

Traditional Dual Credit at Richland vs. Richland Collegiate High School

Things to Consider	Traditional Dual Credit	RCHS	Both Programs
Basic Differences	Traditional Dual Credit <u>supplements</u> the public, private, or home school high school curriculum with college-level courses.	RCHS is a <u>complete</u> high school program.	Require attendance and classroom participation. All high school students are held accountable to policies, rules, and regulations of the DCCCD
Age & Grade Requirements	16 years of age & 10 th grade complete	12 – 17 units of high school credit	Require an emotional, academic, and psychological readiness for college
Academic Skills	Must be reading & writing on a college level NO EXCEPTIONS	Developmental course work is an option over the summer prior to the start of August term	Students with a 3.5 GPA or better in high school prove to be the more successful dual credit students.
Choosing & Scheduling Classes	Only two classes are allowed in the first semester. If the first semester is successful we will allow more classes the following semester. If a student earns a "D" or "F" in any class they are required to sit out at least one semester before participating in dual credit again. Failed courses will be repeated before moving on to other classes. Students, requesting a drop by the college-mandated deadline, may withdraw from classes and earn a grade of "W" instead of an "F"	Students attend RCCHS Monday through Friday approximately 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. with at least 5 college-level classes per semester. RCCHS advisors will choose and schedule the appropriate classes for each student Students are not allowed to drop or withdraw from their classes. The grade they earn is the grade that is recorded onto their college transcript.	Focus primarily on Core Curriculum courses, however, taking courses that are not on the Core list is permissible. Failing dual credit classes can affect a student's graduation date. All dual credit classes are recorded on the college transcript, regardless of the grade. If a course is repeated for a better grade, the last attempt will be the grade used for GPA purposes.
College Credit Potential	Approximately 30 credit hours or 1 year of college credit	Approximately 60 credit hours or 2 years of college credit	Work with students and parents to get the best fit & the most savings
Cost	Tuition is FREE Books are not (parents are responsible for cost of books)	Books <u>&</u> tuition are FREE & students are given a laptop to use while they are enrolled in RCCHS	Students can take additional college-level courses that are not part of high school requirements but tuition is not waived in those instances.
Calendar	Follows the DCCCD schedule. Spring – January - May Summer I - June (4 wks) Summer II – July (4 wks) Fall – August – December 2 mini-mesters (one in May & December)	180 days each academic calendar – Fall semester begins about 3 weeks before DCCCD semester starts and ends about 3 weeks after DCCCD semester ends.	Summer semesters run the same for both programs.
Graduation	Students do not have a graduation ceremony or receive a high school diploma from Richland College.	Students do have a graduation ceremony and they do receive a high school diploma from RCCHS.	Both programs encourage students to complete the Distinguished (Texas) public school graduation plan.

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