



Collegiate Academy at Steele AHS

APPENDIX to the Academy Handbook

The NISD Collegiate Academy provides students with opportunities to participate in college-level courses through the dual credit program in which students earn both high school and collegiate credit. Students may begin earning this credit as a Freshman.

Benefits of Dual Credit

- High School students gain insight into the college-level learning environment
 - ✓ Dual credit students are 2.2 times more likely to enroll in a two-or four-year college
- Smoother transition into college
 - ✓ Dual credit students are 2.0 times more likely to return for a second year of college
- Head start on basic/core college classes (while meeting high school requirements)
 - ✓ Dual credit students are 1.7 times more likely to complete a college degree

Estimated Cost of Education:

Dual Credit w/NCTC	vs	Traditional College
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• \$300 per 3-hour course (approximate, subject to change)• \$5220 for 60 hours• *Tuition waivers for free/reduced lunch students• Textbooks, supplies are not included		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• TAMU - \$18,100 for 60 hours• UNT - \$18,800 for 60 hours• UT - \$19,580 for 60 hours• Textbooks, supplies, room and board not included

* Tuition waivers for free & reduced lunch applies to 2 classes per semester; this policy is subject to change at the discretion of the cooperating college

Collegiate Academy Membership

- As an active member of the Collegiate Academy, a student may begin taking dual credit courses at any grade-level. This membership also provides access to dual credit courses required for the Texas Core Curriculum that are not available at other NISD high school campuses
 - Additionally, as a College Academy member, a student will be given priority registration if he/she meets the academic, attendance, and disciplinary admission requirements for dual credit.
 - Students must meet the specific requirements of individual instructors, including, but not limited to, academic, attendance, and disciplinary policies as set forth in the professor's syllabus or IHE student handbook.
 - Collegiate Academy students will receive "face to face" instructional delivery with adjunct availability.
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Admission Requirements for Dual Credit

The following must be submitted:

- Apply Texas Application for Admission www.applytexas.org
- College 101 must be completed, with a successfully passing quiz score
- TSI Assessment scores indicating college readiness in Writing, Reading, or Math as required for individual courses

TSI Areas of Assessment and College Ready Scores		
Writing 363-390/Essay 4 or higher, <u>OR</u> 310-362/Essay 5 or higher	Reading 351 or higher	Math 350

- Proof of current Meningitis Vaccination
- Transcript or grade report (in district):
<http://www.nisdtx.org/cms/lib/TX21000351/Centricity/Domain/1/Transcript%20Request%202015%2004.pdf>
- Completed Dual Credit registration form

Course Sequence:

- Students beginning the Collegiate Academy and dual credit program in the Freshman and Sophomore years must complete Learning Frameworks before continuing with any additional dual credit course
- Course offerings and semester sequencing can be found on the Collegiate Academy home page

Honors Program

The collegiate honors program allows students to extend their research and analytical thinking skills through the creation of a project and accompanying presentation that correlates with dual credit courses. Second semester dual credit students are eligible to pursue honors program courses, provided the student meets the eligibility requirements outlined by the IHE.

Benefits of the Honors Program:

- Scholarships available for honors courses (through IHE)
 - Honors student organizations
 - Study abroad opportunities
 - **Graduating with Honors** (through NCTC): This designation is reserved for students who have earned at least 12 hours of Honors credit (in which a "B" or better was earned in each Honors course) and have maintained good standing in the program through their active participation and service. These students will be recognized in the graduation program and will receive a medal at graduation.
 - **Honors Participant** (through NCTC): This designation is reserved for students who have participated in the Honors program and earned less than 12 hours of Honors credit (in which a "B" or better was earned in each Honors course) and have maintained good standing in the program through their active participation and service. These students will be recognized in the graduation program.
 - NCTC Honors Program Overview and Application: <http://www.nctc.edu/HonorsHome.aspx>
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Grades and Attendance

The student will be enrolling in a college credit course(s) at NCTC and will be receiving a letter grade that will be recorded on the student's permanent college transcript.

Dual credit students are expected to attend class. Generally speaking, colleges do not distinguish between an excused or unexcused absence, an absence is defined as "a student not being in class". This means that students are expected to communicate with college instructors regarding any possible scheduled absences prior to the absence and should be aware that approval of makeup work is at the instructor's discretion.

- The student will receive a numerical grade on the student's high school transcript.
- Making below a "C" will result in NOT being permitted to enroll in the following long semester: Fall, Spring, or both Summer terms.
- Missing class for any reason has the potential to negatively impact a student's grade.

Withdrawing / Dropping Course(s)

Dropping and Withdrawing from a course are not the same. Drops are processed before the official date of record on your transcript. Withdrawals are processed after the official date of record and the course grade of "W" will be recorded on your transcript.

- If the student wishes to withdraw from the college course(s), it is the student's responsibility to first discuss this matter with the Collegiate Academy facilitator AND submit the required withdrawal form to the NCTC Admissions Office by the final drop date as published.
- If a student is dismissed from a college course by the IHE, they will be removed from the Collegiate Academy. Students may then reapply for enrollment at Steele as a traditional student.
- A student's transfer to Steele AHS may be revoked if the student fails to meet the requirements for the Collegiate Academy.

