

Good morning!

Did you know that DeSoto County Schools offers affordable college courses to juniors and seniors? Through a partnership with Northwest Community College (NWCC), DeSoto County Schools allows our students to take college courses for dual credit, which means the students earn both college and high school credit! Each high school offers a limited number of courses on campus, but technology has allowed DCS to significantly expand opportunities for our students by offering online classes.

If your sophomore or junior student is interested in taking a dual credit course for the first time, he or she will need to apply online to NWCC by **May 15, 2020**. Attached are the instructions for completing the online application. If your child has previously taken dual credit courses through NWCC, his or her application is already on file, and your student does NOT need to complete another one.

Who qualifies for dual credit courses?

- 1) Students with 14 or more credits;
- 2) Students with a 3.0 GPA; and
- 3) Students who have taken the ACT*

*Some courses require a certain ACT score to enroll. For example, a student must score a 17 or higher on the English subtest to enroll in English Composition I/II. To enroll in College Algebra, a student must score a 19 or higher on the math subtest.

How much does it cost to take a course?

- 1) Registration fee - \$50.00 each semester
- 2) Tuition - \$50.00 per course
- 3) Virtual fee - \$15.00 per credit hour
- 4) Books and lab fees – vary depending on the course

If a student takes one course on the high school campus with a high school teacher, he or she will pay a \$50 registration fee and \$50.00 for tuition plus any textbook or lab fees.

If a student takes one course online, he or she will pay the \$50 registration fee, \$50.00 for tuition, and \$45.00 virtual fee (\$15 x 3 credit hours) plus any textbook or lab fees.

If you have any questions, please reach out to your student's high school counselor.

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