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Dual Credit vs. Dual Enrollment

At Brooks we offer Dual Credit and Dual Enrollment opportunities through the City Colleges of Chicago and Chicago State University. We currently offer 12 Dual Credit Courses at Brooks, and students are able to take ONE Dual Enrollment course per semester for FREE at the city colleges of Chicago State University. The big difference between the two programs is that Dual Credit courses are offered ON CAMPUS at BROOKS and taught by qualified Brooks teachers. Dual Enrollment courses are offered OFF CAMPUS at the city colleges and taught by college professors.

Why Dual Credit or Dual Enrollment?

Dual Credit/Enrollment courses are a great way for your student to earn free college credits, and can be a great way to save money on college tuition. Dual Enrollment also allows students to get off campus and experience college course work. Similar to AP Level Courses, CCC and CSU credits are accepted at MOST state schools, but are not always accepted at highly selective colleges. You should always look up the policies of the schools you are most interested in to know if college credits will be accepted. Unlike AP Classes, there is NO end of year test that determines if your student can earn college credit. With Dual Credit Courses, all students who earn a C or better will earn college credit.

Why is my student taking the City College Placement Exams?

Maybe your student doesn't want to take a dual enrollment or dual credit class next year (right now). However, we think it is best to take the placement tests anyway. It is not possible to decide later that you want to take one of these classes IF you don't have the placement scores. However, if you DO have the scores, you then have the OPTION to choose a dual credit or dual enrollment class-- basically, it affords you more choices. We have found that providing time

during the school day for students to take the placement tests has improved our overall enrollment in both Dual Credit and Dual Enrollment options.

Can my student prepare for the placement tests?

YES! Here are two preparation guides put out by the city colleges.

- [RTW Preparation Guide](#)
- [ALEKs Preparation Guide](#)

What does the timeline look like for Testing?

- **February:**
 - Students take the RTW test in their PE 2 OR Physics.
 - Students take the ALEKs test in their Math III or Adv Alg Trig Classes.
 - Students who are not able to take the placement test OR who need to retake the ALEKs exam can do so on March 2nd or 3rd.
- **March:**
 - Students receive their placement test scores.
 - Students meet with their counselors to discuss course requests for the 2023-2024 school year.
 - Students discuss course selection with families and submit course requests.
 - Students who chose to take a dual credit and/or dual enrollment course submit the required paperwork.

What Dual Credit Courses are Being Offered @ Brooks in 2022-2023?

Course	Test/Score Needed
Music 101 & 131- Advanced Chorus	No Score Needed
Environmental Science 101	No Score Needed
Chemistry 121- Basic Chemistry I	RTW 6 AND ALEKs 46+
Computer Science 101 & 116 (Introductory Courses)	No Score Needed
Computer Science 103 & 144 (Programming Courses)	RTW 6- OR completion of CIS 101

English Composition 101/102	RTW 6
History 111- US History to 1865 / History 112- US History from 1865	RTW 6
Math 143 Precalculus	ALEKs 46+
World Language: Spanish 101/102 & French 101/102	Webcape Test (no score minimum)
World Language Spanish 103/104 & French 103/104	Webcape (300+) OR Completion of 102