

Your student is taking college classes in high school.

What's next?

When your high school student enrolls in college coursework, they will have more responsibility and freedom in college than they have probably ever had. This includes, but is not limited to, creating their own schedule, buying textbooks, and, of course, time management. We understand this will be a change for your student and we are here to help them navigate the process with ease.

Dual Enrollment Considerations

- Your student is considered a college student even though they are still in high school.
- College students have more freedom than they experience in high school.
- College courses include complex work and require a great deal of responsibility to manage.
- Students must be self-motivated and self-disciplined.
- College courses can be more stressful than high school classes.
- Dual-enrolled students are considered adults regardless of their age.
- Your student will follow the course syllabus in regard to assignments, exams, and deadlines. Unless specified, requests for additional assignments, extra credit, and extended deadlines will be not considered. The student may contact the faculty member for possible exceptions. Exceptions are not guaranteed.
- College courses will at times utilize materials that you may feel inappropriate for a high school student. Alternate assignments will not be an option.

Due to the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), we are only allowed to discuss student academic information with the student. [FERPA](#) is a Federal law that protects the privacy of student education records.

FERPA applies to all college students even those who are under the age of 18. Most dual enrollment forms include a release for parent access. However, if the form your student completed does not include the release then they should complete the [FERPA release form](#) and email it from their SCC email to sfoster@stchas.edu or kbrockgreitens@stchas.edu.

Even if a FERPA release is completed, students will need to contact the faculty for any issues regarding their classes. Faculty typically will not discuss academic information with the parent.

We encourage parents to consult with their students in planning for access to education records.

****Remember: Supporting your student in college is important. Encourage your student to reach out to the [various student support resources](#) available to them at St. Charles Community College.****

For enrollment in future terms, please contact the Dual Credit Coordinator Sarah Foster at sfoster@stchas.edu.