

DUAL ENROLLMENT AND EARLY COLLEGE PROGRAM

ST. JOHNS RIVER STATE COLLEGE

Dual enrollment at SJR State provides eligible accelerated high school students the opportunity to simultaneously earn college credit while earning credit toward a high school diploma. Early Admissions and Early College Program are forms of dual enrollment. Public and private high school students, as well as home-schooled students, are served by this program that was created by Florida Statute 1007.271 and is governed by state law.

REASONS TO CONSIDER DUAL ENROLLMENT:

1. Dual enrollment saves money. Tuition and lab fees are free for all dual enrollment students. Textbooks are free for all public school students.

2. Dual enrollment saves time. Students can shorten the time necessary to obtain a college degree since classes count both for high school credit as well as college credit. As a result, students can reduce their courseload per term when they attend college full time, or possibly earn their college degree in a shorter amount of time.

3. Dual enrollment eases the transition from high school to college. Students can “test the waters” of college learning, helping improve the transition from high school to college.

To be qualified for SJR State’s dual enrollment program, students must have a 3.0 unweighted high school grade point average; acceptable test scores (ACT; Pre ACT; Accuplacer; SAT; PSAT/NMSQT or PSAT 10; PERT; FSA; ALEKS PPL; or appropriate alternative placement high school course); must be classified as a secondary student and have demonstrated academic, social, and emotional maturity to ensure success in college-level study. Eligible secondary students with a 2.0 unweighted grade point average, acceptable test scores, and a recommendation from their high school principal and guidance counselor are eligible to participate in SJR State’s dual enrollment Career Certificate programs.

Classes are offered on SJR State’s Orange Park campus, Palatka campus and St. Augustine campus. Additionally, some classes are available online, and others are even held at local high schools. Students can take dual enrollment courses that will lead toward the A.A. or A.S. degree or college credit certificate.

Dual enrollment credits are transferable, especially to Florida state colleges and universities, due to Florida’s Common Course Numbering System and the statewide articulation agreement. For out of state and private schools, students should check with the individual schools. Grades earned in dual enrollment courses will be on, and remain on, students’ college transcripts. Credits earned toward a Career Certificate program are not transferable for college credit.

Students interested in dual enrollment should see their high school’s designated dual enrollment contact to determine if they qualify for the program. From their high school’s designated dual enrollment contact, students can obtain the admissions information that will need to be completed. In addition, students need to submit test scores (ACT; Pre ACT; Accuplacer; SAT; PSAT/NMSQT or PSAT 10; PERT; FSA; ALEKS PPL; or appropriate alternative placement high school course) with the dual enrollment admissions form or mark set-up PERT on the admissions form. The final step is meeting with the designated high school contact to discuss appropriate course load and selection.

EARLY COLLEGE PROGRAM

SJR State’s Early College Program allows admitted students to complete a full 60 credits of dual enrollment coursework, culminating in earning both a standard high school diploma as well as an Associate in Arts (AA) Degree upon the completion of four years of high school.

Current students in Clay, Putnam, and St. Johns Counties in grades 5-8 who are interested in being eligible to participate in the program as a 9th grader should plan to be on track to take at least one academic (math, English, science, language) high school course while an 8th grader. Eighth graders must have a minimum of an unweighted 3.0 GPA in their core academic course work (math, English, etc.) AND a minimum of an unweighted 3.0 GPA in their high school courses in order to be eligible to apply to the Early College Program. Please consult the school district for any additional admissions requirements.

Early College Program students will have full access to all extracurricular activities on their high school campus as any other student would, as their schedule and interests allow. All transportation in grades 9-11 must be provided by the student/family, unless the child is already zoned for the high school. Senior year transportation to the campus of SJR State will be the responsibility of the student/family.

St. Johns River State College is committed to providing this program to students in Clay, Putnam, and St. Johns counties. We believe that there are many students who will benefit from both the academic rigor and the acceleration achieved by simultaneously earning an Associate in Arts degree and high school diploma.

DUAL ENROLLMENT POLICIES

SJR State Dual Enrollment students are simultaneously enrolled in both high school and college courses. The depth, breadth, rigor, and pace of college courses will be at the college level. While appropriate for college-level study, course materials and class discussions may reflect topics not typically included in secondary high school curriculum. Dual Enrollment students who attend classes on SJR State’s campuses or online will be interacting with non-high school students of a variety of ages and backgrounds. By enrolling in Dual Enrollment, students have agreed to abide by all SJR State policies and procedures as published. SJR State Dual Enrollment students are responsible for completing the appropriate college forms and meeting college established deadlines for withdrawal. College credits earned in Dual Enrollment will be a part of the student’s permanent college and high school transcript. Students cannot re-take courses in which a grade of “C” or higher has been earned. Performance in dual enrollment courses may affect subsequent postsecondary admission, financial aid, and Bright Futures eligibility.

For more information about the dual enrollment or the Early College Program at SJR State, please call (386) 312-4136 or visit our website at SJRstate.edu/dual.html.