

TRIPLETT TECH DUAL ENROLLMENT FAQs

Q: What is dual enrollment (DE)?

A: Dual enrollment is when you earn both high school and college credit at the same time. There are certain classes that Triplett offers that provide this kind of dual credit. Teachers who teach DE have advanced college degrees that allow them the ability to teach the advanced curriculum.

Q: What's the advantage of taking dual enrollment?

A: DE gives students the ability to start whittling away at college credits from the comfort of their home high school at a discounted price. Students who take DE classes at Triplett pay a tuition rate that is roughly 25% the cost of taking it directly through the community college after graduating high school.

Q: What community college do you partner with?

A: We partner with Laurel Ridge Community College. Students who choose to DE will apply to Laurel Ridge and begin generating their college transcript and GPA through the grades earned in their DE classes. To read more about Laurel Ridge's dual enrollment, you can visit their website here:

<https://laurelridge.edu/dual-enrollment/>

Q: Is dual enrollment right for anyone?

A: No! Dual enrollment is an advanced curriculum that moves at a quicker pace than your average high school class. There are certain criteria that all students who want to take DE must fit to qualify for such as GPA requirements and prerequisite classes taken. If the student doesn't meet the criteria set forth by Laurel Ridge, they will need to take a placement test. If they are able to pass the placement test to standards approved by Laurel Ridge, then the student will be able to take the DE class.

Q: Can all grade levels take DE classes?

A: At Triplett, any student enrolled in a DE class is eligible to take DE classes if they meet the criteria.

Q: My student elected to DE at the beginning of the class, but now it's not going so well for them. What are our options?

A: There are certain dates that Laurel Ridge puts in place each semester that allows students to withdraw or drop DE credits. If the student decides to drop the class before the drop date, they will be able to receive a refund for the class. If they miss the drop date but withdraw from the class before the withdraw date, they will not receive a refund and their college transcript will still show that they enrolled in the class but a "W" will appear next to it rather than a grade. Even when a student drops or withdraws from the college credit, they will still remain in the class for high school credit.

Q: Who will advise my student on what DE classes he/she should take?

A: While the Career Counselor at Triplett can advise students on fulfilling requirements related to dual enrollment at Triplett Tech. If you a student planning to take dual enrollment courses at both Triplett and your home school in order to work towards an Associate's Degree while you are in high school, then Laurel Ridge prefers if students are advised by DE Specialists employed directly by the college. Our current DE specialist is Mr. Wine, and he can be reached at: JWine@laurelridge.edu

Q: I'm ready to get started.... how does my student sign up & who do I pay?

A: Have your student talk to the Career Counselor at Triplett. Once the school year starts and your student has been placed in a DE eligible class(es), they will receive a form and letter outlining all of the details for that semester related to dual enrollment. On the form, they/you will indicate which classes they will be dual enrolling, and return it to the Career Counselor before the deadline. Payment will be due as soon as possible after that form has been turned in, and can be in cash form or a check made out to Triplett Tech. If money is a barrier to students taking DE classes, there may be scholarship opportunities available. Please talk to the Career Counselor for this information.

Q: Who do I contact if I still have more questions?

A: Please contact the Career Counselor who will be glad to assist you with your questions.