

February 26, 2024

Dear 8th Grade Students:

Effective April 1, 1996, Public Act 160 and Public Act 258 of 2000, created the Postsecondary Enrollment Options Act, commonly referred to as dual enrollment. This law directs school districts to assist students in paying tuition and fees for courses at Michigan public or private colleges or universities. The following are some of the eligibility guidelines/standards:

1. Students in grades 9 – 12 may take up to ten (10) postsecondary courses.
 - a) Students who begin classes during 9th grade are limited to two (2) classes each year during 9th, 10th, and 11th grades and four (4) classes during 12th grade.
 - b) Students who begin classes during 10th grade are limited to two (2) classes during 10th grade and four (4) classes each year during 11th and 12th grade.
 - c) Students who begin classes during 11th or 12th grade are limited to six (6) classes during either year with a maximum of ten (10) classes total.
2. College courses that are **not eligible** for dual enrollment include: a hobby, craft, or recreational course; a course in the subject areas of physical education, theology, divinity, or religious education; any course less than 100-level.
3. Students must prove to be academically prepared to take a dual enrollment course by having a qualifying score on a placement test (PSAT, SAT, ACCUPLACER) and/or administrative review of high school transcript.
4. Students may take courses for college credit only or both high school and college credit (most common). Students also have the option of letter grade or credit/no credit on their transcript. Please note that courses taken for high school credit will count toward the student's high school GPA and graduation requirements.
5. The two colleges to which Atlanta students typically apply are Alpena Community College (www.alpenacc.edu) and Kirtland Community College (www.kirtland.edu). Current course schedules can be found on their websites.
6. Atlanta Community Schools **does not** supervise college courses. It is very important the student understands the necessity of attending classes, completing assignments, and preparing for tests/exams. You must follow the college schedule even if Atlanta does not have school on the day of your dual enrollment class. If you are having trouble in a college course, it is the student's responsibility to contact the instructor.
7. Atlanta Community Schools only receives your final course grade. This grade will be added to your high school transcript and calculated into your GPA if you have chosen both high school and college credit. This grade will be reviewed at the semester eligibility check for athletes.
8. **If a student fails a dual enrollment course or withdraws from a course after the college's official add/drop date, the student will be required to reimburse the school for any nonrefundable fees that were paid by the district.**
9. Atlanta Community Schools will pay tuition, textbook and materials, and fees in accordance with the Postsecondary Enrollment Options Act. ACS will not pay transportation costs.
10. If interested in dual enrollment, please schedule a meeting with Mrs. Eising (785 – 4842 ext. 1252 or meising@atlantaschools.us).