

Tips for Parents:

How can you help your student maximize their Dual Credit experience?

Beyond Earning Credits

Dual Credit can prepare you for college!

Dual Credit is an excellent opportunity for students who are ready to begin working on college courses while in high school. The expectations for college coursework is different. College coursework requires a higher degree of focus, determination and personal responsibility than what your student may have encountered thus-far in their academics. Here are a few tips that can help you be supportive and help your student succeed:

Understand FERPA

The Federal Education Records Privacy Act (FERPA) applies to all college students regardless of age. If your student participates in Dual Credit, they are the sole owners of their academic record. Even though your student is a minor, SPC personnel can't disclose certain information to anyone other than the student, including parents.

Let Your Student Work Through College Processes

As tempting as it is to plan your student's classes, we highly encourage students to do this process themselves. Of course, you can work through the process together, but allowing your student to do it will help them understand how college processes are different from high school.

Trust Your Parenting Skills

If your student feels ready to take a college level course, your student is ready for the responsibility that comes with that. You've taught them well. Let them learn as much as they can from this experience.

Help Your Student Advocate for Themselves

If your student has an issue with a course, encourage them to speak to the teacher. If they can't resolve the issue, have them reach out to their school Dual Credit Coordinator or an SPC Dual Credit Advisor. Guiding students through proper channels will help them understand their own accountability for their own coursework.

Encourage Good Habits

Simple things like meeting deadlines and following course instructions can teach skills that will serve your student for a lifetime. Set expectations that are reasonable and support your student when they need help finding assistance.

Don't Expect Perfection

College is full of learning opportunities. Making mistakes is a great way to learn. Don't expect your student to be exempt from consequences.



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