



PASADENA EDUCATION NETWORK

How PUSD Students Can Earn College Credit while in High School

Pasadena Unified School District partners with Pasadena City College to offer students the opportunity to earn college credit while in high school. Research shows that students earning college credits while in high school not only graduate high school, but are much more likely to complete a college degree. There are two ways to earn college credit while in high school:

1. **Concurrent Enrollment** - Students can enroll in Pasadena City College courses offered after school hours (or during the summer) to receive transferable college credits while still in high school. These courses do *not* count toward the credit requirement for graduation, but may be used to fulfill specific high school course requirements.
2. **Dual Enrollment** allows eligible students to enroll in college courses that earn them both credit toward their high school diploma and transferable college credit. Courses are offered on the high school campus and are part of the student's instructional day.

How does the Concurrent Enrollment Program work?

- Some college courses may be taken concurrently for the purpose of meeting specific course requirements for high school graduation. The course does not count toward the 220 units of course credit required to graduate, but may fulfill a specific course requirement, such as English 1, American Government, or a world language. A team of PUSD counselors meets regularly to determine which courses can be used to fulfill specific requirements.
- The student's high school counselor must sign a [recommendation form](#) before PCC (or another community college) will allow the student to enroll in a college course during the school year. Counselors will discuss with the student's objectives and confirm whether a course can be taken to fulfill a specific PUSD graduation course requirement.
- Courses can also be taken concurrently during the summer. College courses taken concurrently at a community college appear on the student's college transcript but do not appear on their PUSD transcript UNLESS the student submits his or her college transcript to his or her high school counselor. (This is true whether or not the course will be used to satisfy a high school requirement.)
- **Concurrent Enrollment** steps are outlined here: <https://www.pusd.us/Page/5396>

How does the Dual Enrollment Program work?

- **Academic** courses are aligned to PCC's posted curriculum. They are four-year transferable UC/CSU-approved courses and will transfer to public colleges and universities in and out of state.
- Courses that are part of college and career pathways are offered as an elective option but may not be UC/CSU transferable if they serve as introductory or precursor course for PCC pathways and certification. Students will earn PUSD graduation elective credits for these courses.

- Courses offered in the high school shall be of the same quality and rigor as those offered on the PCC campus; (CA Code of Regulations 55002(a), 55232 and CA Ed Code 48801
- Dual courses appear on both the student’s college and high school transcript.

Which high schools offer Dual Enrollment?

Dual enrollment is embedded in the design of **John Muir Early College Magnet**, which hosts a satellite of PCC on its high school campus. All Muir freshman take the College Counseling course, for which they receive both high school and college credit. Muir students have access to the full range of PCC courses offered at PCC’s satellite campus, are able to take college courses during the school day as part of Muir’s block schedule, and are supported by designated “early college” counselors. Students at other high school campuses who wish to concurrently enroll in a PCC class can register for classes offered on PCC’s main campus or on the Muir Satellite campus. Muir students have priority for courses offered during the school day at the Muir Satellite campus.

Other PUSD high schools have limited dual enrollment offerings, including courses offered online or after the regular high school instructional day. (See chart.) Offerings are subject to change from one term to the next. Students should check with their counselor to find out what dual enrollment courses are available to them, and how to enroll.

PCC Dual Enrollment Courses offered this year (Offerings may change from year to year)

School	Courses	
Muir (Spring 2023 course list)	9th Grade	Counseling 012 - Personal Growth and Development Health Ed 044 - Health Education Speech 010 - Interpersonal Communication Psychology 001 - Introduction to Psychology Sociology 001 - Introduction to Sociology Sociology 002 - Contemporary Social Problems Speech 001 - Fundamentals of Speech Statistics 050 - Elementary Statistics
	10 -12th Grade	Anthropology 001 - Biological Anthropology Geography 004 - Weather and Climate Humanities 001 - Introduction to Humanities
	12th Grade	English 001C - Intermediate Composition: Critical Thinking and Argument
<i>Courses offered during the school day at PCC’s Muir satellite campus. More Muir Early College Magnet info here: https://www.pusd.us/Page/8651</i>		
Blair	Introduction to American Government and Politics – Allows IB Diploma candidates to meet their American Gov’t requirement for HS graduation, which they otherwise could not fit into their into their senior year schedule Introductory Sociology	
<i>Both these courses are being offered online (Fall 2022)</i>		
Marshall	Personal Finance Theatre Make Up	Mandarin College Counseling

	<i>Dual enrollment classes are offered 6th period to students in 9th-12th grade.</i>	
PHS <i>(Spring 2023)</i>	Information and Technology Essentials Digital Art: Painting & Drawing History of Asian Art	Introduction to Fire Technology History of California First Aid: Responding to Emergencies Chicano Sociology
<i>*Courses are two days/week 3:50-5:20 pm at PHS. Students must fill out interest form</i>		