

## Dual Enrollment: Myths vs. Facts

Tennessee students have an unprecedented opportunity for education and training beyond high school through the Tennessee Promise scholarship. To ensure students are ready to take full advantage of Tennessee Promise and succeed in postsecondary, all students should have access to rigorous and relevant early postsecondary opportunities. Research has shown that students who participate in early postsecondary courses are more likely to enroll and persist in postsecondary.

MYTH	FACT
<p><b>Myth:</b> The Dual Enrollment Grant will cover the cost of all dual enrollment courses taken by a student.</p>	<p><b>Fact:</b> The award amounts at eligible two-year institutions and four-year institutions will be as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Up to \$500 for the first course</li> <li>• Up to \$500 for the second course</li> <li>• Up to \$200 for the third course</li> <li>• No award for the fourth course</li> </ul>
<p><b>Myth:</b> A student can access the HOPE scholarship to pay for the remaining balance not covered by the Dual Enrollment Grant without any further considerations.</p>	<p><b>Fact:</b> Students who receive the Dual Enrollment Grant award for more than four (4) dual enrollment courses over the junior and senior years will have the amount reduced from their HOPE Scholarship on a dollar for dollar basis until funds are repaid. If the student is also a Tennessee Promise recipient, these scholarship funds will cover all remaining tuition and fees including the amount deducted for dual enrollment courses. The borrowing provision remains in effect.</p>
<p><b>Myth:</b> Schools located in areas where a postsecondary is not easily accessible will not be able to access dual enrollment courses.</p>	<p><b>Fact:</b> Dual enrollment is a postsecondary course, taught by postsecondary faculty or credentialed adjunct faculty. Dual enrollment courses can be taught at the postsecondary campus, the high school, or online. The location of the course does not affect its status as a dual enrollment course.</p>
<p><b>Myth:</b> Districts are required to award high school credit for dual enrollment courses.</p>	<p><b>Fact:</b> Districts determine whether or not to award high school credit and are responsible for entering course information on the student's high school transcript.</p>
<p><b>Myth:</b> Participation in dual enrollment is really not necessary during high school. Besides, it just makes more sense to save the money.</p>	<p><b>Fact:</b> Participation in dual enrollment will provide students with a real life college experience and the opportunity to earn college credit while in high school. Participation in dual enrollment also encourages postsecondary education and the acceleration of postsecondary attainment. Students who meet the eligibility and participation requirements for the dual enrollment grant can take the first two courses for free.</p>
<p><b>Myth:</b> Our school already offers Advanced Placement and statewide dual credit courses, so there are no additional benefits for students to take dual enrollment courses.</p>	<p><b>Fact:</b> Dual enrollment helps to expand the portfolio of available options and allows students at various levels to access postsecondary courses.</p>