



# Dual Enrollment Student Orientation



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# Topics to be Covered in Orientation

- College Success
- College Planning
- Student Success in Courses
- Importance of Accurate Records
- Handouts in Packet

# College Success

- Why is it important to take Dual Enrollment seriously?
- How does college differ from high school?
- What are the expectations for Dual Enrollment students?
- What are the keys to success?
- What deadlines are important?



# Why is it important to take Dual Enrollment seriously?

- Dual Enrollment grades begin your college GPA.
- At some colleges, your dual enrollment GPA will follow you.
- Grades can affect your acceptance into other colleges and universities.
- Some colleges and universities will look at your dual enrollment (college) GPA. Your college GPA should be over a 2.5 GPA.
- Dual Enrollment grades can affect your Bright Futures.
- If you earn less than a “C” in a dual enrollment class, you will not be accepted into university or your admission will be rescinded (taken away).
- Grades can affect your acceptance into limited access majors, they can affect your admission into graduate school, they will remain on your college and high school transcript forever, and they can not be forgiven on your high school transcript.

# College vs. High School

## College

- Ownership
- You manage your own time.
- You are expected to take responsibility for what you do and do not do, choices/decisions have consequences.
- You need to review class notes and textbook material regularly.
- It is up to the student to read and understand the assigned material; lectures and assignments proceed from the assumption that you've already done so.

## High School

- Directed
- Your time is structured by others.
- You are told what to do.
- You seldom need to read anything more than once, and often listening in class is enough.
- You will usually be told in class what you need to learn from the assigned readings.

# College vs. High School

## College

- Professors expect you to initiate contact if you need it.
- Professors may not always check for completed homework, but they presume you can perform the same tasks on a test.
- Professors may lecture nonstop and expect you to identify the important points in your notes.
- College is a learning environment, in which you take responsibility for thinking and applying what you have learned.

## High School

- Teachers approach you if they believe you need assistance.
- Teachers often check your homework.
- Teachers often write information on the board to be copied in your notes.
- High school is a teaching environment, in which you acquire facts and skills.

# College vs. High School

## College

- Mastery in college is seen as the ability to apply what you have learned.
- Professors expect you to read, save, and consult the course syllabus.
- Grades on tests and papers usually provide most of the course grade.
- Results count.

## High School

- Mastery in high school is seen as the ability to reproduce what you have been taught in the form in which it was presented to you.
- Teachers often take time to remind you of assignments and due dates.
- Good homework grades may raise your overall grade when your test grades are low.
- Effort counts.

# Dual Enrollment Students are Expected to:

- Handle all communication themselves. Once you become a dual enrollment student, you become a college student. All correspondence will be with the student or high school guidance counselor/school related official.
- Have social and emotional maturity. Often you will be in classes with a wide range of students. Dual enrollment students will need to have the ability to handle college material.
- Identify if you are having an issue with your course, instructor, assignments, etc. You must be able to handle the issue and communicate it appropriately.
- Log in to MySJRstate

# Important Deadlines

## Add Drop

- Student removes self before drop deadline, which is usually the 1<sup>st</sup> week.
- Course is not on the transcript.
- No grade designated.
- Not counted as an attempt.

## Withdrawal

- Student removes self after drop deadline.
- Course is listed on the transcript.
- Grade of “W” is recorded.
- Counted as an attempt.
- Submits withdrawal form by the published deadline.

# College Planning

- Is there any help for choosing my major?
- When should I determine my major?
- How do I know if my credits will transfer?
- How do I order my transcripts?

# Choosing a Major

- In the beginning, select one of the following Academic Pathways:
  - Arts, Humanities, Communications, and Design
  - Business
  - Education
  - Health Sciences
  - Industry/Manufacturing, and Construction
  - Public Safety
  - Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics
  - Social and Behavioral Sciences and Human Service
- At 15 credit hours, if working toward a limited access health program, you will need to attend a health information session.
- By 20 credit hours:
  - Explore upper division universities, visit their websites, and review admission requirements.
  - Review prerequisites (foundation courses) for your major.
- By 30 credit hours:
  - Declare a major and the college or university that you plan on attending.

# Choosing a Major

## Help for Choosing Major

SJR State Academic Advising Website:

<http://www.sjstate.edu/careerservices.html>

## Self Assessment

- Personality Preferences
- Interests
- Values
- Strengths
- Learning Style

# Transferability of Dual Enrollment Courses

- Yes. Dual Enrollment will transfer especially to the Florida State Universities System (SUS) due to the Florida Common Course Numbering System and the statewide articulation agreement.
- If students do not, upon high school graduation, attend the same college or university where they earned their dual enrollment credit, the application of transfer credit to general education, prerequisite, and degree programs may vary at the receiving institution.
- Florida private schools look at the individual course to decide if and how the credit will transfer.
- For out of state schools and private schools you will need to check with the individual schools to inquire whether dual enrollment credit will be accepted to transfer.
- Dual enrollment course transfer policies are consistent with transfer policies of postsecondary courses, meaning there is no difference in transfer policies for students who take postsecondary coursework as regularly admitted postsecondary student.

# Ordering Transcripts

- Transcripts can be ordered at [SJRstate.edu](http://SJRstate.edu) under the student tab, you will see transcripts/records.
- Students can order up to 5 transcripts at one time and send them to 5 different recipients/colleges and universities.
- It's important to know when the college you are applying to is accepting applications and transcripts.
- If attending another college or university, please remember to order your SJR State transcript after high school graduation.

# Importance of Accurate Records

- College records are separate from your high school records.
  - These records need to match. Otherwise, people may think that they are dealing with two different students.
- Failure to keep your records updated will cause unnecessary hardship and additional stress for you.
- Be sure that you write clearly because letters and numbers can cause identification issues.
  - If your handwriting is illegible, then your paperwork will not be processed until verified, in order to avoid data entry errors.
- Correcting records takes time and will require additional documentation from you.
  - Driver's licenses, social security card, birth certificate

# Importance of Accurate Records

- You will need to submit the following information in a clear legible handwriting and ensure that it is kept updated: your legal full name, correct birthdate, address including apt. number if applicable, and Social Security Number .
  - Without correct information, colleges and universities will think you are not the same person.
    - No nicknames, your application will not match up with test scores or other paperwork such as registration forms.
    - You need to use your full legal name on all educational paperwork.
- If you request a transcript to be mailed to you, it will be returned to the College as undeliverable if you do not have the correct mailing address on file with SJR State.
- If your address is not updated, you will not receive your dual enrollment student schedule each term from the Dual Enrollment Office. In addition, you will not receive the dual enrollment reminder that has important dates and deadlines as well as textbook information.
- If you do not have an updated phone number on file, then the College staff will be unable to reach you. The College staff will only be calling you if there is an issue such as a cancelled course, etc.