



Dual Credit Handbook
Water Valley ISD
2024-2025

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Water Valley ISD will be offering Dual Credit courses through Angelo State University (ASU). This handbook gives enrollment details and expectations for Dual Credit students.

In order to take Dual Credit courses, Water Valley ISD requires the following:

- Cumulative GPA of 3.0 or Top 50% of your class
- English II EOC of 4000 or higher/Algebra I EOC of 4000 or higher
- Recommendation from teacher and principal (English teacher for all courses except math, math teacher for math courses)
- Meeting any additional requirements set by the college
- Pass the TSIA2 - ELAR score of at least 945 and an essay score of at least 5 / Algebra score of at least 950

Dual Credit courses are taught by instructors from the college and therefore Water Valley ISD does not have input as to how the courses are taught or how grades are given. It is very easy to get behind in these courses because the instructor normally gives out a syllabus and expects the students to keep up with the coursework with little or no reminders.

Water Valley ISD is able to pay for the costs of both tuition and books for each student during the 2024-2025 school year. In the event that a student does not receive credit for a Dual Credit college course, that student and their parents will be responsible for reimbursing Water Valley ISD for all district costs pertaining to that student's enrollment in the course(s). This includes any fees that may be assessed for dropping a course. Depending on when a student drops a course determines what percent the school will be reimbursed. Students who drop a course may not be eligible for Dual Credit courses the next semester or the following year. All reimbursements must be paid in full PRIOR to enrolling in future Dual Credit courses through Water Valley ISD.

Water Valley ISD is excited to offer you this opportunity to earn Dual Credit courses while in high school. If you have any questions or need assistance with any step of this process, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs. Colwell at 325-484-2478 ext. 241, or at christina.colwell@wvisd.net



This year students at Water Valley ISD will have the option of taking Dual Credit through Angelo State University. Any student that completes a Dual Credit class with ASU will receive a \$1000 scholarship to Angelo State University.

Below are the steps to follow for enrolling in Dual Credit through ASU:

1. Apply for admission through angelo.edu

Students must be certain they submit the application at the end. The student's name used when applying should match the name on their high school transcript.

- Go to angelo.edu/Dual Credit
- Select "Learn More about Presidential Scholars"
- Select the plus (+) symbol, located next to "Steps to Apply"
- Create an account to apply for admissions.

2. Submit a Dual Credit Agreement Form

A signed Dual Credit agreement form must be submitted to ASU. You can do this by turning it into Mrs. Colwell. Let her know if you need help getting this completed

3. Submit a transcript via TREX

Once you have turned in your Dual Credit Agreement Form, Mrs. Colwell will get your transcript sent to ASU.

Courses available to take with ASU for the 2024-2025 school

year: **FALL**

- COMM 1315 Public Speaking
- ENGL 1301 English Composition
- MATH 1314 College Algebra
- POLS 2305 Federal Government

SPRING

- ENGL 1302 Introduction to American Literature
- MUSI 1306 Introduction to Music
- POLS 2306 Texas Government
- PSY 2301 General Psychology
- PHYS 1304 Astronomy

**Classes are subject to change

Frequently Asked Questions

What is Dual Credit?

Dual Credit is a system in which an eligible high school student successfully completes a college course(s) that is paired to a high school course required for graduation and receives credit for the course on both the college and the high school transcripts Texas Education Code (TEC) §28.009.

When can Dual Credit courses be taken?

Dual Credit courses can be taken during the school year as dictated by Water Valley ISD School Calendar. Courses taken during the summer will be considered college credit only.

What is the difference between Dual Credit and College Credit only classes?

With Dual Credit courses, a student is able to earn both a college credit as well as a high school credit. Dual Credit courses are scheduled into Water Valley High School's master schedule and the student will be given time during the school day to work on their course work. College credit only courses do NOT earn high school credit, and the courses are NOT built into Water Valley High School's master schedule. The student assumes full responsibility to work on the course work on their own time outside of the school day.

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 happens if I earn lower than a 70 in a course?

Students who receive a "D" (60-69) or an "F" (59 or below) will not be eligible for Dual Credit enrollment in the same course or similar courses the next semester or the following year. Students may still receive high school credit for a Dual Credit course in which they receive a "D".

What if I receive a grade of a “C” for a course?

Students who complete the course and receive a grade of 70-79 may not be eligible for courses the following semester or ensuing school year.

Why does Water Valley High School care if I earn a C in a course?

It is the expectation of Water Valley 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.

Who can take Dual Credit courses?

Juniors, and Seniors who have met the TSIA2 assessment(s) scores required for the course to be taken, as well as met Water Valley ISD’s qualifying GPA of 3.0 may register for Dual Credit courses.

How much does Dual Credit cost and when do I pay?

Currently Water Valley ISD pays for all Dual Credit courses successfully completed by the student with a passing grade. If a student does not pass the course, the student and their parent(s) are responsible for reimbursing Water Valley ISD for all district costs pertaining to the student’s enrollment in the course(s).

What happens if I am placed in DAEP or an alternative education placement?

If a student is removed to an alternative education placement setting such as DAEP, the student may be withdrawn from ALL Dual Credit courses and the student/parent(s) will be required to reimburse the district for all district costs pertaining to the student’s enrollment in the course(s).

Who is responsible for textbooks?

Textbooks are acquired by Water Valley ISD and are the property of Water Valley ISD. Any damages to textbooks will require the student/parent(s) to reimburse the school.

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

All required paperwork must be completed and turned in to Mrs. Colwell by the announced deadlines set by the college and Water Valley ISD.

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

Dual Credit courses will receive a weight and be figured into the student's GPA at the end of the semester per WVISD Local Board policy. If a student drops a Dual Credit course with a failing grade or fails the course in the fall, the student will be given the college grade or a 65, whichever is higher, for the fall semester in the high school course and therefore will have the possibility of earning a year average of a 70 or better. If a student drops a Dual Credit course with a failing grade or fails a course in the spring semester, the student will receive the college grade or a grade of 65, whichever is higher, and 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 in the future.

What if I need to drop a course?

Students who drop a course will be required to reimburse the school district for the cost of tuition and books. The colleges have drop dates for each semester. Depending on when a student drops a course determines what percent the school will be reimbursed. The student will be responsible for the difference of the amount the district paid. Students who drop a course may not be eligible for Dual Credit courses in the next semester or the following year.

How many times can I drop a class?

Under the requirements of Texas Senate Bill 1231, 80th Legislature, an undergraduate student who enrolled in higher education for the first time in Fall 2007 or after is permitted a total of six (6) dropped courses, including any courses dropped at another Texas public institution of higher education.

How is a Dual Credit course different from a regular high school course?

Many Dual Credit only courses for Water Valley ISD are taught by online instructors. Students must be self-motivated and be able to meet deadlines in order to be successful in a Dual Credit college credit only course. Dual Credit only courses are taught at the pace and rigor of regular college courses. Students will receive Six Week grades that are their grade at that particular time of the semester. Students will be able to monitor Dual Credit grades through their college online account. Dual Credit students will be expected to conduct themselves as a college student. Students will be responsible for communicating any concerns or questions with College instructors via email, Blackboard/Canvas Account, or phone. Water Valley High School staff are 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 college instructor prior to the due date to see if other arrangements can be made.

Are Water Valley ISD's Dual Credit entrance criteria different from ASU or Howard College?

Yes, in order to take Dual Credit courses at Water Valley High School, you must have a GPA of 3.0, attempt all sections of the TSIA2, pass both the reading and the writing sections of the TSIA2, pass all EOC's and submit all paperwork by the deadline.