

## **Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) About Homeschool Dual Credit Policy:**

Definition: In Texas, a homeschool is considered a private school in which the primary instruction is conducted by a parent or guardian.

### **1. What is dual credit?**

Dual credit allows high school students to earn college credits while still completing their high school education. These credits count towards both high school graduation requirements and a college degree.

### **2. Can homeschool students participate in dual credit programs?**

Yes, homeschool students are eligible to participate in dual credit programs. They must meet the same requirements as students from traditional high schools.

### **3. What are the eligibility requirements for homeschool students to enroll in dual credit courses?**

- Passing a placement test or meeting standardized test score requirements (e.g., SAT, ACT).
- Completing any required prerequisites for the desired college courses.
- Providing evidence of high school coursework completion and academic readiness.
- 19 years of age or younger (If the Student turns 19 after the first day of classes during a semester, the student will continue as a dual credit student for the remainder of the semester).

### **4. How can homeschool students apply for dual credit courses?**

- Homeschool students apply at <https://www.applytexas.org>

### **5. Are there specific forms or documentation needed for homeschool students?** Yes, homeschool students will need to provide:

- A high school transcript or an academic record from the homeschool program.
- Shot record (meningitis)
- Standardized test scores or placement test results.
- Proof of residency or eligibility for in-state tuition, if applicable.
- Signed Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)
- Enrollment Form
- Homeschool Verification Form

## **6. How do dual credit courses affect a homeschool student's high school graduation requirements?**

Dual credit courses typically count towards both high school and college credit. Students should work with their San Jacinto College dual credit advisor to ensure that these courses align with their high school graduation plan.

**7. What costs are associated with dual credit courses for homeschool students?** Costs may include tuition, fees, textbooks, and other related expenses. Dual credit students will receive a 75% discount.

## **8. How are dual credit grades reported and recorded?**

Dual credit grades are reported directly to the student. Students should ensure that their grades are recorded accurately and reflected in both their high school transcript and college records.

## **9. What should a homeschool student do if they need support or have issues with their dual credit courses?**

Students should contact their San Jacinto College dual credit advisor Educational Planner.

### **Academic Resources**

- [The Library at San Jacinto College](#)

- [Student Success Centers - San Jacinto College](#)

### **Student Support Services**

- [Accessibility Support - San Jacinto College](#)
- [Food & Clothing Assistance - San Jacinto College](#)

### **Technology and Online Resources**

- [Software and Equipment \(sanjac.edu\)](#)
- **Wi-Fi Access:** Campus-wide wireless internet access.

### **10. What happens if a homeschool student withdraws from a dual credit course or fails?**

If a student withdraws or fails a dual credit course, it may affect both their high school and college transcripts. They should consult with their San Jacinto College dual credit advisor to understand the implications and explore options for retaking the course or addressing academic challenges.

### **11. How can a homeschool student find out more about dual credit opportunities?**

Students can find information about dual credit opportunities by visiting <https://www.sanjac.edu/admissions/how-to-apply/dual-credit-student/homeschool-students>

### **12. Is there an age limit for a Dual Credit student?**

Texas law classifies students from six to 19 years of age as “school-age children.” If the Student turns 19 after the first day of classes during a semester, the student will continue as a dual credit student for the remainder of the semester.

### **13. What happens if a student needs to drop a class? How do they do it and is there any charge?**

The student should contact the Dual Credit Office and submit a drop request form.

Specific withdrawal and refund dates apply to each course, based on the start date and class length. If you are on an installment payment plan, you will need to check with the business office to determine if you are eligible for a refund.

<https://www.sanjac.edu/admissions/paying-for-college/refunds-drops-grading-deadlines>

**14. Can a student change degree plans? Is there a limit to the number of times they can change degree plans?**

Yes, a student may change degree plans. However, students are not allowed to change degree plans once the semester starts. The student may change degree plans during the next registration period.

**15. Can a student participate in the commencement (graduation) ceremony at the college by earning an Associates? What about something less, like a certificate?**

Yes, students earning a technical certificate or higher may participate in the commencement ceremony. Students receiving occupational certificates are not allowed to participate in commencement ceremonies.

**16. What is a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)?**

An MOU is an agreement between the student and San Jacinto College that outlines the responsibility of the college and student as it pertains to grading, attendance, course selection, etc. The MOU also contains the time periods for renewal based on a student's grade level.