

Washington Public University Guidance Purposeful College in the High School (CiHS) Dual Credit Participation

Whether a student is planning for university, considering it, or haven't thought about it yet, there's a place for Washington students at a Washington public university where students can pursue their dreams, obtain career credentials, and follow their passion.

Dual credit is a great first step for growth and exploration. Dual credit programs provide students with an introduction to university including coursework, study habits, campus culture, course content and expectations. In addition, dual credit opportunities help students gain the confidence to view university as a viable post-high school option and may earn the student university credit before graduating from high school.

Guidance for CiHS Dual Credit Courses

College in the High School dual credit allows a student to enroll in university courses without leaving high school. High schools may offer multiple CiHS courses from different institutions of higher education and offerings at a high school will vary across subjects and within subjects throughout Washington. Recognizing this means, navigation is key. Following the *Tips for Success* below will allow students to get the most from their experience in CiHS courses.

Tips for Success

- Take advantage of CiHS courses to explore. Students do not need to know what job they will have, what degree they will earn or where they will attend after high school. What a student should ask is:
 - What are your interests?
 - What are you considering when asked about your future?

Participating in CiHS provides students with an opportunity to explore educational and career options as they plan for after high school.

- Enroll in a diverse range of coursework to maximize exploration and interests. [Students should not overload on courses in a single subject area](#). More is not always better.
- If unsure, students should consider, as available to the student, taking a math course, an English course and/or a course in social studies, history or civics. This focuses on courses that are commonly found in the first year of university.
- Reach out to universities and meet with admissions counselors to learn more about courses that meet general education requirements or provide exposure to majors a student may be interested in exploring.
- Students, talk with your high school counselor and if you know what university you want to attend, talk with an admissions advisor – Often and Early! View university admissions contact information [on our website](#).
- Be sure to complete all high school graduation requirements to earn the high school diploma. If unsure how a course may transfer, [check out University transfer equivalency guides](#).