

# What is Dual Enrollment?

**Why we love it.**

**How it works.**

**Is it a fit for my student?**

**When to enroll.**



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## Dual enrollment (DE) is pretty cool.

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You may have heard it referred to as “dual credit,” “pre-college” or “concurrent enrollment,” all of which sums it up: taking college courses while in high school, either at your high school for both high school and college credit; at a college, with other college students, for college credit only; or online, which may (or may not) provide both high school and college credit. High school juniors and seniors can earn college credit before graduation and apply that credit to both their high school and college transcripts. Like we said, it’s a pretty cool concept.

## Why we Love Dual Enrollment

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**There are many reasons why we love DE.**

■ **Hello Adulting.** First and foremost, it provides the student with an introduction to college coursework. College courses require preparation, commitment, and organization, and for some students, this is a whole new experience compared to their high school classes. It also helps them understand the standards of college professors and the expectations of college-level courses. Having that experience will give them a strong start in their first year of college.

■ **Savings Your Bank Account will Appreciate.** Tuition for dual enrollment classes is deeply discounted down, sometimes by half the cost of regular tuition, for high school students. Students can get a head start on their college transcript for half the cost - who doesn’t love saving money?! In some cases, if a student meets certain academic requirements, they may be able to enroll for free!

■ **Time to Shine.** Not only can starting college early help you graduate early, but it also gives you time to explore your educational and career options. Many electives can be taken as dual enrollment during high school, which can free up time to explore all the options their college offers to make an informed career choice.

## How Does it Work?

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The first step in learning more about dual enrollment is to visit with your high school counselor. They will have great information about current programs, affiliated DE colleges, and what courses your student should consider based on their career aspirations. However, choosing a partner school doesn’t have to be limited to your geographic location. Some schools offer online classes to provide remote access for students. Again, check with your high school to ensure credits earned will be applied to your student’s high school transcript.

If there is a DE program that is not affiliated with your high school, no worries! While the credits may not be applied toward your high school transcript, students can still earn credits towards their future college transcript. Students have even earned their two-year associate degree while still in high school - imagine that!



## Is Dual Enrollment a Fit for your Favorite Student? \_\_\_\_\_

DE is not for everyone, but everyone should check out their options for dual enrollment and decide if it makes sense. Montana institutions will work with students in their junior and senior year of high school to take college courses. Students will have to meet the same requirements for admission that on-campus students must meet such as pre-requisites, and more. From a non-academic standpoint, optimal candidates must manage time and projects in order to complete the course successfully. Poor or failing grades can adversely impact a student's transcript, so you want to ensure your student is being set up for success. Credits earned within the state may not transfer to out of state schools. Always check with your future institution to ensure your credits will transfer.

## Anticipated Costs \_\_\_\_\_

The costs for dual enrollment range from free to \$150 dollars and up. Remember, the costs are at a reduced rate, typically half of what a college student would pay. Other costs to factor in are books or institution fees.

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## When to Enroll \_\_\_\_\_

Double check with the school you have in mind, but most enrollment periods for DE is June through early September for fall semesters and November through December for Spring Semesters. Keep in mind that if you are planning to receive both high school credits and college credits, the timeline to register for high school courses is often in the spring.

## Who Do I Contact? \_\_\_\_\_

Fees may change. For current fees, please contact the institution of interest.

Institution	Contact	Online Courses?	Estimated Costs
<b>Bitterroot College</b>	Kathleen O'Leary <a href="mailto:kathleen.oleary@umontana.edu">kathleen.oleary@umontana.edu</a> (406) 375-0100	Yes	\$54.79/per credit * Part of 1-2-FREE program
website: <a href="http://admissions.umt.edu/apply/pre-college/dual-enrollment-mc.php">http://admissions.umt.edu/apply/pre-college/dual-enrollment-mc.php</a>			
<b>Carroll College</b>	<a href="mailto:admission@carroll.edu">admission@carroll.edu</a> (406) 447-4384	Yes	\$50.00/credit plus fees Early Access program tuition free classes for qualifying students.
website: <a href="http://carroll.edu/earlyaccess">http://carroll.edu/earlyaccess</a>			

Institution	Contact	Online	Estimated Costs
<b>City College</b>	Harold Olson harold.olson1@msubillings.edu 406-247-3015	Yes	\$50.00/ credit * Part of 1-2-FREE program
website: <a href="http://www.msubillings.edu/connections/">http://www.msubillings.edu/connections/</a>			
<b>Dawson Community College</b>	Suela Cela scela@dawson.edu (406)377-9419	Yes	\$8750 -/+ per credit
website: <a href="https://www.dawson.edu/">https://www.dawson.edu/</a>			
<b>Flathead Valley Community College</b>	Elizabeth (Beth) Romain eromain@fvcc.edu (406) 756-3923	Yes	\$63.10/credit. MT residents can earn 6 college credits Free
website: <a href="https://www.fvcc.edu/what-we-offer/running-start-program/">https://www.fvcc.edu/what-we-offer/running-start-program/</a>			
<b>Fort Peck Community College</b>	Michelle Day mday@fpcc.edu (406)768-6351	No	\$15.00/credit
website: <a href="http://www.fpcc.edu/">http://www.fpcc.edu/</a>			
<b>Gallatin College</b>	Diane Dorgan dorgan@montana.edu (406) 994-2646	Yes	\$51.95/credit * Part of 1-2-FREE program
website: <a href="http://gallatin.montana.edu/programs/dual/">http://gallatin.montana.edu/programs/dual/</a>			
<b>Great Falls College</b>	dual@gfcmsu.edu (406) 771-5128	Yes	\$5734 /credit * Part of 1-2-FREE program
website: <a href="http://admissions.gfcmsu.edu/highschool/index.html">http://admissions.gfcmsu.edu/highschool/index.html</a>			
<b>Helena College</b>	Marika Adamek marika.adamek@HelenaCollege.edu 406-447-6909	Yes	\$94.13 -/+ per credit * Part of 1-2-FREE program
website: <a href="http://www.helenacollege.edu/admissions_enrollment/highschool.aspx">http://www.helenacollege.edu/admissions_enrollment/highschool.aspx</a>			
<b>Highlands College</b>	Bernie Phelps bphelps@mtech.edu 406-496-4565	Yes	\$54.55/per credit * Part of 1-2-FREE program
website: <a href="https://www.mtech.edu/jumpstart/">https://www.mtech.edu/jumpstart/</a>			

Institution	Contact	Online	Estimated Costs
<b>Miles Community College</b>	Garth Sleight SleightG@milescc.edu (406) 874-6212	Yes	\$54.00/credit **Free 2 Explore Program
website: <a href="https://www.milescc.edu/CommunityOutreach/DualEnrollment/">https://www.milescc.edu/CommunityOutreach/DualEnrollment/</a>			
<b>Missoula College</b>	Jordan Patterson jordan.patterson@umontana.edu (406) 552-8689	Yes	\$54.79/per credit * Part of 1-2-FREE program
website: <a href="http://admissions.umd.edu/apply/pre-college/dual-enrollment-mc.php">http://admissions.umd.edu/apply/pre-college/dual-enrollment-mc.php</a>			
<b>Montana State University</b> - Please see Gallatin College			
<b>MSU - Billings</b>	Harold Olson harold.olson1@msubillings.edu 406-247-3015	Yes	\$50.00/ credit * Part of 1-2-FREE program
website: <a href="http://www.msubillings.edu/connections/">http://www.msubillings.edu/connections/</a>			
<b>MSU - Northern</b>	Holly Haas holly.haas@msun.edu 406.265.3723	Yes	\$50.00/ credit * Part of 1-2-FREE program
website: <a href="http://www.msun.edu/admissions/dual.aspx">http://www.msun.edu/admissions/dual.aspx</a>			
<b>Montana Tech of UM</b> - Please see Highlands College			
<b>Rocky Mountain College</b>	admissions@rocky.edu (406) 657-1025	When available.	\$148.00/credit
website: <a href="https://www.rocky.edu/admissions-aid/future-students/rmc-connections-dual-enrollment">https://www.rocky.edu/admissions-aid/future-students/rmc-connections-dual-enrollment</a>			
<b>Salish Kootenai College</b>	Dennis LaBonty dennis_labonty@skc.edu (406)275-4936	Yes	\$41.50/credit + a \$70/ quarter registration fee
website: <a href="https://www.skc.edu/dual-enrollment/">https://www.skc.edu/dual-enrollment/</a>			
<b>University of Montana</b>	Jordan Patterson jordan.patterson@umontana.edu (406) 552-8689	Yes	\$54.79/per credit
website: <a href="http://admissions.umd.edu/apply/pre-college/dual-enrollment-mc.php">http://admissions.umd.edu/apply/pre-college/dual-enrollment-mc.php</a>			

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<b>UM-Western</b>	Ryann Gibson ryann.gibson@umwestern.edu (406) 683-7304	Yes	\$50.00/credit plus course or online fees. * Part of 1-2-FREE prgm
website: <a href="https://w.umwestern.edu/">https://w.umwestern.edu/</a>			
<b>University of Providence</b>	allison.tangen@uprovidence.edu (for GFHS & CMR students)		
website: <a href="https://www.uprovidence.edu/">https://www.uprovidence.edu/</a>			

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\*\* Miles Community College is proud to announce the implementation of a new free dual enrollment program for Montana high school students. The "Free 2 Explore" program offers two free dual enrollment courses to any eligible high school student. High school students earning free dual enrollment credits through the "Free 2 Explore" Program can continue to maximize their savings by applying to attend MCC after they graduate from high school. Any student who passes 6 credits of online or on-campus classes from MCC with a C or better will be automatically awarded a \$1,000 scholarship through the Pioneer Promise scholarship program, which can be applied to tuition charges at MCC when the student enrolls as a degree-seeking student after graduating high school. For more information, please visit <https://www.milesc.edu/> or contact Dean of Enrollment Management and Educational Support Services, Erin Niedge [niedgee@milesc.edu](mailto:niedgee@milesc.edu)



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