

DUAL ENROLLMENT AGREEMENT
BETWEEN
HOME EDUCATION DUAL ENROLLMENT STUDENT
AND
LAKE-SUMTER STATE COLLEGE DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES
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Home Education Dual Enrollment Agreement with Lake-Sumter State College

1. THE DUAL ENROLLMENT AGREEMENT

Pursuant to Florida Statute 1007.271, this Agreement is entered into by and between Lake-Sumter State College (“LSSC”) and the Home Education Program Official (“HEPO”), collectively known as the “Partners”, on behalf of the student named in the accompanying signature page in a home education program. The HEPO may be a parent, guardian, or other individual who oversees the student’s educational progress towards a high school diploma. The Agreement shall govern the eligibility and enrollment of the students and the administration of the high school-based and college-based courses offered via dual enrollment effective August 1, 2026 and ending July 31, 2027.

A. Description of the Dual Enrollment Program and the Agreement

The Dual Enrollment Program allows for the enrollment of an eligible secondary student in postsecondary coursework creditable toward high school diploma requirements and a certificate, an associate degree, or baccalaureate degree. The program provides eligible secondary students the opportunity to take LSSC courses while concurrently enrolled in high school.

The purpose of the Agreement is to develop and implement a comprehensive acceleration program for high school students, reducing the time needed to complete the requirements of a high school diploma and a college degree, broaden the scope of curricular options available to students, and increase the rigor and variety of course offerings available to students.

The Agreement delineates institutional responsibilities to inform students and parents about articulated acceleration program options, eligibility criteria to ensure college readiness, the process for monitoring student performance, and the criteria by which the quality of dual enrollment programs are to be judged. Via the provisions of this Agreement, the Partners are committed to sharing resources, forming partnerships with private industries, and implementing innovative strategies, student and faculty workshops, joint professional development opportunities and parental involvement activities that serve the needs of the local community. The LSSC Dual Enrollment Program includes options to pursue an Associate of Arts degree, an Associate of Science degree, a College Credit Certificate, and a Bachelor degree pending program acceptance through meeting program requirements.

To the extent authorized by Florida law, the parties indemnify and hold harmless each other and/or all of its officers, employees, or agents from any and all suits, claims, demands, actions, causes of actions, judgments, liability, loss damage, attorney’s fees, court costs or expenses of any kind, which each party, its officers, employees or agents, may incur arising from the negligence of the other party during the performance of any provision of this Agreement or from the activities of the staff, students, and faculty, as aforesaid under the provisions of the Agreement.

B. Amendments to the Agreement

The Agreement shall be reviewed and revised on an annual basis. The LSSC President or designee shall conduct the annual renewal by presenting any revisions for the adoption to the respective boards. The Agreement, once signed by the Partners and submitted to the State, can only be amended in accordance

with Florida Rules and will remain in effect throughout the academic year for which established. All parties agree to abide by any Florida Department of Education rule changes, regarding college credit Dual Enrollment; due to take effect during the relevant academic year.

2. STUDENT AND PARENT PARTICIPATION NOTIFICATION

LSSC notifies students of the option to participate in Dual Enrollment during college informational events. LSSC staff shall regularly visit local schools to share college and career program and enrollment information. LSSC also produces and distributes program eligibility and enrollment materials to School Counselors and students. Dual enrollment information and resources are also available at [lssc.edu/ECP](https://www.lssc.edu/ECP). <https://www.lssc.edu/future-students/de/>

3. COURSES AND PROGRAMS AVAILABLE TO DUAL ENROLLMENT STUDENTS

A. Dual Enrollment Defined

Dual enrollment is a type of Early College Program that allows secondary students to take postsecondary coursework and simultaneously earn credit toward a high school diploma, a career certificate, an industry certification, a college credit certificate, or an associate or baccalaureate degree at a Florida public or eligible private institution.

B. Types of Dual Enrollment

There are several types of Dual Enrollment programs offered at Lake-Sumter State College.

Dual Enrollment- An acceleration program where students can take college courses on a part time basis while still in secondary school to earn a college credit certificate, an associate degree, or a bachelor's degree. Credits earned in the program count for both high school and college credit. The stipulations of the Dual Enrollment program are covered under this agreement.

Career Dual Enrollment- Career dual enrollment includes courses offered through career certificate (clock hour) programs. LSSC does not offer clock hour career dual enrollment courses.

Early Admission- A form of dual enrollment that allows eligible students to complete their first full year of college an entire year early, allowing students to gain the full Lakehawk experience and participate in college programs like any other student. Early Admission students take a full-time college course load between 12-18 credit hours. The stipulations of the Early Admission program are covered under this agreement. Unless stated otherwise in Section 16, all policies that apply to Dual Enrollment also apply to Early Admission.

Early College Academy- Structured Dual Enrollment programs that provide students an opportunity to acquire their associate's degree through a cohort class model. Students join the program with a group of students and take a predetermined sequence of courses that will eventually lead to an associate's

degree. The stipulations of the Early College Academies are covered in their own, separate agreements. For more information, visit LSSC's Early College Programs website at lssc.edu/ECP.

C. Dual Enrollment Course Options

Pursuant to Florida Statute § 1007.27, Dual Enrollment course options are intended to shorten the time necessary for a student to complete the requirements associated with the completion of a high school diploma and a postsecondary degree, broaden the scope of curricular options available at the high school, and increase the depth of study available.

The Partners will guide students toward courses that supplement rather than supplant what is available at the student's school of record. LSSC will advise each student in the development of an LSSC Advising Guide that aligns Dual Enrollment and Early Admission course selections to LSSC graduation requirements. The HEPO will advise dual enrollment students to prioritize enrollment in academic core courses that meet educational high school diploma objectives. LSSC will advise dual enrollment students to prioritize enrollment in academic courses that meet education requirements for Associate degrees and for entrance into a selected baccalaureate degree program. The Partners will adhere to the Dual Enrollment Course – High School Subject Area Equivalency List, which can be found at <https://www.fldoe.org/schools/higher-ed/fl-college-system/dual-enroll-transfer/> in identifying LSSC college credit courses available to high school students through dual enrollment. LSSC does not offer all courses on the equivalency list and not all LSSC courses are offered each semester.

D. Courses and programs not available to dual enrollment students:

- LSSC independent study courses
- LSSC developmental education courses
- LSSC physical education skills courses
- Any LSSC limited access programs
- Programs or courses with minimum age restrictions not met by student
- Dual Enrollment students are not permitted to audit any LSSC course
- A student projected to graduate from high school before the scheduled completion date of an LSSC course may not register for that course through dual enrollment, including the Early College Program.

4. DUAL ENROLLMENT ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

A. Statutory eligibility requirements: (Florida Statutes § 1007.271)

- A minimum of 3.0 unweighted high school GPA for college-credit Dual Enrollment courses
- Demonstrated readiness for college coursework as demonstrated through scores on a common placement test as established in F.A.C. 6A-10.0315, section (2). All sections of a common placement test must be successfully completed, through scores on a single test or combination of tests, for dual enrollment participation. Please refer to Section 4(C) of this agreement for minimum test score requirements.
- Be a home education student in grades 6-12 registered with Lake County or Sumter County School Board. Students in grades 6-12 who meet high school GPA and placement test requirements must be allowed to participate in dual enrollment, any restrictions on participation applied to different grade

levels must be only to ensure student readiness for college and not to arbitrarily limit participation for students who have demonstrated readiness.

B. Additional initial Dual Enrollment eligibility requirements for LSSC’s Dual Enrollment Program:

- Student must attend a participating high school or be a home education/PEP student full time.
- Completion of at least two high school-level classes with a passing grade. HOPE Class does not count toward the two-class requirement.
- Must be in good conduct standing. Students must not be on disciplinary probation or suspension when applying for Dual Enrollment.

C. Eligibility Requirements to Continue in Dual Enrollment Program

- Continued eligibility requires the maintenance of a 3.0 unweighted high school GPA, and the maintenance of a minimum 2.0 LSSC cumulative GPA.
- A student projected to graduate from high school before the scheduled completion date of an LSSC course may not register for that course through dual enrollment. The graduation date set on the initial application will be used for Dual Enrollment eligibility and cannot be changed once submitted.
- Students may lose the opportunity to participate in the dual enrollment program if they are disruptive to the learning process.

D. Common placement testing

In accordance with F.A.C. 6A-10.0315, students must successfully complete all sections of a common placement test, through scores on a single test or combination of tests, and meet all college ready cut score requirements as a prerequisite to Dual Enrollment eligibility and participation. LSSC accepts the highest test scores on any of the tests or combination of tests identified in the table below. Test scores are valid for up to two years, determined at time of application.

MINIMUM TEST SCORES FOR STATUTORY DUAL ENROLLMENT ELIGIBILITY			
TEST	READING	WRITING	MATH
PERT	106	103	114
ACT	19	17	19
SAT	490		480
Classic Learning Test	38		16

LSSC offers PERT Testing at the Leesburg Campus and South Lake Campus, and at the student’s expense. Prospective Dual Enrollment students who wish to PERT Test at LSSC should register online for their testing session and pay the required fee at the Cashier/Enrollment Services Office prior to the testing session. Students wishing to test at LSSC must provide a state-issued ID when checking in to test. For LSSC policies regarding PERT Testing, please refer to the LSSC Learning Services webpage: <https://lssc.libanswers.com/testing/faq/410583>.

E. Pilot Programs

In order to increase access to higher education through dual enrollment for students, the PERT Pilot Program admits students to the Dual Enrollment program who have passed two of the three PERT sections. A student who submits a dual enrollment application with a passing grade in reading and at least one other section will automatically be placed in the PERT Pilot program. Only PERT/SAT/ACT/CLT scores may be used to determine eligibility for the PERT Pilot Program. Students with SAT and CLT scores may only be eligible for PERT Pilot English due to the way the scores are reported. PERT Pilot students may only take full-term courses, even if they attend a school that allows short-term courses.

PERT Pilot English:

Eligible students who have met college-ready cut scores on the PERT (or equivalent test) in **Reading and Writing** will only be eligible to enroll in the following courses:

- Students may take SLS 1122
- Students may take up to 2 courses from the below list of courses, pending meeting minimum test score and/or prerequisite requirements. Students must meet with a Dual Enrollment Advisor to select courses best aligned with their career goals.
 - o ENC 1101
 - o ENC 1102
 - o ENC 2210
 - o SPC 2608

PERT Pilot Math:

Eligible students who have met college-ready cut scores on the PERT (or equivalent test) in **Reading and Math** will only be eligible to enroll the following courses:

- Students may take SLS 1122
- Students may take up to 2 courses from the below list of courses, pending meeting minimum test score and/or prerequisite requirements. Students must meet with a Dual Enrollment Advisor to select courses best aligned with their career goals.
 - o MAT 1033
 - o MGF 1100
 - o MGF 1130
 - o MGF 1131
 - o MAC 1105C
 - o MAC 1105
 - o MAC 1106
 - o STA 2023

SLS Pilot:

The SLS Pilot program is an additional initiative to increase access to dual enrollment classes. Under the SLS Pilot program, high school students may enroll in SLS 1122 at LSSC without meeting the traditional dual enrollment GPA or testing requirements. Students in the SLS Pilot program must submit a dual enrollment application, attend an orientation, and meet all course expectations. SLS Pilot students must meet traditional dual enrollment eligibility criteria to take additional dual enrollment coursework.

F. Dual Enrollment Transfer Students

Students who apply for LSSC's Dual Enrollment program and have achieved at least three or more Dual Enrollment credits at another college or university will be considered Dual Enrollment Transfer Students. Dual Enrollment Transfer students may submit college placement scores older than 2 years old as long as they are able to provide college transcripts showing at least 3 credits of dual enrollment coursework and meet the continued Dual Enrollment GPA eligibility requirements. Dual Enrollment Transfer students must still meet all other initial eligibility requirements to begin taking Dual Enrollment classes at LSSC.

5. PROCESS TO PARTICIPATE IN DUAL ENROLLMENT

A. Established deadlines

Dual Enrollment student registration, course approval, enrollment, add/drop, and withdrawal must comply with all LSSC policies and deadlines as published in the [LSSC Catalog & Student Handbook \(lssc.edu/catalog\)](#) and the [LSSC Early College Programs website \(lssc.edu/ECP\)](#).

B. Dual Enrollment Approval

To begin the Dual Enrollment application process, a student must meet with their HEPO to discuss their interest in the program and ensure they meet eligibility requirements.

C. Dual Enrollment Application

The student can access the Dual Enrollment Application on the LSSC website (lssc.edu). The student will need to select the specific Dual Enrollment program to which they are applying. There is no application fee for Dual Enrollment applicants.

Students submit the completed LSSC Dual Enrollment Admissions Application, along with the following supporting documentation:

- GPA Verification and 2-HS class verification through transcript (*Public, Private, and Charter school students*)
- Proof of Qualifying Test Scores (*All students*)
- Proof of alternative credit such as AP/IB/AICE/CTE (*All students*)
- Proof of enrollment in Lake or Sumter County (*Home Education students only*)
- Signed Home Education DE Agreement Signature Page (*Home Education students only*)

Official scores of alternative credit must be sent by the reporting body directly to LSSC to grant credit and post on the student's college transcript.

D. Acceptance to Dual Enrollment Program

Students will receive an admissions decision by email within one to two weeks of submitting a completed application. Please note that during peak application periods, processing times may extend beyond two weeks due to increased volume. The admissions letter will include the student's LSSC XID and LakeHawk email address. These are required to log into the LSSC portal and register for New Student Advising and Registration.

Before being allowed to register for classes, students will need to sign-up for a New Student Advising session. Instructions for signing up are included in the student's admissions letter. At the New Student Advising session, the student will meet their LSSC Dual Enrollment Advisor and learn about the registration process for Dual Enrollment students. Once the session is complete, the student's enrollment hold will be removed and they will be allowed to register for classes.

6. DUAL ENROLLMENT COURSE CREDIT AND COURSE EQUIVALENCY

A. High School Credit Course Equivalency

Under Dual Enrollment, approved LSSC courses will be used to fulfill academic or academic elective credit requirements for high school graduation. All LSSC courses available to dual enrollment students are included in the Dual Enrollment Course – High School Subject Area Equivalency List found at <https://www.fldoe.org/schools/higher-ed/fl-college-system/dual-enroll-transfer/> and, as such, upon successful completion, credits apply to high school diploma coursework requirements.

B. Alternative Credit

LSSC will accept alternative credit from a variety of methods including, but not limited to, Advanced Placement (AP), International Baccalaureate (IB), Cambridge Advanced International Certificate of Education (AICE), and CLEP. For a list of alternative ways to earn college credit, visit the [LSSC Catalog and Student Handbook \(lssc.edu/catalog\)](https://www.lssc.edu/catalog). Alternative credit will not be awarded for a course which credit has already been earned and alternative credit cannot be used to forgive a grade previously earned in a course. Students may only earn college credit or alternative credit, not both. To receive this credit, it is the student's responsibility to include official documentation of alternative credit along with their DE Application. If they receive the credit after becoming a Dual Enrollment student, it is the student's responsibility to provide the documentation to the LSSC Registrar's office for review.

C. Transfer Guarantees

The Florida Department of Education "Statement on Dual Enrollment Transfer Guarantees" is available at <https://info.fldoe.org/docushare/dsweb/Get/Document-6472/hb7059tapb.pdf>.

The dual enrollment program is an opportunity to take challenging courses and accelerate education opportunities. With hundreds of dual enrollment courses available, there is great potential to further engage and motivate students to pursue academically rigorous courses that capture their interests. Successful completion of dual enrollment courses allows eligible high school students to simultaneously earn high school core or elective credit and postsecondary credit toward a career certificate, an associate degree, or a baccalaureate degree.

Dual enrollment courses will receive the same weighting for the high school grade point average as Advanced Placement (AP), International Baccalaureate (IB), and Advanced International Certificate of Education (AICE) courses. In addition, dual enrollment courses that meet core state university admission requirements in English/Language Arts, Mathematics, Natural Sciences, Social Sciences, or World Languages shall receive the same weighting as AP, IB, and AICE courses in the calculation of the high school grade point average used for admission decisions.

Students should understand, however, that dual enrollment courses are college-level courses, and the amount of work and rigor of content in dual enrollment courses may be much greater than in high school courses. In addition, dual enrollment course grades become a part of a student's permanent college transcript and are calculated into the student's permanent postsecondary grade point average. Poor performance in dual enrollment courses may affect university admissions and financial aid. It is important to do well in these courses to realize the benefits of dual enrollment.

Course selection is important for the dual enrollment student since different programs at a college require different courses to complete the certificate or degree. By choosing courses wisely, students can reduce the time it takes to complete a program after high school graduation. Some students are even able to complete their college certificate or degree at the same time they graduate from high school. Students who don't know what they want to study in college should consult with an advisor to consider focusing on completing general education requirements in communications, mathematics, social sciences, natural sciences, and humanities. All degree programs require general education coursework and, while there is some variation from institution to institution, there are general education courses that are common among most, if not all, institutions.

Florida dual enrollment college credit will transfer to any Florida public college or university offering the Statewide Course Numbering System course number, and must be treated as though taken at the receiving institution. However, if students do not attend the same college or university where they earned the dual enrollment credit the application of transfer credit to general education, prerequisite, and degree programs may vary at the receiving institution. Private and out-of-state colleges and universities may or may not grant college credit for courses taken through dual enrollment.

7. COLLEGE-LEVEL EXPECTATIONS

All LSSC courses meet the same curricular and rigor expectations as non-Dual Enrollment postsecondary instruction. All Dual Enrollment students receive information concerning college-level course expectations and LSSC General Education Requirements in New Student Advising & Registration session (NSAR), on the College's and dual enrollment program's web pages, in the [LSSC Catalog & Student Handbook \(lssc.edu/catalog\)](#) and during individual academic advising sessions with LSSC Academic Advisors.

A. Academic Advising Staff

LSSC Academic Advisors provide academic advisement and guidance services to Dual Enrollment and Early Admission students. These services may include but are not limited to: individual and/or classroom guidance, college workshops and college transition resources, college majors and prerequisite information, and weighting systems.

LSSC advisors shall ensure that students are taking courses that lead to the desired major or degree sought by the Dual Enrollment students. LSSC Advisors are the primary contact for all Dual Enrollment questions as they relate to a student's status as a college student.

B. Academic Advising

The New Student Advising & Registration session (NSAR) program is a cornerstone of the academic advising relationship established between Dual Enrollment students and LSSC's Staff. Dual Enrollment students are required to participate in LSSC's NSAR program prior to beginning Dual Enrollment coursework. Each Dual Enrollment student will be notified of the online [LSSC Catalog & Student Handbook \(lssc.edu/catalog\)](http://lssc.edu/catalog) at NSAR. All students will receive instructions on how to register for New Student Advising & Registration in their acceptance letter.

Students are advised of the expectations for continued Dual Enrollment eligibility during individual advising sessions with the LSSC staff. Dual enrollment and Early Admission students are encouraged to meet with LSSC Academic Advising prior to initial registration and at least once per semester. The student is responsible for scheduling any meetings with LSSC Academic Advisors.

C. Dual Enrollment Student Academic Expectations

- College courses permitted under Dual Enrollment must meet postsecondary course content requirements as specified in the Statewide Course Numbering System.
- College courses become part of a student's permanent college transcript and are calculated into the student's permanent postsecondary GPA.
- Students are expected to complete and submit all assignments by the deadlines listed on the course syllabus. Instructors are not required to accept nor grade any late assignment.
- All dual enrollment courses require completion with a grade of "C" or higher to be considered passing. Courses with a grade of D or F must be repeated.
- Course syllabi are available for students to review by contacting the course instructor during the add/drop period each semester and on Canvas.
- Course descriptions are available in the [LSSC Catalog & Student Handbook \(lssc.edu/catalog\)](http://lssc.edu/catalog).
- All LSSC students will be exposed to a learning environment promoting the open exchange of ideas. LSSC course content is presented on an adult level and classroom discussions require a mature understanding of divergent viewpoints and the ability to think analytically. Courses will not be modified to accommodate variations in student age and/or maturity.
- All LSSC students are free to access the Internet without restrictions per LSSC rules.

D. Student Privacy of Records

FERPA (Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act) is a federal law that protects the privacy of student educational records. Even though dual enrollment school students may be considered "dependent minors", under FERPA they have rights to privacy in all matters relating to their collegiate educational record. Generally, LSSC, including the faculty members, will not release information relating to protected student information to non-LSSC officials without the student's written consent. The practice of not releasing information extends to the release of information to parents and guardians. Information may not be released to parents or guardians unless the student has signed the LSSC FERPA waiver form. To sign a FERPA release waiver, students must contact the Registrar's office at www.lssc.edu/student-resources/registrar/. LSSC may not share student information with a parent or guardian unless they can verify that there is a FERPA waiver on file. Students have the opportunity to sign a FERPA release waiver on the dual enrollment application.

8. EXCEPTIONS TO THE REQUIRED GRADE POINT AVERAGES

Students who fall below a 3.0 high school GPA and/or a 2.0 college GPA are not eligible to participate in the Dual Enrollment program.

S. 1007.271(3), F.S., allows exceptions to the required GPA on an individual student basis if both parties agree. Broad exceptions are not allowed.

Students in the PERT Pilot Math, PERT Pilot English, or SLS Pilot programs may be exempt from the traditional dual enrollment eligibility requirements as long as they meet the criteria set forth in Section 4(E).

Students whose high school or college GPA falls within a tenth of a point (0.1) from the minimum may be allowed to take one DE course the following semester in a conditional status to bring their GPA up to the required minimum. LSSC staff will verify final GPA after the conditional semester.

If a student has an extenuating circumstance and believes they should be eligible to remain in Dual Enrollment despite not meeting the required GPA, the student must file an appeal. The Dual Enrollment Appeal process is outlined in Section 9 below.

9. DUAL ENROLLMENT COURSE POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

A. Academic deadlines

All academic deadlines are posted in the [LSSC Academic Calendar \(lssc.edu/academics/academic-calendar/\)](https://lssc.edu/academics/academic-calendar/), the Dual Enrollment Student Guide, and on the [LSSC homepage \(lssc.edu\)](https://lssc.edu). Dual enrollment students must comply with all policies and deadlines published in the [LSSC Catalog & Student Handbook \(lssc.edu/catalog\)](https://lssc.edu/catalog).

B. SLS course guidance

To ensure that students are prepared to handle the rigor of college-level coursework, all dual enrollment students are strongly encouraged to take SLS 1122, Strategies for Student Success, during their first semester of dual enrollment at LSSC. SLS 1122 fulfills elective credit towards most LSSC academic credit programs.

C. Process by which students register for courses

Dual Enrollment students must register for courses online using myLSSC, LSSC's online student portal. Students are instructed on the process to register for courses during their New Student Advising & Registration appointment with their LSSC Advisor. Additional information on the registration process can be found on LSSC's [Course Registration](https://www.lssc.edu/student-resources/course-registration/) website (<https://www.lssc.edu/student-resources/course-registration/>).

D. Course Approval

After registering for courses through the online portal, Dual Enrollment students must receive course approval from their LSSC DE Advisor. The course approval process depends on the type of DE student.

- **Public and Private School students:** After registration, the Dual Enrollment student's HEPO receives an electronic notification, where they will have the opportunity to approve or deny the course. If approved, the LSSC advisor receives an electronic notification, where they will have the opportunity to approve or deny the course. If approved, the student will have completed the registration process and will receive an email notification of the approval. If the course is denied by either party, the student will receive an electronic notification of denial of the course(s). It is the student's responsibility to follow up with the party who denied the course to correct the issue and begin the registration process again.
- **Home Education students:** Home education students will register through a process similar to public and private school students. However, home education students will not need approval from a school counselor. Once the LSSC Advisor approves their course, the student's course(s) will be confirmed.

Failure to complete the course approval process will result in the student being dropped from all courses. Once dropped from a course, there is no guarantee that seats will be available in the same section for registration.

E. Short-Term Courses

Short-term courses are shorter than a typical full college semester, often in the form of 7-week or 10-week semesters. These courses are the same material condensed into shorter periods, which can present a challenge for some students. Home Education students are allowed to take short-term courses.

F. Policy by which students add/drop courses

Students are solely responsible for adding and dropping classes in myLSSC, LSSC's online course management system. Students may add and drop classes during the registration period and until the end of the posted Dual Enrollment add/drop period without penalty, pending availability of classes and approval from school counselor and LSSC advisor. Classes dropped during the LSSC add/drop period do not appear on transcripts. Classes that are not approved by the add/drop deadline will result in the student being administratively dropped from the non-approved courses.

G. Maximum course loads

Dual Enrollment students are permitted to enroll in a maximum of eleven (11) credits per semester fall and spring semesters and eight (8) credits for summer semester (A, AE, and B combined).

H. Withdrawal Policy and Procedure

The consequences of dropping a dual enrollment class depends on when the drop occurs. A student who drops a class before the posted drop deadline (usually a week after classes begin), will not see the course included in the academic transcript. A student who drops a class after the drop deadline but before the

withdrawal deadline, will receive a “W” on their transcript in place of a grade. A student will be unable to withdraw from a class after the posted withdrawal deadline. The grade earned will be included on the academic transcript if the withdrawal deadline is missed.

Students withdrawing from a course during the LSSC withdrawal period will earn a “W” on the high school and the college transcripts. All grades, including “W” for withdrawal, become a permanent part of a student's high school and college transcripts and may affect subsequent postsecondary admissions and program eligibility.

The decision to withdraw from a course is a serious one and should not be taken lightly. Withdrawals impact the completion rate of courses for financial aid, and limits the number of courses a student may take the next semester as described in the next section. Students considering withdrawal from a course should meet with their LSSC Advisor before submitting an official withdrawal form.

The withdrawal forms are found online by logging in to “MyLSSC” and clicking “Student Forms”. The Dual Enrollment Withdrawal form will be one of the forms listed. Once a student submits a withdrawal form, the LSSC Advisor will be notified.

I. Course Repeat Policy

Dual Enrollment students who receive a “D” or “F” in a class, or withdraw “W” from a class after the add/drop deadline, who fall below a 2.0 college GPA, are no longer eligible to continue in the Dual Enrollment program.

Dual Enrollment students who receive a “D” or “F” in a class, or withdraw “W” from a class after the add/drop deadline, but maintain a college GPA above a 2.0, **will be limited to taking only that class the subsequent semester**. If the student fails or withdraws from more than one class in a given semester, they may only retake one class at a time per semester until all failed/withdrawn courses are retaken and passed. Upon demonstration of acceptable academic performance (C or better), the student will once again qualify for regular dual enrollment maximum course loads.

Dual Enrolled students are not permitted to take a course more than two times. Failure to pass the course on the second attempt will result in dismissal from the dual enrollment program.

J. First-Term Grace Period

In an effort to support student success, a first-term grace period rule is in effect for all Dual Enrollment students. A student with a D, F, or W in their first Dual Enrollment term may be allowed to retake the failed course even if their GPA drops below a 2.0, without the need for an appeal. The LSSC Advisor will work with these students to set them on a path for success on their second course attempt. Failure to pass the course on the second attempt will result in dismissal from the dual enrollment program.

K. Student behavior and suspension/expulsion policy

Dual enrollment students, including Early Admission, must adhere to the LSSC Student Codes of Conduct. All dual enrollment students assume the responsibility to become familiar with and to abide by LSSC Student Rights and Responsibilities as defined by the College Administrative Policies and Procedures and

referenced in the Student Code of Conduct in the [LSSC Catalog & Student Handbook \(lssc.edu/catalog\)](http://lssc.edu/catalog). The LSSC Dual Enrollment staff will provide timely notification of any Dual Enrollment student suspended or expelled from LSSC.

Students who conduct themselves in a manner disruptive to the LSSC learning environment may be subject to disciplinary action which could result in a loss of Dual Enrollment eligibility. Students in violation of LSSC's Student Code of Conduct are subject to disciplinary action that could affect high school and post-secondary graduation, scholarship eligibility, grade point average, and future postsecondary transfer and career plans. Dual Enrollment students submitting forms with forged parent/legal guardian and/or HEPO signature and/or falsified information forfeit Dual Enrollment eligibility for one full LSSC semester. Subsequent infractions of this nature will result in permanent loss of Dual Enrollment eligibility.

L. Dual Enrollment Appeals

LSSC understands that unique or extenuating circumstances may require a case-by-case examination of a student's Dual Enrollment situation. The Dual Enrollment Appeal process allows a student to submit justification for being excused from an established policy or procedure. Common reasons for submitting an appeal include:

- Unanticipated personal or family emergency resulting in substandard performance
- History or record of academic success suggesting poor performance was an outlier
- Issue was a result of a clerical error that can be proven with documentation

All appeal requests must include documentation that provides justification for the request.

The following reasons are generally not approved on appeal as the sole reason for the appeal:

- Missing a deadline due to insufficient planning
- Getting into a closed class
- Grade changes due to disagreement with instructor (must follow established grade appeal policy)
- Not knowing about a specific rule or procedure

These are only examples and are not all-inclusive. Students are encouraged to talk to a DE Advisor about a situation that may require an appeal for specific guidance.

A student who wishes to appeal a posted Dual Enrollment policy due to a unique or extenuating circumstance must adhere to the following steps:

- 1) Student discusses appeal request with their LSSC DE Advisor.
- 2) The DE Advisor reviews the request. The DE Advisor may ask questions or ask for additional documentation in the process. If the DE Advisor agrees with the Appeals Request, they will complete the LSSC Appeals Form with their recommendation. If they do not agree with the Appeals request, the appeal will not move forward to the Appeals Committee.
- 3) The DE Appeals Committee reviews the request and any supporting documentation and makes a decision.
- 4) The decision is relayed to the DE Advisor and student. All appeal decisions are final.

M. Dual enrollment students taken into custody

If an enrolled Lake-Sumter State College Dual Enrollment student is taken into custody by law enforcement for a crime that would be considered a felony or a crime of violence, the law enforcement agency must notify the Superintendent of Schools. The Superintendent then has one business day to notify the Associate Vice President Safety/Security and Risk Management at Lake-Sumter State College. The Associate Vice President Safety/Security and Risk Management will notify the Dean of Students, and a hold will be placed on the student's account until the matter is resolved through the student conduct process. Additional interim measures may be applied on a case-by-case basis in order to protect the safety and well-being of the campus community.

10. DELINEATION OF DUAL ENROLLMENT RESPONSIBILITY BETWEEN SCHOOLS

A. Student eligibility and advising responsibilities

The LSSC Enrollment Services team verify dual enrollment eligibility requirements through the dual enrollment application.

LSSC dual enrollment advisors shall ensure that students are taking courses that lead to the desired major or degree sought by the Dual Enrollment students. LSSC Advisors are the primary contact for all Dual Enrollment questions as they relate to a student's status as a college student.

B. College readiness testing

The student is responsible for taking college readiness testing prior to any Dual Enrollment application deadlines. Students may take the PERT at the LSSC campus for a fee by appointment.

C. Ongoing monitoring for continued participation in Dual Enrollment

Students seeking to continue taking LSSC academic credit through Dual Enrollment must maintain a minimum 3.0 unweighted cumulative high school GPA and a 2.0 unweighted cumulative LSSC GPA. LSSC Dual Enrollment Advisors confirm college GPA eligibility before approving student courses each semester.

LSSC Dual Enrollment staff monitor student GPA's and review and maintain student records to ensure continued Dual Enrollment eligibility. Students who do not meet the college GPA requirement will not be eligible to continue Dual Enrollment participation. The LSSC Dual Enrollment staff will alert students of student GPA changes resulting in a loss of dual enrollment eligibility.

D. Transferring Schools

It is the responsibility of the Dual Enrollment student to inform LSSC Dual Enrollment staff if they transfer schools (public, private, and home education) from their initial school at time of application. The student must send an email with the student's name, email, LSSC XID, previous school attended, new school attending, and effective date. Students may not register for dual enrollment classes at the new school until the transfer is processed.

E. Staff Turnover

When there is a staffing change to LSSC Dual Enrollment staff, LSSC will send out a notification to affected schools and students with information regarding the change, including contact information for any new Dual Enrollment staff employed by the college.

11. TRANSMISSION OF STUDENT GRADES

A. Student Grades

Faculty assigned to teach LSSC courses assign letter grades (A, B, C, D, and F) to all LSSC courses available for dual enrollment. Dual Enrollment students access final grades via the myLSSC student portal. All decisions and actions related to final course grades must be consistent with LSSC's Standards of Academic Progress, rules, and procedures posted in the LSSC Catalog & Student Handbook (lssc.edu/catalog).

A grade of "C" or higher proves satisfactory completion of a course fulfilling the Gordon Rule Requirement and earning postsecondary credit. A grade of "I" may be assigned in extreme circumstances. Students must qualify per LSSC policy and procedure and the request must be approved by faculty and their LSSC supervisor before permitted. Incomplete "I" grades not completed within LSSC's designated timeframe automatically convert to an "F" grade on both the high school and college transcripts and calculate as "F" in computing both the high school and the college GPAs. Withdrawals ("W") are not included in calculating the high school or college GPA.

Students wishing to appeal a final course grade must follow LSSC's grade grievance procedures as described in the LSSC Catalog & Student Handbook (lssc.edu/catalog).

Dual Enrollment students who believe it necessary to withdraw from a course or who failed a course due to extenuating circumstances may appeal to the LSSC Dean of Students using LSSC's administrative appeal process outlined in the LSSC Catalog & Student Handbook (lssc.edu/catalog).

12. DUAL ENROLLMENT FACULTY

A. Qualifications and Selection of Instructors

All faculty teaching LSSC courses, regardless of delivery location, must meet the proper higher education accreditor's requirements/guidelines for postsecondary instructors and LSSC's credentialing standards. LSSC is responsible for vetting all faculty prior to assigning them to teach LSSC courses.

Anyone interested in teaching a Dual Enrollment class for LSSC should communicate with an LSSC Dean for credentialing requirements specific to the courses they want to teach.

B. Procedure for Credentialing a Dual Enrollment Instructor

All Instructors must meet the qualifications of an LSSC instructor as described in Section A above. If an individual, such as a high school teacher, is interested in teaching LSSC Dual Enrollment courses, they

may share their contact information with the LSSC Dual Enrollment staff to provide to the appropriate Academic Dean or contact the Academic Dean directly to discuss the opportunity.

C. Reporting Structure of Instructors

All faculty teaching LSSC courses, regardless of delivery location, report to an LSSC Dean for all matters pertaining to a dual enrollment class. The LSSC Dean will be responsible for all training, supervision, professional development, and evaluation of instructors that teach any dual enrollment courses for LSSC. This includes that all instructors follow LSSC's posted [Policies and Procedures](http://lssc.edu/about-us/policy) (lssc.edu/about-us/policy).

D. Assessment of Instructors

All LSSC courses are taught according to the approved master course outline and course syllabus template. All faculty teaching LSSC courses are assessed in the same manner, regardless of class delivery location.

E. Curriculum

The curriculum offered through the program is identified by LSSC to meet accreditation requirements.

13. EXCEPTIONS TO FACULTY PROFESSIONAL RULES, GUIDELINES, AND EXPECTATIONS

There are no exceptions to the rules, guidelines, and expectations, as stated in LSSC's administrative procedures or student handbook, which apply to faculty members.

14. FUNDING PROVISION AND COSTS INCURRED BY EACH PARTNER

A. Tuition, registration, matriculation and laboratory fees

Per Florida Statutes § 1007.271(2), Dual Enrollment students shall be exempt from the payment of tuition, registration, matriculation and laboratory fees.

B. Textbook, electronic access codes and other course materials

LSSC will provide textbooks to Home Education students enrolled in a dual enrollment course free of charge.

C. Textbook process

Students will receive an email to their Lakehawk email with a voucher about two weeks before the semester starts to access their textbooks for free. The vouchers have instructions for accessing books and will list an expiration date. If students do not access their textbooks by the voucher expiration date, they will be unable to receive their textbook for free and will need to purchase their own dual enrollment textbooks. The voucher expiration dates will be communicated to students each semester by email.

D. Textbook selection and use

All textbooks are selected for each course by the appropriate LSSC faculty member(s) and approved by the appropriate LSSC academic department. Textbooks will be used for a minimum of two years unless the current edition is no longer available from the publisher.

15. STUDENT TRANSPORTATION

Dual Enrollment students are responsible for arranging and paying for transportation to and from LSSC as well as all other Dual Enrollment-related transportation. Parents/guardians assume all financial responsibility and liability for Dual Enrollment-related transportation.

16. RESOURCES AVAILABLE TO STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES

LSSC provides qualified students with academic accommodations to ensure full participation in and equal access to educational opportunities while enrolled at the College. Dual Enrollment students seeking academic accommodations for college-based or online courses must self-identify and provide appropriate documentation of their disability to the LSSC's Student Accessibility Services Office (lssc.edu/student-resources/student-accessibility-services/). All documentation will be reviewed and processed in order to determine reasonable accommodations in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and the 504 Rehabilitation Act of 1973. K-12 IEPs are not applicable in postsecondary courses. Students must contact LSSC's Student Accessibility Office to determine appropriate accommodations and submit necessary documentation.

17. EARLY ADMISSION PROGRAM AT LSSC

Early Admission is a form of dual enrollment that allows eligible students to complete their first full year of college an entire year early, allowing students to gain the full Lakehawk experience and participate in college programs like any other student. Early Admission students take a full-time college course load between 12-18 credit hours. The following section reviews the policies and procedures relating to Early Admission. Unless otherwise indicated below, general rules that apply to Dual Enrollment also apply to Early Admission.

A. Early Admission Initial Eligibility Requirements

- A minimum of 3.0 unweighted high school GPA at the time of application
- A minimum of 3.0 college GPA at the time of application
- High School Senior standing for Fall start, as determined by high school
- Demonstrated success taking college-level coursework through the completion of at least 3 dual enrollment classes (9 credits) by the Early Admission application deadline
 - Demonstrated completion of a Cambridge AICE Diploma may be used in place of the minimum dual enrollment credit requirement
- The enrollment period for Early Admission occurs once per year to begin in the fall semester only

B. Eligibility Requirements to Continue in Early Admission Program

- Early Admission is only available in the fall and spring semester of the senior year. It is not available in the summer.
- Continued eligibility requires the maintenance of a 3.0 unweighted high school GPA and the maintenance of a minimum 3.0 LSSC cumulative GPA. Students who fail or withdraw from one or more courses, but maintain Early Admission eligibility, will be put in a probationary status and will need to work with their Dual Enrollment Advisor to create a class schedule that includes a retake of the failed or withdrawn course(s).
- Continued eligibility requires an Early Admission student to take a minimum of 12 credits in fall and spring semester. Students may not drop from the Early Admission program without discussing with their Dual Enrollment Advisor and School Counselor to ensure they remain a full time student either at the college or at the high school.
- All classes taken by Early Admission student must be LSSC Dual Enrollment classes unless prior approval has been granted by School Counselor and LSSC Advisor to take an accompanying high school class.
- A student who leaves the Early Admission program may continue as a Dual Enrollment student as long as they meet Dual Enrollment eligibility requirements and are taking enough courses at the high school to remain in full time FTE status.

C. Process to Apply for Early Admission

Students who meet the eligibility requirements for Early Admission may apply by submitting an Early Admission application through the LSSC website by the posted application deadline. The application will require the following documentation:

- Verification of minimum LSSC GPA

LSSC Staff will verify that the student has completed at least 9 credits of Dual Enrollment classes prior to application deadline. Upon application approval, the student will receive an acceptance letter to the Early Admission program and instructions for registration.

D. Early Admission Advisement and Engagement

LSSC Early Admission Staff will work with students to help them succeed in the Early Admission program. Staff will reach out to students for periodic check-ins. Based on level of performance and support needed at the check-in, additional check-ins may be scheduled.

18. ADDITIONAL POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

A. Student data requests

LSSC will collect and compile Dual Enrollment data to complete required reports for state and other external entities.

B. Attendance requests related to state-mandated end-of-course assessments

Dual enrollment students must contact their LSSC faculty two weeks in advance to request accommodations for missed class and/or assignments due to a scheduled Advanced Placement (AP) exam or state mandated end-of-course (EOC) assessment.

C. Background investigations

LSSC represents and warrants to the HEPO that it has read and is familiar with Florida Statutes §§ 1012.315, 1012.32, 112.465, 1012.467, and 1012.468 regarding background investigations. LSSC covenants to comply with all requirements of the above-cited statutes and shall provide the HEPO with proof of compliance upon request. To the extent permitted by and subject to the limitations specified in Florida Statutes § 768.28, LSSC agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the HEPO, its officers, agents and employees from any liability in the form of physical injury, death, or property damage resulting from LSSC's failure to comply with the requirements of this paragraph of Florida Statutes §§ 1012.315, 1012.32, 1012.465, 1012.467 and 1012.468.

D. Right to audit

The Parties shall keep all records and supporting documentation which concern or relate to this Agreement for a minimum of three (3) years from the date of termination of this Agreement. Each party to this Agreement agrees to provide the other party, and their duly authorized representatives, access to records and supporting documentation as they relate to this agreement, upon request and at mutually agreeable times during normal business hours. In addition, each party shall have the right to audit, inspect and copy all of the records of the other party as they relate to this Agreement, upon request and at mutually agreeable times during normal business hours. The parties shall cooperate with each other in any such audit and inspection, and in allowing copies to be made. The access, inspection, copying and auditing rights of this Agreement shall survive the termination of this agreement.

E. Waivers & Changes to Law

Pursuant to Florida statute 1007.271(3) and (21), the President of LSSC (or designee) may waive Dual Enrollment eligibility and participation criteria through a student appeal process. The decision is final and cannot be appealed.

The parties agree this contract is governed by Florida law, including, but not limited to, executive orders by the Florida Governor, and executive orders by local governmental officials. In the event provisions of this agreement are modified on a temporary basis due to the issuance of an executive order, the parties agree to comply with the order until the order is rescinded.

Changes in legislation or appropriations related to dual enrollment or early college programs that occur throughout the term of this agreement will be addressed in an addendum.