College Courses for Dual Credit and Early College High Schools

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College Credit for Dual Credit Basics

- ✓ Definition: a process by which a high school student enrolls in a college course and receives simultaneous academic credit for the course from both the college and the high school.
- ✓ Any public institution of higher education may work with a high school (public or private) to form a college credit for dual credit partnership.

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College Credit for Dual Credit Laws & Rules

- ✓ Sec. 28.009. COLLEGE CREDIT PROGRAM (a) Each school district shall implement a program under which students may earn the equivalent of at least 12 semester credit hours of college credit in high school. On request, a public institution of higher education in this state shall assist a school district in developing and implementing the program.
- ✓ DC Rules found in Ch. 4, Sub. D, sections 4.81 through 4.85
- ✓ An MOU or other written agreement must be in place that covers all aspects of DC program
- ✓ DC courses must come from either ACGM or WECM
- ✓ Developmental courses can never be DC

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College Credit for Dual Credit Limits and Requirements

- ✓ Students must demonstrate college readiness
- ✓ Only HS juniors & seniors are normally eligible
- ✓ Enrollment limit of two courses per term
- ✓ Faculty must be chosen & supervised by IHE
- ✓ Curriculum, instruction, & grading must be equivalent to that in other sections of course
- ✓ Grades must be transcripted upon completion of course

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HB 2480

- ✓ Enacted during the 2009 session, HB 2480 amended Ed. Code Section 130.008 to allow a college to provide DC services even if the receiving ISD is not in the college's service area…
- ✓ But only if the other junior college district is unable to provide the requested course to the satisfaction of the school district.

HB 101

- ✓ Also passed in 2009, this law exempts college courses that count towards HS graduation requirements from counting towards the "Excess Hours" law/rule.
- ✓ Found in Education Code 61.0595

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ECHS Basics

- ✓ Definition: an institution or entity designated by the Texas Education Agency as an Early College High School…that combines high school and college-level courses during grade levels 9 through 12 and to allow the student to attain a Recommended or Advanced High School Program diploma and earn up to 60 semester credit hours toward an associate or baccalaureate degree by the fifth anniversary of the student's first day of high school.
- ✓ Any public institution of higher education may work with a high school (public or private) to form a ECHS partnership.

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ECHS Laws & Rules

- ✓ Sec. 29.908. TEA shall establish and administer an early college education program for students who are at risk of dropping out of school or who wish to accelerate completion of the high school program.
- ✓ ECHS Rules found in Ch. 4, Sub. G, sections 4.151 through 4.161
- ✓ ECHS designation allows eligible students with freshman, sophomore, junior, or senior high school standing to enroll in more than two dual credit courses per semester
- ✓ Applications approved by TEA will be automatically forwarded to the CB, serving as Notifications of Institutional intent to Develop an ECHS

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