

Dual Enrollment and High School Graduation Requirements

Frequently Asked Questions

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Dual Credit Allowances Chart

Q: Where can I find Community College courses that satisfy high school graduation requirements?

A: To support high school students who are earning college credit while in high school through Career and College Promise (CCP), NCDPI maintains the **Dual Credit Allowances Chart**, which lists Community College courses that satisfy NC high school graduation requirements. Students who enroll in and pass these college courses will also receive high school course credit based on the chart. Eligible high school students may enroll in these courses year-round through CCP.

Health and Physical Education

Q: Why are there no community college courses equivalent to the high school graduation requirement for Health and Physical Education listed on the NCDPI Dual Credit Allowances Chart?

A: There is no community college course that meets all of the Health and Physical Education content standards for the high school graduation requirement.

Recommendation: NCDPI recommends that high schools offering dual enrollment, including Cooperative Innovative High Schools (CIHS), and their LEAs work together to offer the applicable high school courses for all students to address the comprehensive Health and Physical Education standards. This ensures that the Standard Course of Study (SCOS) is taught in completion.

The State Board of Education [Course for Credit policy \(CCRE-001\)](#) does allow for local adaptation and flexibility of courses available at the local higher education partner. CCRE-001 states, "For courses not addressed by NCDPI guidance, a principal may award dual credit for a college course if an evaluation of the course content against NC Standard Course of Study requirements demonstrates that the college course offers substantial coverage of the high school course standards."

NCDPI strongly encourages that if a college course is locally determined to meet this requirement that the content standards be clearly addressed, as the Healthful Living standards are critical for a child's development and understanding before graduating from high school.

Q: If using community college courses to fulfill the high school graduation requirement for Health and Physical Education, how should this be documented in PowerSchool?

A: Using college courses such as HEA 110 and a PED course to fulfill this graduation requirement will require an administrator override in PowerSchool to show the graduation requirement is met, and that override will override the entire graduation plan, so it should not be done until the second semester of the senior year, or when the administration is confident all 22 graduation requirements are going to be completed successfully by the student or students. Please note that if a principal overrides this requirement, they are assuring that the entire [SCOS for Healthful Living and Physical Education](#) has been mastered.

English III and English IV

Q: If a student is awarded college credit for ENG 111 based on a score on an AP exam, does this student still need to enroll in and pass ENG 111 to fulfill the high school graduation requirements for English through dual enrollment?

A: Yes. Students must complete all college courses for the corresponding high school course as indicated on the **Dual Credit Allowances Chart**. Even if a community college has awarded credit based on a prior learning policy for college purposes, those local college policies do not transfer back to the high school for credit. This is due to the original AP course already counting for a high school credit.

Economics and Personal Finance (EPF)

Q: Is there a community college course option to fulfill the high school graduation requirement for Economics and Personal Finance?

A: No. There is not a community college course that meets the course and legislative requirements.

Recommendation: High school students must take the EPF course in their high school.

If you have questions about NCDPI guidance about dual enrollment and high school graduation requirements, please contact Isaac Lake at isaac.lake@dpi.nc.gov.