



Dual Enrollment
Opportunities
at RCHS

What is Dual Enrollment?

- College-level coursework taught at RCHS that allows a student to earn both a HS credit toward graduation and college credits
 - Students must receive a C or better to receive college credits. It is not dependent on a test like AP
- Courses are often transferrable to 4 year colleges in VA as well as potentially out of state colleges (dependent on the school)
 - Future directions would allow a student to receive a 1 year gen-ed certificate from Dabney and eventually an Associate's Degree
 - Can work towards fulfilling requirements for the Guaranteed Admissions agreements between community colleges and 4 year schools in VA

Advantages of Dual Enrollment

- Reduces future college expenses by shortening the time to college graduation or earning an employable workforce credential
 - Average in-state tuition at 4-year colleges in 2014-15 was \$11,025 or \$367.50 / credit
 - **Dual Enrollment courses cost \$25 / credit hour**
Some students may be eligible for a scholarship to assist with this. They should see their school counselor.
- Allows students to become acclimated to the rigors of college-level courses
- Provides students with knowledge and skills to be competitive in today's workforce

Current Courses Offered At RCHS

- English 12 (6 credits)
- Econ and Personal Finance (3 credits)
- Intro to Calculus (5 credits)
- Calculus (10 credits)
- Computer Info Systems (3 credits)
- Agriculture: Forestry (4 credits)
- Culinary Technology 2 (3 credits)
- Health Assistant 1 & 2 (6 credits/6 credits)
- HVAC 1 & 2 (8 credits/8 credits)

Potentially New Next Year or in the coming years:

- Pre-Calculus (6 credits)
- English 11 (3 credits)
- Philosophy (3 or 6 credits TBD)
- Building Trades (TBD)
- Foreign Languages (TBD)

Example of How DE is Beneficial

- What is required by the VA Community College System for the HVAC Certification Program:

Offered
as DE
through
RCHS



Course Number	Course name	Cr.
First Semester – Fall (11 credits)		
AIR 121	Air Conditioning & Refrigeration I	4
BLD 110	Introduction to Construction	3
ELE 140	Basic Electricity and Machinery	4
Second Semester – Spring (11 credits)		
AIR 122	Air Conditioning & Refrigeration II	4
AIR 134	Circuits and Controls I	3
AIR 154	Heating System I	4

How to Get Involved in DE

- Students should discuss with their school counselor ASAP. No schedule changes will be conducted over the summer.
- Students will need to do the following:
 - Apply to DSLCC online
 - Take the Virginia Placement Tests (VPT) if needed
 - Some students may be exempt based on PSAT/SAT/ACT/SOL scores.
 - VPT will be offered at RCHS in the coming weeks OR students can take the tests at the Rockbridge Regional Center of Dabney.

Future Directions

- Continually increasing our DE offerings each year
- Providing enough courses to fulfill the General Education Certificate from Dabney
- Providing courses to satisfy Dabney's requirements for an Associate's Degree
- Students can also take classes at Dabney during part of their school day – see your counselor if you haven't already

Points of Contact

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- School Counselors:
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- Holly Hall: DSLCC/RCHS Talent Search Coordinator
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For More Information

- RCCHS Program of Studies (ONLINE)
www.rchsProgramOfStudies.weebly.com
- RCCHS Counseling Office Website
www.RCHScounseling.weebly.com
 - Have you signed up for our newsletter? If not, you should do so on our website!
- Dabney S. Lancaster Community College
Website: www.dslcc.edu

Dual Enrollment Panel Discussion

- Christina Burkhardt: School Counselor and Chair of the Counseling Department at RCHS
- Tim Cary: DSLCC Coordinator for Dual Enrollment
- Haywood Hand: Principal
- Billy Thomas: Assistant Principal and former coordinator of Career and Tech Ed at RCHS
- Trecia Wheelock: RCHS/DSLCC Career Coach