

The Shining Rock Classical Academy School board will support high school students who also wish to enroll in classes taught by a college, university, community college, or other approved entity in accordance with the requirements of this policy, state law, and State Board of Education policy.

A. Career and College Promise

The Career and College Promise program is designed to offer qualified high school students structured dual enrollment opportunities that provide both entry-level job skills as well as pathways leading to a certificate, diploma, or degree.

The Shining Rock Classical Academy board in collaboration with local community colleges, may provide for dual enrollment of a qualified high school student in community college courses through (1) a Career and Technical Education Pathway leading to a job credential, certificate or diploma aligned with one or more high school Career Clusters or (2) a College Transfer Pathway leading to college transfer credit.

The Shining Rock Classical Academy board may also partner with institutions of higher education to establish cooperative innovative high school programs that enable a student to concurrently obtain a high school diploma and (1) begin or complete an associate degree program, (2) master a certificate or vocational program, or (3) earn up to two years of college credit within five years. Students are eligible for these programs beginning in ninth grade.

The Head of School shall develop procedures consistent with this policy, state law, and State Board policies.

B. Other College Courses

The Head of School shall develop procedures and requirements for awarding high school credit toward graduation upon request to students who self-enroll in courses taught by a college, university, community college, or other approved entity. Credit toward graduation will be granted only for courses that are consistent with the policies and standards of Shining Rock Classical Academy and State Board requirements, including the requirements of State Board of Education Policy [GCS-M-001](#), which defines “Course for Credit.” The Head of School must approve the course in advance. Prior to granting approval, the Head of School shall determine whether the course is eligible for credit toward graduation.

The parent or guardian of the student must give permission for the student to take the course, and the student must complete any forms required by the Shining Rock Classical Academy. Enrollment of a student in a course is the responsibility of the student and the student’s parent or guardian. Unless otherwise provided, all special fees, charges and any special transportation needs are the responsibility of the student and the student’s parent or guardian.

For a student to receive credit toward high school graduation, the school at which the course is offered must provide such essential information as is generally included in official transcripts of school records. This information must include: (1) a description of the content and subject matter covered by the course; (2) the number of clock hours of instruction in the course; and (3) the student's achievement or performance level in the course. In addition, a syllabus that includes course goals, course objectives, course activities, and grade requirements must be provided.

The student also must meet any other requirements established by the Head of School.

C. Course Completion Requirements

For a student to be awarded a full credit for a Dual-Enrolled course, each of the following criteria must be met:

- The course must be completed as prescribed by the partner institution.
- The student must be awarded a grade of D or higher from the instructor.

If a student does not complete the course attendance requirements, either by records maintained by the instructor or by choice to withdraw from the course and earning a "W", the student will receive no credit towards graduation or towards their GPA as reflected in policy 4605. Students earning an "F" or incomplete for a dual enrollment course will receive no graduating credit and have their GPA impacted as outlined in policy 4605.

In the instance that a student fails to complete a dual enrollment course, withdraws from a course, or earns a grade below a D, the student will be ineligible to enroll in a dual enrollment course the following semester. The student may petition the Head of School with a good cause exemption prior to the first academic day of the next semester.

Legal References: [G.S. 115C art. 16 pt. 9](#); [115C-36](#), [-47](#), [-81](#); [115D-5\(b\)](#), [-20\(4\)](#); [S.L. 2011-145](#) sec. 7.1A(a), 7.1A(b), 7.1A(c), 7.1A(k); State Board of Education Policies [GCS-L-004](#), [GCS-M-001](#)