

Frequently Asked Questions

1. What is an Early Enrollment class? *A course that counts for both high school and college credit.*
2. What is a dual credit class? *Dual Credit, or concurrent enrollment, provides high school students the opportunity to take college-credit bearing courses taught by college-approved high school teachers. It is a low-cost, scalable model for bringing accelerated courses to students in urban, suburban, and rural high schools. Students gain exposure to the academic challenges of college while in their supportive high school environment, earning transcribed college credit at the time they successfully pass the course.*
3. Are these classes considered dual credit classes? *Most of our Early Enrollment courses are considered dual credit. Please see the link under “Course Offerings” for a list of all dual credit courses.*
4. Are these classes accepted only at West Virginia State University (WVSU), or at other colleges? *Every general education course offered transfers to other colleges, as well as some major courses. Eighty percent of the classes in this program are general education courses and you can find these in the WVSU course catalog on the website.*
5. How will taking Early Enrollment classes affect the PROMISE Scholarship eligibility? *It does not affect PROMISE eligibility at all. PROMISE does not kick in until after graduation of high school.*
6. How much do these classes cost? *The rate is \$25 per credit hour.*
7. Will my child receive an extra credit point on their GPA similar to an AP class? *Yes, Early Enrollment classes will receive weighted grades.*
8. What if my child takes this class and is not doing well, can they drop the class within the allotted period and take another class? *Yes, they are able to drop the class within the first two weeks of the semester.*
9. Who will be teaching these classes? Will it be one of our teachers or an instructor from WVSU? *It is our hope that primarily the high school will provide the instructor, but when certain requirements are not met, a WVSU faculty or adjunct faculty member will teach the class.*

10. Will we have contact with the WVSU instructor if we have questions about how our child is progressing in the class? *The student will have contact with the instructor. If the student signs a FERPA release, then you would be able to speak with the instructor. Because they are taking a college class, federal guidelines state that a student must sign the FERPA for anyone from our institution to give information about the student.*
11. Will we use Engrade to monitor our child's progress in the class? *Yes, parents will be able to monitor grades via Engrade.*
12. Can my child take advantage of some of these classes without being fully enrolled in the 1 + 3 program? *Yes. As stated before, over 80% of the classes offered are general education classes that transfer to every school in the state and many out of state, so any student that would like to take a college class is encouraged to do so.*
13. Will these classes meet every day? *If the class is being taught by a faculty member of the high school and the student is receiving dual-credit, it is my understanding that the state of West Virginia mandates student's to meet every day. If the class is being taught by a WVSU faculty member or adjunct faculty member who does not have high school certification (so the class cannot be counted as dual-credit), they will only meet to fulfill the contact hours required by the college. This is 3-4 hours per week, depending on the course.*
14. If a student's class only meets for three hours a week what do they do during days they do not meet? *Students are able to use it as a period where they are able to complete work from their classes.*
15. Will the grading scale for these classes be the same as our county grading scale? *The grading scale for WVSU is 90-100 for an A, 80-89 for a B, 70-79 for a C, 60-69 for a D, and 59 and below for an F.*
16. What would be a standard class size for these classes? *Ideally, we would like to have 20 students in a class, but we are willing to offer classes with a minimum of 5.*
17. Will there be a fee waiver for students who are on free or reduced lunch? *There are no fee waivers available to students based on free and reduced lunch status.*

18. Does my child have to take the ACT or SAT to qualify for these classes, and if so, what is the minimum score? *The student must take the ACT and receive an 18 or above in Math and English to be able to take English 101 and Math 120. No other class requires ACT scores as a prerequisite. If the student is unable to take the ACT or SAT then they can take an ACCUPLACER test. We offer ACCUPLACER on our campus.*
19. Is there a GPA requirement to take these classes? *No, the monitoring of who is able to take a class will be done by someone at the high school. We believe counselors or others have a better knowledge of the success a student will have in the class, and we do not want to limit them based on GPA.*
20. Does our child have to enroll in WVSU to take these classes? *The student does count as a WVSU student, but it does not affect their status as they enter college. Any course a student takes before they graduate high school has no effect on their status at that school. The only thing it does is give them a tremendous head start over others.*
21. If we are interested in these classes who should we speak with at the school? *You should contact the student's assigned counselor at their home high school with questions regarding Early Enrollment classes.*