



Advantages to Dual Enrollment

- Students earn high school credit towards graduation.
- Weighted overall high school grade point average.
- Credit is earned towards a post-secondary technical certificate program.
- Credits earned can articulate into college credit as Pasco Hernando State College (see program agreements).

Frequently Asked Question

1. What is High School Career Dual Enrollment?
This is an option for high school students to enroll in Suncoast Technical Education Center post-secondary certificate courses and earn credit towards both high school graduation and a career certificate.
2. What are the expectations for students enrolled in Dual Enrollment?
A student must sit the TABE test within six weeks of starting the program, complete the required clock hours for each course, maintain satisfactory academic performance and keep good attendance in accordance with our Program Catalog policy manual.
3. What is the TABE?
The TABE (Test of Adult Basic Education) is a state regulated assessment of basic skills that include Math, Reading and Language. All students entering a program must sit the test within six weeks of starting. Each program has grade level TABE exit requirements that must be met prior to completing the program.
4. What are the fees for a Career Dual Enrollment student?
There is no charge for high school students who take a career dual enrollment class. There are dress code expectations in every program that our students must adhere to.
5. Is there an attendance policy?
Yes – our programs are clock hour specific so every minute of your time is tracked. Failure to maintain attendance per our policy may result in students being withdrawn from the career certificate program.
6. What happens if I don't complete the program by the time I graduate high school?
You can return as an adult student – however, once enrolled as an adult you will be required to pay tuition and fees for the duration of your career certificate program.

7. How do I get high school credit for a post-secondary course?
A delineation of the high school credit earned for the completion of each career dual enrollment course and program will provide a clock hour to credit hour equivalency. The high school credit will only be awarded upon successful completion of the entire postsecondary course. The weighting for the dual enrollment courses will be weighted in line with Advanced Placement, International Baccalaureate, and Advanced International Certificate of Education courses in calculating the GPA.
8. My GPA is just below the required 2.0 – could I still participate in career dual enrollment?
Per s. 1007.271(3), F.S. will allow an exception to entrance based on grade point average to the agreement on the recommendation of all parties. The initial screening of potential applicants shall be the responsibility of high school guidance counselors to determine career readiness, appropriate GPA, attendance and behavior records. Consideration for enrollment is on a case by case basis. The Suncoast Technical Education Center administrative team will review progress throughout each session and take steps to ensure students stay on track. A sufficient GPA must be maintained throughout.
9. Are there waiting lists for programs?
Due to space constrictions within the programs, places will be allocated to dual enrollment students based on budget and available seats. A wait list will be developed – students will be allocated a place based on the following criteria:
 - a. They are still meet the eligibility requirements.
 - b. If enrolled they would be able to complete the dual enrollment course prior to graduating high school.
 - c. Allocation for placement will be given on a first come first served basis.
 - d. Exceptions may be made based on seat availability and/or Dual Enrollment budget constraints.
10. How do I get to the career dual enrollment class?
Dual enrollment students are responsible for arranging and paying for transportation to and from Suncoast Technical Education Center as well as all other dual enrollment related transportation. Parents/guardians assume all financial responsibility and liability for dual enrollment related transportation.
11. I am need accommodations in the learning environment – will this be provided?
Suncoast Technical Education Center assures students with disabilities equal access as described in Section 504 and 508 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act Amendments Act of 2008 (ADAAA). Disclosure of a disability is voluntary. A student must satisfy the definition of a disability as established by the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973. Section 504 defines a disability as a condition which substantially limits one or more major life activities such as learning, walking, seeing, hearing, breathing, caring for oneself, and working. To be eligible for accommodations, a student must provide appropriate documentation of each disability that demonstrates an accompanying substantial limitation to one or more major life activities. To obtain services and accommodations, current documentation is required (within 5 years) and must be presented to Student Services.