English or Math courses
  - Sophomores who have a qualifying SAT or ACT score
    - Must be enrolled in a public, private, or homeschool high school program
- Georgia Residents

## How many classes can you take?

- 45 quarter hour cap
  - 12 hours per term
- Decision made by the student and counselor recommendation
- Funding caps are set and maintained by the Georgia Student Finance Commission

# Is Dual Enrollment Right for You?

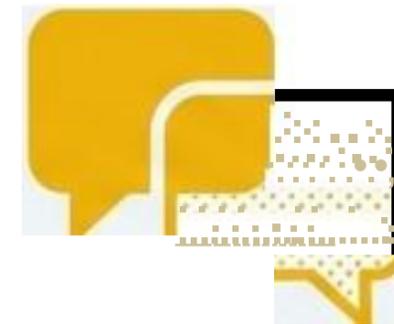
## The Profile of a Successful DE Student

Success in Dual Enrollment requires more than just good grades. It demands a new level of maturity and personal ownership. Successful students are typically:



### Responsible & Mature

Manages time effectively and understands the impact of their actions.



### Proactive Communicators

Comfortable speaking with professors and college staff to ask for help or clarification.



### Independent & Self-Motivated

Takes initiative on multi-step tasks like admissions and registration without constant reminders.



### Organized Planners

Has reliable transportation and a clear idea of how DE fits into their graduation pathway.

# Embracing Independence: Your Responsibilities as a College Student

While we are here to advise and support you, Dual Enrollment students must take ownership of their college journey. This includes:

- Navigating the college admissions and registration process, including troubleshooting any holds.
- Checking if your DE courses will transfer to your intended colleges and degree programs.
- Managing all communication with the college regarding absences, grades, textbooks, etc.
- Arranging your own transportation and managing your time around the college schedule.

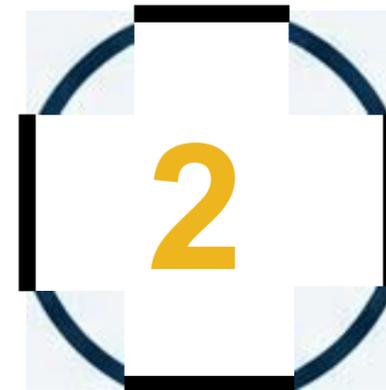
## You are a college student.

# Ready to Begin? Your Enrollment Roadmap



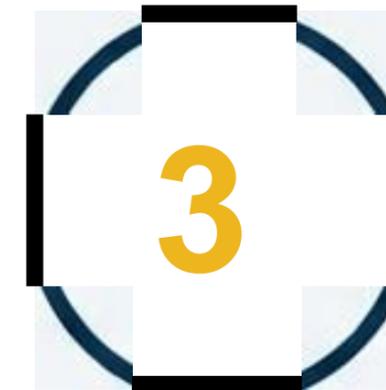
## Submit Your DE Checklist

Complete the Dual Enrollment Checklist and submit it to your school counselor to begin the process.



## Apply & Register at the College

Follow the college's application and registration procedures. This is your responsibility.



## Submit Your College Schedule

Once you have registered for your college classes, submit a copy of your official registration form to the Counselors' Office.

# Mark Your Calendar

## HCCA Career Academy Dates



**Advisement Session.**  
Learn about specific HCCA career pathways during school.



**HCCA Open House | 6:00 p.m.**  
Visit the campus, meet instructors, and explore the programs.

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## General Deadline Reminder



Be mindful of all college application and registration deadlines. They are often much earlier than you think!

# Information Sessions

- Please take this opportunity to visit the 200 and 300 hallways as well as the Media Center, Mall Area, and Main Cafeteria to meet the teachers and college reps to learn more about AP courses and Dual Enrollment.
- Room numbers/locations are on the handout that can be picked up from the tables in the lobby and on this slide.

**We will conclude  
Academic Night at  
7:30 pm!**

Room Number	Course(s)	Teacher(s)	Grade Level(s)
201	AP Computer Science Principles & AP Computer Science A	Jenny Jackson	10-12
202	AP Biology	Lyndsay Cumpton	11-12
203	AP Language	Donna Purvis & Elizabeth Wright	11
206	AP Literature	Melanie Davis	12
210	AP US History	Lauren Nguyen & Chad Ekey	11
214	AP Statistics AP Calculus AB	Daryl Leslie	10-12
216	AP Calculus AB	Emily Willis	12
217	AP Psychology	Don Jenrette	10-12
219	AP PreCalculus	Tammy Strickland	11-12
301	AP Environmental	Randi Collier	10-12
302	AP Physics I	Alex Dady	12
303	AP Chemistry	Stacy McLean	11-12
304	AP Spanish	Amy Gallagher	12
305	AP World History	Jennifer McDaniel	10
306	AP French	Jennifer Bowers	12
Media Center	Dual Enrollment- CGTC		11-12
Mall Area	Dual Enrollment- GMC		11-12
Main Cafeteria	Dual Enrollment-MGSU		11-12