

# **Policy Code: 4160 DUAL ENROLLMENT OF PRIVATE, PAROCHIAL, AND HOME SCHOOL STUDENTS**

## **Introduction**

The Alexander County Board of Education ("Board") seeks to provide high quality educational opportunities, experiences, and services to children throughout Alexander County. Toward that end, the Board authorizes and provides for the limited dual enrollment of private, parochial, and home school students in middle and high schools operated by the school district.

Subject to the Board's policies and applicable State and Federal law, eligible middle and high school students attending private schools, parochial schools, and home schools will be permitted to enroll concurrently in Alexander County Schools for a minimum of one-half of the school day. For the purpose of this policy, one-half of the school day shall be determined by instructional periods. Enrollment for less than one-half of the school day will not be permitted. Dually enrolled middle and high school students must satisfy this enrollment requirement through face-to-face instruction, through online instruction, or through a combination of those instructional formats. Students seeking enrollment will be assigned to a school based on their residence/domicile, unless discretionary reassignment is granted by the Board consistent with policy 4150, School Assignment. Consistent with policy 4130, Discretionary Admission, any reason related to athletics or participation in athletics will not be considered a valid or sufficient justification for discretionary reassignment.

Dually enrolled students are eligible to participate in interscholastic athletics available at the enrolling school subject to applicable policies established by the Board. Dually enrolled students who participate in interscholastic athletics must be enrolled for the entire school year in order to maintain their athletic eligibility. Dually enrolled high school students who participate in interscholastic athletics may satisfy this enrollment requirement only through face-to-face instruction. Participation in extracurricular activities is a privilege, not a right, and the denial of participation in interscholastic athletics pursuant to this policy is not appealable to the principal, superintendent, or Board.

## **Conditions and Requirements**

The Board establishes the following conditions and requirements for dual enrollment of private, parochial, and home school students in its middle and high schools. These expectations intend to protect the integrity of the school district's academic and extracurricular programs and to define consistent eligibility and participation standards for all students completing dual enrollment courses. Further, they intend to ensure that Alexander County Schools can provide parents and students a positive, high quality dual enrollment experience.

1. The student's parent or guardian will complete the enrollment process at the appropriate school based on residence, and provide to the school principal all required registration documentation (i.e., birth certificate, immunization records, proof of residency, etc.), on or before established dual enrollment deadlines.
2. In addition to registration documentation elsewhere required by policy or law, the student's parent or guardian must sign and provide to the school principal a written dual enrollment agreement before the student can enroll. The Superintendent or designee shall develop a uniform dual enrollment agreement for use throughout the school district.
3. The student's parent or guardian must provide to the school principal documentation of the student's current enrollment in a non-public education program (e.g., private, parochial, or home school).

4. The student's parent or guardian assumes responsibility for his or her transportation to and from the enrolling school.
5. After considering course availability, course capacity, the student's academic readiness, and other relevant factors, the school principal shall make all final decisions regarding the student's course selections.
6. The enrolling school will maintain academic records for registered courses of dually enrolled students in the student information system and produce reports of their progress in a manner consistent with that of traditionally enrolled, full-time students. Dually enrolled students will not be included in high school graduation and class rank.
7. In order to maintain their dual enrollment status, students enrolled in an online course must engage in regular, active online instruction and earn a minimum final grade of 60. In order to maintain their dual enrollment status, students enrolled in a face-to-face course must satisfy the school district's attendance requirements and earn a minimum final grade of 60.
8. Students must satisfy all applicable state and local standards for testing and course credit. Students who do not complete required tests will become ineligible for dual enrollment in subsequent courses.

Legal References: [NCGS 115C-364-366](#)

Cross Reference: Previous ACBE Policy No. 716, Dual Enrollment

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## **ALEXANDER COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION POLICY MANUAL**

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