NOTICE TO PARENTS

Each school year, the District shall notify the parent of each student enrolled in grade nine or above of the availability of programs under which a student may earn college credit, including advanced placement programs, dual credit programs, joint high school and college credit programs, and international baccalaureate programs. The notice must include the name and contact information of any public or private entity offering such a program in the District.

The District may provide the notice on the District's Internet Web site.

Education Code 28.010

Note: For information on dual credit courses available through the Texas Virtual School Network (TxVSN), see EHDE and www.txvsn.org.

COLLEGE CREDIT PROGRAM

The District shall implement a program under which students may earn the equivalent of at least 12 semester credit hours of college credit in high school. If requested by the District, a public institution of higher education in this state shall assist the District in developing and implementing the program. The college credit may be earned through:

1. International baccalaureate, advanced placement, or dual credit courses;
2. Articulated postsecondary courses provided for local credit or articulated postsecondary advanced technical credit courses provided for state credit; or
3. Any combination of the courses in items 1 and 2.

Annually, the District shall report to TEA:

1. The number of students, including career and technical students, who have participated in the program; and
2. The courses in which participating students have earned high school credit under this section.

The District is not required to pay a student's tuition or other associated costs for taking a course under this section.

Education Code 28.009

COLLEGE-LEVEL COURSES

The Board may adopt a policy that allows a student to be awarded credit toward high school graduation for completing a college-level course. The course must be provided only by an institution of

higher education that is accredited by any of the following regional accrediting associations:

1. Southern Association of Colleges and Schools
2. Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools
3. New England Association of Colleges and Schools
4. North Central Association of Colleges and Schools
5. Western Association of Colleges and Schools
6. Northwest Association of Colleges and Schools

To be eligible to enroll and be awarded credit toward state graduation requirements, a student shall have the approval of the high school principal or other school official designated by the District. The course(s) for which credit is awarded shall provide advanced academic instruction beyond or in greater depth than the essential knowledge and skills for the equivalent high school course.

19 TAC 74.25

DUAL CREDIT PROGRAMS

DEFINITIONS

For purposes of the following provisions, “college” means a public two-year associate degree–granting institution or a public university.

“Dual credit” means the process by which a high school student enrolls in a college course and receives simultaneous academic credit for the course from both the college and high school.

19 TAC 4.83(2), (4)

PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENTS WITH PUBLIC COLLEGES

The District may enter into an agreement with a public college to form a dual credit partnership in accordance with 19 Administrative Code Chapter 4, Subchapter D. *Education Code 130.008; 19 TAC Ch. 4, Subch. D*

COMMUNITY COLLEGE JURISDICTION

A school district that operates a high school may enter into an agreement with a community college district, regardless of whether the high school is located within the service area of the community college district, to offer a course as provided by Education Code 130.008 but only if the community college district that serves the area where the high school is located is unable to provide the requested course to the satisfaction of the school district. *Education Code 130.008(d)–(d-1)*

ATTENDANCE ACCOUNTING

The time during which a student attends a dual credit course, including a course provided under the college credit program, shall be counted as part of the minimum instructional hours required for

a student to be considered a full-time student in average daily attendance. [See FEB] *Education Code 42.005*

PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT

The Board of the District and the governing board of a college must approve any dual credit partnership between the schools before offering such courses.

The partnership agreement must address:

1. Eligible courses;
2. Student eligibility;
3. Location of class;
4. Student composition of class;
5. Faculty selection, supervision, and evaluation;
6. Course curriculum, instruction, and gathering;
7. Academic policies and student support services;
8. Transcripting of credit; and
9. Funding.

19 TAC 4.84–.85

INSTRUCTIONAL PARTNERSHIPS WITH COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICTS

Types of instructional partnerships between the District and a community college district include:

1. Award of High School Credit Only (see HIGH SCHOOL CREDIT-ONLY COURSES, below).
2. Award of Concurrent Course Credit (see DUAL CREDIT PROGRAMS, above).
3. Tech-Prep Programs (see TECH-PREP PROGRAMS, below).
4. Remedial or Developmental Instruction (see REMEDIAL PROGRAMS, below).

19 TAC 9.143

AGREEMENT

For any educational partnership between the District and a community college district, an agreement must be approved by the board or designee of both the District and the college district. The partnership agreement must address the following:

1. Student eligibility requirements.
2. Faculty qualifications.
3. Location and student composition of classes.

4. Provision of student learning and support services.
5. Eligible courses.
6. Grading criteria.
7. Transcripting of credit.
8. Funding provisions.

19 TAC 9.144

HIGH SCHOOL CREDIT-ONLY COURSES

The District may contract with a community college district for the college district to provide coursework necessary for students to complete high school as described in 19 Administrative Code 9.125. The District and college district shall negotiate an agreed cost for instruction. *19 TAC 9.125, .143(a)*

TECH-PREP PROGRAMS

The District may partner with a college district to allow for the articulation of high school technical courses taught by the high school to high school students for immediate high school credit and later college credit, to be awarded upon enrollment of the students in the college district in an associate degree or certificate program. *19 TAC 9.143(c)*

REMEDIAL PROGRAMS

The Board may contract, as outlined in 19 Administrative Code 9.125, with the board of the community college district in which the District is located for the college district to provide remedial programs for students enrolled in the District's secondary schools in preparation for graduation from secondary school and entrance into college. The District and college district shall negotiate an agreed cost for instruction. Remedial and developmental courses may not be offered for dual credit. *Education Code 130.090; 19 TAC 9.125, .143(d), .146*

CERTAIN ACADEMIES

The District shall grant a student a maximum of two years' credit toward the academic course requirements for high school graduation for courses successfully completed at the Texas Academy of Leadership in the Humanities (at Lamar University—Beaumont), the Texas Academy of Mathematics and Science (at the University of Texas—Brownsville or University of North Texas—Denton), or the Texas Academy of International Studies (at Texas A&M University—Laredo). *Education Code 28.024*