

## **LSOC Dual Credit Overview**

We are very excited that you are interested in dual credit courses. You will be able to earn high school credit along with college credit hours through Dallas College each semester. It is your responsibility to make sure these courses are transferable to the University/College of your choice.

### **What is dual credit?**

Dual Credit is the ability to earn college credit hours while earning high school credit in the same course. Some classes are offered on our campus and some at Cedar Valley College depending on scheduling availability for both campuses.

### **What are the benefits?**

Students get a “jump start” on college courses at the fraction of the cost and will also see a GPA boost!

### **How much does it cost?**

Tuition is free for most of the courses however students might be responsible for all textbooks. If the course requires payment, those payments are made to Dallas College before the beginning of each semester. If payment is not received by the designated date, the student will be dropped from all dual credit courses. Contact the Dallas College Dual Credit Coordinator for scholarship availability and qualifications if you seek financial assistance.

### **What if I can't make the grade?**

Students earning below a “C” in a dual credit class will be removed from the dual credit program at the end or before that semester ends. Low college GPA can negatively affect financial aid offerings.

### **What classes are offered?**

At this time, students can choose from over 20 courses through our agreement with Cedar Valley. They can also achieve an Associate's Degree by their high school graduation date. In order for a student to have time to complete the degree requirements, we recommend students begin dual credit in 9<sup>th</sup> grade.

### **Are dual credit courses right for me?**

Students who participate in dual credit courses are expected to:

- ☐ work independently
- ☐ behave appropriately
- ☐ have computer access
- ☐ deal with sophisticated concepts maturely
- ☐ manage study time and complete assignments
- ☐ follow directions and a syllabus without constant reminders
- ☐ communicate personally and directly with the instructor to discuss problems and questions

### **How do I qualify if I am interested?**

Please see the LSOC Dual Credit Qualifications on the next handout, or on PDF through our **[lifeschools.net school website](#)**. Contact your counselor for more information.

### **Required TSI Scores as of 1/11/2021**

- TSIA2 ELAR STANDARDS
  - ELAR Score of 945+ AND Essay Score of 5-8 OR,
  - ELAR Score below 945 AND ELAR Diagnostic Level of 5-6 AND Essay score of 5-8
- TSIA 2 Math STANDARDS
  - Math 950+ OR,
  - Math below 950 AND Math diagnostic level of 6
- ACT: Composite score of 23 with a minimum of 19 on the English test shall be exempt for both the reading and writing sections of the TSI Assessment, and/or 19 on the mathematics tests shall be exempt for the mathematics section of the TSI Assessment.
- SAT: A minimum score of 480 on the Evidenced-Based Reading and Writing (EBRW) test shall be exempt for both reading and writing sections of the TSI Assessment; a minimum score of 530 on the mathematics test shall be exempt for the mathematics section of the TSI Assessment.