Dual Credit
Spring 2016 Info Session
Welcome Parents & Students!
WHAT is Dual Credit?

- ACC’s Dual Credit program allows eligible high school students residing in the ACC service area to enroll in college level classes with tuition & fees waived OR at a low cost.

- Students receive a total of 12 course attempts/waivers, equally 36 college credit hours (potentially), after which regular tuition and fees are assessed.

- Tuitions and fees waivers are only applicable to courses on the ACC core curriculum, workforce, foreign languages and KINE 1304 /1305.
Types of Dual Credit

- **Dual Credit** – Students complete a college course that also meet local high school graduation requirement (ex. ENGL 1301 or GOVT 2305).
- **Co-Enrollment** – Students complete a college course and only receive college credit. The class is not needed for high school graduation (ex. SOCI 1301 or GOVT 2306).
WHO is Eligible?

- Students who have successfully completed 8th grade in either a public school, private school, charter school, or home school.
- Students who have passed the appropriate sections of the State of Texas approved college readiness assessment (TSI) test or submit acceptable exemption scores.
  - Reading: 351
  - Writing: 5 or 4/363
  - Math: 350
- Students who have received permission from their parent/guardian and high school counselor and principal.
WHERE are Classes Offered?

- DC students may take classes at their high school before, during, and after the school day (if offered).
- DC students may also take classes at any ACC campus, Center location, or via Distance Learning.
WHY Take DC Classes?

- Save $$$ (potentially 1yr+ of college!).
- Earn both high school and college credit.
- Gain college-level experience while in high school.
- Stand out on college admission applications.
- Graduate from college early or reduce semester course load.
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Good Standing

Effective Fall 2016

 All Dual Credit students must maintain a minimum 2.0 cumulative GPA.
 Failure to maintain good standing for 1 semester will result in a student ineligible for dual credit waivers.
 Dual Credit students who do not maintain good standing are subject to further disciplinary action.
College Vs. High School

- Students pay for textbooks/required materials.
- College classes will require **MORE** homework than your high school classes.
- ACC offers free tutoring for all registered students at the Learning Labs at each ACC campus.
- Students are responsible for dropping classes or you will receive a grade. Not going to class will **not** automatically drop you.
College Vs. High School

- ACC information goes directly to the student via the students ACCmail account.
- Course content and student expectations are not altered in any way to accommodate students under 18 years of age.
- Parents are not automatically entitled to see student records, including absences, grades, and course progress (FERPA).

FERPA: Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (Federal law)
The Good News...

- DC students do better than traditional students in terms of mean GPA and have better persistence from semester to semester.
- ACC credits transfer seamlessly to Texas public colleges and universities.
  
  *U.S. Government at ACC =
  
  *U.S. Government at UT, TAMU, TX State, etc.*

- ACC credits can transfer widely to Texas private colleges, as well as out-of-state public and private colleges/universities.
HOW Do you Enroll?

See New DC Student Enrollment Steps worksheet:
- Step 1: Complete ACC’s Online Application
- Step 2: Complete Mandatory Online Orientation
- Step 3: Take TSI Test (Unless Exempt)
- Step 4: Advising Session with ACC Advisor
- Step 5: Register for Classes
- *Step 6: Payment (*if applicable)
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