



Dual Enrollment (DE) Information

McKeel Academy of Technology (MAT)

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Program Information

- The dual enrollment program allows academically talented high school students to take college classes while still in high school.
- Classes are offered through Polk State College (PSC)
- Courses are available on our campus and offered during the school day or at Polk State
- Classes are taught by highly qualified instructors, credentialed by PSC
- Rigorous college content taught in courses
- DE Courses are included in student schedules
- FERPA laws prohibit parents from having access to their high school student's college course grades, attendance or transcript without a signed PSC approved access form
- DE courses **will** begin a student's college GPA
This may affect college admission
- Students who do not complete DE courses successfully may be responsible for any costs associated with the course, as applicable

Why dual enrollment?

- MAT covers the cost of all DE classes, fees and textbooks
- If qualifications are met, DE classes can begin as a sophomore or once a student has 6 high school credits
- Students can only take DE classes for 3 years
- Pursue course work towards a General Associates Degree on MAT or PSC campuses
- Successful completion of a DE course earns high school credit while simultaneously earning college credit
- GPA is weighted on a 5.0 scale
 - Example: A=5.0, B=4.0, C=3.0

Requirements

Students **MUST**
meet **ALL**
requirements!

- 3.5 unweighted cumulative high school GPA
- Earned at least 6 high school credits
- Cannot be enrolled in Intensive Reading
- Meet placement test requirements

Standardized Assessment	Threshold score needed in READING for eligibility in non-mathematics and non-science courses	Threshold score needed in Writing or English for eligibility in non-mathematics and non-science courses	Score in Mathematics for eligibility in mathematics or science courses
PSAT	24/490	25/490	24/480
ACT	19	17	19/*21
SAT	24	25	24/*26.5
PERT	106	103	114/*123

Additional Requirements

- A grade of “C” or higher is considered successful completion
- College GPA of 2.0 is required to continue DE courses
- Students must receive a “C” or higher in ENC1101 in order to take ENC1102
- Complete the PSC online application and online orientation (www.polk.edu)
- Complete the High School Approval Form and Dual Enrollment Contract and submit to your School Counselor prior to registration
- For College Algebra- MAC1105- students must earn the eligible math score and complete Algebra 2 Honors.

DE vs. AP

Earning College Credit; which path is right for you?

Dual Enrollment

- College credit is awarded with completion of class with a grade of C or better, however, earning a grade of C or lower could negatively impact admissions
- All state colleges and universities in Florida accept DE transfer credits but may award elective credit rather than core. **Be aware of the transfer policy for each college.**
- Class grade (GPA) transfers to your college transcript
- Most DE courses equal 3 college credits hours
- Private colleges and universities are free to establish their own transfer criteria therefore it is best to check in advance pertaining to the schools DE policy

Advanced Placement

- College credit is awarded with a 3 or higher on the AP exam; high school credit is awarded by class grade
- AP tests are a demonstration of proficiency and competency in subject matter based on class grade and score on AP test.
- All state colleges and universities in Florida accept AP credits. Colleges and Universities in other states are very likely to accept them as well
- A grade of a C in an AP class is not considered negative when applying to college
- A score of a 4 or 5 on the AP exam could earn multiple college credits depending on exam and university
- Private colleges and universities are free to establish their own transfer criteria therefore it is best to check in advance pertaining to the schools AP policy
- [AP Credit Policy](#)

Earning AA Degree

- Earning an AA Degree does NOT necessarily mean you will be admitted into the public university of your choice. However, you will be accepted to one of the 12 universities in the state of Florida.
- Student would be considered a first-time in college student but may be a junior upon admission depending on how many college credits they have earned.
- Students earning their AA in high school may or may not be eligible for Freshman Scholarships at the universities. Each university is different. You are highly encouraged to contact the admissions department at the university you are interested in attending.

Tentative Courses offered on our campus

<u>Fall Semester</u>	<u>Spring Semester</u>
College Success (SLS1101)	General Leadership (SLS1261)
US Hist:1607-1877 (AMH1010)*	US Hist:1877-Present (AMH1020)*
Intro to Business (GEB1011)	Principles of Management (MAN2021)
College Algebra (MAC1105)*	Pre-Calculus Algebra (MAC1140)
Medical Terminology (HSC1531)	Health & Wellness (HSC1101) - online
College Composition 1 (ENC1101)*	College Composition 2 (ENC1102)*
Intro to Literature (LIT1000)*	Intro to Humanities (HUM2020)

*ENC1101-replaces English III or IV

*LIT1000-must pass ENC1101/1102

*AMH1010/AMH1020-replaces U.S. History

*MAC1105-must earn passing math score and complete Algebra II Honors

FAQ

- **Can students take the PERT more than one time?** Yes, but students must wait 30 days before retaking the test. Students can only take the PERT two times within a 2-year period.
- **Do students have to take the PERT at McKeel?** No, students can take the PERT through PSC.

PERT Testing for Dual Enrollment Students

HOW TO TAKE THE PERT IN-PERSON

1. Apply to Polk State College. You will receive a welcome letter via email with additional information.
2. To request to take the PERT, please send an email to the email address below that applies to you:

Lakeland or Winter Haven students

- Last name beginning with A-M:
email OnlineAdvisingA@Polk.edu
- Last name beginning with N-Z:
email OnlineAdvisingZ@Polk.edu

Lake Wales (JDA) students

- Email JDAPERT@Polk.edu

*For new applications, **wait 3 business days** to send your request to allow time for processing.*

1. A student success advisor will respond to finalize your request.

Please allow at least 2 business days to process your initial request.

1. You will receive an email with instructions for scheduling your appointment from PERT@Polk.edu ***within 2 business days*** of being approved for testing by an advisor.
2. All PERT testing is done by appointment, which must be made ***at least one day in advance.***

FAQ

- **Do students have to take all sections of the PERT if they have passed some of the sections?** No, students can take just the sections that they are still needing to pass.
- **Do the PERT scores expire?** If students pass the PERT and do not take any courses within two years, their scores will expire. PERT math scores are only valid 2 years unless students enroll in a math course.
- **Can students take DE courses on PSC's campus?** Yes, students are allowed to take courses on McKeel's campus and/or PSC campus.
- **Do McKeel teachers teach dual enrollment courses?** We currently have four McKeel teachers that teach courses.
- **If students receive their AA degree does that disqualify them for scholarship opportunities?** Students may be ineligible for Freshman scholarships at some institutions. It is imperative students check with each individual college/university they are interested in attending to clarify their individual policies.
- **What is FTEA?** FTEA means Full Time Early Admission. Seniors are the only ones that can meet FTEA requirements. FTEA is taking 12-15 credit hours on PSC campus and remaining a McKeel Student

FAQ

- **What if students don't earn a passing math score?** Students can take up to 12 college credits without having a passing math score as long as they have earned the passing reading and writing score.
- **Where can students locate their cumulative unweighted GPA?** The unweighted GPA listed on the 1st semester report card.
- **Where can a student locate their PSAT scores?** Students will need to log into their CollegeBoard account to retrieve their scores.
- **Can students take dual enrollment courses during the summer?** Yes, students can register for summer courses.