

POLICY

Parental Notification

Each school year, Heritage Academy shall notify the parent of each student enrolled in grade nine or above of the availability of programs under which a student may earn college credit, including advanced placement programs, dual credit programs, joint high school and college credit programs, and international baccalaureate programs.

The notice may be provided on Heritage Academy Internet Web site, and must include the name and contact information of any public or private entity offering a program in Heritage Academy. Education Code 28.010.

College Credit Program

Heritage Academy has implemented a program under which students may earn the equivalent of at least 12 semester credit hours of college credit in high school. The college credit may be earned through:

1. International baccalaureate, advanced placement, or dual credit courses;
2. Articulated postsecondary courses provided for local credit or articulated postsecondary advanced technical credit courses provided for state credit; or
3. Any combination of the courses in items 1 and 2.

The program may provide a student the opportunity to earn credit for a course or activity, including apprenticeship or training hours:

1. That satisfies a requirement necessary to obtain an industry-recognized credential or certificate or an associate degree, and is approved by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board; and
2. For which a student may earn credit concurrently toward both the student's high school diploma and postsecondary academic requirements.

Heritage Academy is not required to pay a student's tuition or other associated costs for taking a course under this policy. Education Code 28.009.

College-Level Courses

A student may earn credit toward high school graduation for completing a college-level course. The course must be provided by an institution of higher education that is accredited by any of the following regional accrediting associations:

1. Southern Association of Colleges and Schools
2. Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools
3. New England Association of Colleges and Schools
4. North Central Association of Colleges and Schools
5. Western Association of Colleges and Schools

6. Northwest Association of Colleges and Schools

19 TAC 74.25(a).

Annual Reports

Heritage Academy shall annually report to the TEA (1) the number of Heritage Academy students, including career and technical students, who have participated in the program; and (2) the cumulative number of courses in which participating students have enrolled and college credit hours the students have earned. Education Code 28.009(c).

Dual Credit Programs

Definitions

For purposes of the following provisions, “college” means a public two-year associate degree-granting institution or a public university.

“Dual credit” means the process by which a high school student enrolls in a college course and receive simultaneous academic credit for the course from both the college and high school. Such classes must exceed the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills of high school courses listed in 19 TAC 74.25. 19 TAC 4.83(2), (4)

Partnership Agreements with Public Colleges

Heritage Academy may enter into an agreement with a public college to form a dual credit partnership in accordance with 19 TAC Chapter 4, Subchapter D. Education Code 130.008; 19 TAC Ch. 4, Subch. D

Community Colleges

Heritage Academy may enter into an agreement with a community college district, regardless of whether its high school campuses are located within the service area of the community college district, to offer a course as provided by Education Code 130.008. Education Code 130.008(d)

Limit on Enrollment

A student may not enroll in more than three courses for dual college credit at a college if the college does not have a service area that includes the student’s high school. A student enrolled at an early college high school may enroll in a greater number of courses to the extent approved by the Commissioner. Education Code 130.008(d).

Attendance Accounting

The time during which a student attends a dual credit course, including a course provided under the college credit program, shall be counted as part of the minimum instructional hours required for a student to be considered a full-time student in average daily attendance.

Education Code 42.005

Partnership Agreement

The Board and the governing board of a college must approve any dual credit partnership between the schools before offering such courses. The partnership agreement must address all items required in 19 TAC 4.84–.85.

19 TAC 4.84–85

Student Enrollment

A student who is a junior or senior may earn credit toward high school graduation for completing college-level dual credit/concurrent credit courses. Additionally, the student must satisfy all eligibility standards set forth in 19 TAC 4.85(b).

A student may not take more than two dual credit/concurrent credit courses each semester.

19 TAC 4.85(b)(1), (7)