

### **3.10 CONCURRENT ENROLLMENT**

#### **3.10.1 Purpose**

Concurrent enrollment provides eligible high school students with an opportunity to earn college credit. Overall, concurrent enrollment is recognized as a valuable opportunity to advance the State System's commitment to expand access to higher education opportunities, produce favorable student achievement outcomes, and enhance educational efficiency.

This policy provides a framework for State System institutions to offer concurrent enrollment to eligible high school juniors and seniors. The policy specifies concurrent enrollment admission, course placement, and retention criteria; defines the environments and conditions in which concurrent enrollment is offered; details specific standards associated with offering concurrent enrollment; and sets annual reporting requirements.

#### **3.10.2 Definitions**

“Concurrent Enrollment” refers to eligible high school juniors and seniors who enroll in college courses and earn dual credit.

“Developmental Education” refers to courses or academic services that do not carry college credit and are designed to raise students’ competency in the subject area to the collegiate level.

“Dual Credit” is a college course taken by a high school student for which the student is awarded both high school and college credit. See the dual credit section below for more information.

“Early College Programs” are partnerships between secondary and post-secondary institutions where students can earn both a high school diploma and college credentials for little or no cost to the student.

“Entry Level Assessment and Course Placement” is an evaluation conducted to assist institutional faculty, advisors, and students in making decisions regarding course placement.

“Non-Academic High School Units” are high school units earned through participating in school sponsored activities or providing clerical support. These units may include, but need not be limited to, credit that is awarded by virtue of serving as an office or library aide or participating in school sponsored teams, clubs, or organizations.

#### **3.10.3 Eligibility Requirements**

##### **A. Admission**

A junior or senior high school student may be admitted provisionally to a college or university in the State System. Minimum standards for State System institutions are outlined in the tables below. The ACT score is the final composite score without the writing component as defined in section 3.9.2 of the Institutional Admission and Retention policy and the SAT score is the composite score without the essay component.

A State System institution that wishes to admit a junior or senior high school student, who does not meet one of the applicable criteria detailed below, may submit a request for an exception to allow the student to enroll

in a specific course in which the student has demonstrated exceptional ability. An institution shall grant admission to such a student only if the request for an exception is approved by the Chancellor.

1. Students from Accredited High Schools

Students from accredited high schools shall meet one of the criteria listed in the table below. Acceptable exams include:

- a. A national ACT or an acceptable national preparatory ACT instrument that is listed in the Academic Affairs Procedures Handbook;
- b. One residual ACT per year (from November 1 to October 31), which is only valid at the institution at which it was administered; or
- c. A national SAT or an acceptable national preparatory SAT instrument that is listed in the Academic Affairs Procedures Handbook.

Research Universities	ACT/SAT at 67th percentile	OR	Unweighted High School GPA 3.0 and Class Rank-top 33.3%
Regional Universities	ACT/SAT at 50th percentile	OR	Unweighted High School GPA 3.0 and Class Rank-top 50%
Community Colleges	ACT/SAT at 42nd percentile	OR	Unweighted High School GPA 3.0

2. Home Schooled Students and Students from Unaccredited High Schools

Home schooled students and students from unaccredited high schools shall have completed enough high school coursework to be equivalent to an individual who is classified as a junior or senior at an accredited high school and meet the applicable criterion in the table below. Acceptable exams include:

- a. A national ACT or an acceptable national predictive model ACT instrument that is listed in the Academic Affairs Procedures Handbook;
- b. One residual ACT per year (from November 1 to October 31), which is only valid at the institution at which it was administered; or
- c. A national SAT or an acceptable national predictive model SAT instrument that is listed in the Academic Affairs Procedures Handbook.

Research Universities	ACT/SAT at 67th percentile
Regional Universities	ACT/SAT at 50th percentile

3. All students must have a signed form from the high school principal or counselor stating that he/she is eligible to satisfy requirements for graduation from high school (including curricular requirements for college admission) no later than the spring of the senior year. Students must also have written permission from a parent or legal guardian.

B. Course Placement and Enrollment

1. Curriculum Requirements

At minimum, concurrent students shall demonstrate college readiness in a particular subject area to be eligible to enroll in a college level course in the corresponding subject area. A high school student not demonstrating college readiness in science reasoning, mathematics, or English will not be permitted enrollment in the corresponding college subject area. A student who is unable to demonstrate college readiness in reading will not be permitted enrollment in any other collegiate course (outside the subjects of science, mathematics, and English). Concurrent enrollment students are prohibited from enrolling in any form of developmental education, including any configuration in which developmental education is embedded within a credit bearing course. A concurrent student shall demonstrate college readiness by:

- a. Attaining the requisite subject score on an acceptable ACT exam;
- b. Attaining the requisite subject score on an acceptable SAT exam; or
- c. Satisfying an entry level assessment and course placement measure that is in accordance with the institution's State Regents approved assessment plan.

2. Workload

A high school student admitted under the provision set forth below may enroll in a combined number of high school and college courses per semester not to exceed a full-time college workload of 19 semester-credit-hours. A student may enroll in a maximum of nine semester-credit-hours during a summer session or term at a college or university of the State System without the necessity of being concurrently enrolled in high school classes during the summer term. For purposes of calculating workload, one-half high school unit shall be equivalent to three semester-credit-hours of college work. Non-academic high school units are excluded from the workload calculation. Students wishing to exceed these limits may petition the selected higher education institution. The appropriate higher education officials will evaluate the student's academic performance and potential for success in determining the student's load, which may not exceed the number of semester-credit-hours 50 percent greater than the number of weeks in the applicable semester/term. The college should provide appropriate academic advising prior to and continuing throughout the student's enrollment.

3. Academic Calendar

Concurrent enrollment students shall be subject to the higher education institution's academic calendar.

4. Continuing Enrollment

High school students concurrently enrolled in college courses may continue concurrent enrollment in subsequent semesters if they achieve a college grade point average (GPA) of 2.0 or above on a 4.0 scale. Therefore, a concurrent student who fails to achieve the requisite 2.0 college GPA shall not be eligible for concurrent enrollment at any State System institution. Additionally, congruous with the State Regents' Grading policy, if a concurrent enrollment student's college GPA falls within a range that requires one to be placed on academic probation, the academic probationary status shall be notated on the academic transcript. Following high school graduation, a student who has been concurrently enrolled as a high school student may be admitted to the original institution of concurrent enrollment or another institution in the State System if the student meets the college or university's entrance requirements, including the high school curriculum requirements, and subject to the State Regents' retention standards.

3.10.4 Dual Credit

Pursuant to [70 O.S. §628.13](#), when a student earns college credit through concurrent enrollment, school districts shall provide academic credit for any concurrently enrolled higher education courses that are correlated with the academic credit awarded by the institution of higher education. Academic credit shall only be transcribed as elective credit if there is no correlation between the concurrent enrollment higher education course and a course provided by the school district.

3.10.5 Collegiate Experience

Concurrent enrollment must include opportunities for high school students to achieve college credit through a collegiate experience. The collegiate experience is evidenced by the rigor and learning outcomes of the course, the qualifications of the faculty delivering the course, and the student's readiness for college. The collegiate experience can be present on- and off-campus and may include:

- A. High school students enrolled in a course on a college or university campus with collegiate students including online delivery off-campus.
- B. High School students enrolled in an off-campus college or university course, which does not include collegiate students, and offered under the parameters prescribed within the off-campus concurrent enrollment section of this policy.

3.10.6 Off Campus Concurrent Enrollment

A. Institutional Requirements

A higher education institution offering an off-campus concurrent course shall have direct oversight of all aspects of such a course. Therefore, a

higher education institution that wishes to engage in off-campus concurrent enrollment shall meet the following standards.

1. Course Offerings and Student Expectations
  - a. Off-campus concurrent enrollment courses shall be the same catalogued courses offered on-campus at the sponsoring higher education institution. Additionally, the course syllabus and student learning outcomes in an off-campus concurrent enrollment course shall be identical to the course syllabus and student learning outcomes that are used when the same course is taught on the sponsoring higher education institution's campus.
  - b. Off-campus concurrent enrollment courses shall be of the same content and rigor as the courses offered on-campus at the sponsoring higher education institution.
  - c. Students enrolled in off-campus concurrent enrollment courses shall be held to the same standard of achievement as students in on-campus courses.
2. Off-Campus Geographic Service Areas
  - a. Consistent with the "home rule" standard in 3.17.13, the primary criterion is that each state institution will have first priority for offering concurrent enrollment services within its approved service area. No institution shall deliver concurrent enrollment services at any site whose location is closer to another institution than the institution desiring to offer the service unless requested by a high school in a shared geographic service area as stipulated below in 3.10.6.A.2.c.
  - b. When two-year and four-year institutions share a geographic service area, the institution that is closer geographically to the high school campus is the institution that will provide concurrent enrollment services to the high school at the providing institution's approved tuition waiver reimbursement rate. Consistent with 3.17.4.D.1, institutions may offer approved on-campus concurrent enrollment courses within their geographic service area without separate approval by the State Regents.
  - c. In a shared geographic service area, if the two-year institution is closer geographically, but the school district prefers services from a four-year institution, the school district has the option to invite the four-year institution to provide concurrent enrollment services for the district or specified high school. The State Regents will provide the two-year institution's tuition waiver reimbursement rate to the four-year institution for concurrently enrolled students and the school district must fund or secure funding for the difference between the two-year enrollment tuition waiver reimbursement rate and the four-year tuition waiver reimbursement rate. This arrangement will be at the four-year

institution's discretion, contingent on the institution's available resources to enter into such an agreement and the school district's resources to fund the difference to make up the four-year institution's tuition waiver reimbursement rate.

- d. Consistent with 3.17.4.D.2., an institution may offer approved on-campus concurrent enrollment courses outside its geographic service area without separate approval by the State Regents provided that an institutional off-campus agreement exists with the institution closer to the class site and is on file at the State Regents' office. Courses outside an institution's geographic service area shall be for a specified time period as outlined in the off-campus agreement.

### 3. Faculty Qualifications

- a. Faculty teaching off-campus concurrent enrollment courses shall meet the academic requirements for faculty and instructors teaching in the sponsoring higher education institution as required by the Higher Learning Commission.
- b. The appropriate academic administrator at the sponsoring higher education institution shall review credentials and recommend all faculty for approval prior to allowing such individuals to teach an off-campus concurrent enrollment course.

### 4. Orientation and Professional Development

- a. Before teaching an off-campus concurrent enrollment course, faculty shall participate in an orientation provided by the sponsoring higher education institution.
- b. The sponsoring higher education institution shall provide the faculty teaching the off-campus concurrent enrollment course with professional development opportunities that may include, but need not be limited to: pedagogy, instructional design, course management, and student engagement strategies.

### 5. Evaluation

- a. A faculty member teaching an off-campus concurrent course shall be evaluated in a manner consistent with the sponsoring higher education institution's guidelines for student evaluation of faculty.
- b. A faculty member teaching an off-campus concurrent enrollment course shall be evaluated in accordance with the sponsoring higher education institution's policy for evaluation of instruction.

### 6. Memorandum of Understanding

A state system institution shall create a memorandum of understanding (MOU) with each off-campus location it utilizes to offer a concurrent enrollment course. The MOU shall detail the

various expectations, obligations, and responsibilities of both the off-campus entity and the sponsoring higher education institution. A senior level administrator from the off-campus entity and sponsoring higher education institution shall sign the MOU and each entity shall retain a copy of it for record keeping purposes.

### 3.10.7 Early College Programs

#### A. Institutional Requirements

A higher education institution offering an early college in high school program shall have direct oversight of all aspects of such a program. Therefore, a higher education institution that wishes to engage in early college programs shall meet the following standards.

##### 1. Targeted Admissions Design

- a. Early college programs shall be designed with the intent of providing the opportunity to earn a credential beyond high school to traditionally underserved student populations.
- b. Students from traditionally privileged populations may benefit as part of an early college program, they should not be the primary beneficiaries of such a program.
- c. Institutions must clearly demonstrate the targeted underserved population is receiving the primary benefits of the early college program.

##### 2. Program Design and Benefit to Students

- a. An early college program must ultimately lead to a meaningful credential to students to earn in conjunction with their high school diploma. Key benefits to such a program should include an overall decreased cost of degree and decreased time to degree for targeted population of program participants.
- b. Institutions must clearly demonstrate and report detailed explanations of the discrete benefits the student will have gained after completing the early college program.

##### 3. Student Support

- a. Before implementing an early college program, an institution should build a strong partnership with participating high schools.
- b. Before implementing an early college program, an institution should carefully design support services for students in the program and readiness tools to ensure the student has requisite educational, emotional and maturity skills necessary for success in college level work while in high school.
- c. In recognition of developmental and preparational differences between early college participants and traditional concurrent students, institutions should implement policy and practice to mitigate future negative consequences for

students, academically or otherwise, as much as practically possible.

- d. Institutions must provide traditional support systems vital to college success to early college student participants.

4. Cost of Participation

- a. Institutions must not ask student participants to assume the cost of tuition.
- b. Institutions should pursue options to reduce or eliminate cost for student fees and books for participants.
- c. Before implementing an early college program, institutions must provide a comprehensive plan detailing how the program will be financed, including plans to assure access and eliminate any financial burden for student participants.
- d. If institutions rely on potential supporters and financial partners to finance the early college program, firm written commitments must be in place before the program is launched.

5. Evaluation

Approved or renewed programs must submit report on program outcomes as outlined in the State Regents' *Academic Affairs Procedures Handbook*.

B. Procedures for Approval, Denial, Revocation, Nonrenewal and Continuation of Approval

1. State Regents' approval is required as follows:

- a. For the addition of any new early college program.
- b. For any substantial change to an existing early college program.
- c. For the renewal of any existing program prior to the expiration of approval term of up to five years.

2. The approval to operate an early college program may be denied, revoked, or non-renewed when an institution fails to meet or comply with any portion of the Concurrent Enrollment policy. The following procedures will apply specifically to denial, revocation, or nonrenewal.

- d. If an approved Early College program is determined to be out of compliance with the Concurrent Enrollment policy or with the parameters approved by the State Regents for the program, State Regents' staff will collaborate with the institution to return the program to a state of compliance. Institutions must be given a reasonable opportunity to comply with the Concurrent Enrollment policy and approved program parameters before the State Regents take any action regarding a denial, revocation, or non-renewal. If the institution and State Regents' staff are unable to reach



consensus on the program's state of compliance, the State Regents may take action to determine the future status of the program.

e. State Regents' Action

The State Regents, after considering any reports submitted by the institution, the State Regents' staff report, and any other pertinent information pertaining to the early college program, will take appropriate action on the institution's application. The State Regents' consideration of these matters and action taken thereon will be final.

3.10.8 Reporting

A. State Regents' staff will use the Unitized Data System (UDS) to annually report the following to the State Regents:

1. Number of all concurrent enrollment credit hours attempted and completed;
2. Average grade point average of all concurrent enrollment students;
3. Number of concurrent enrollment credit hours attempted and completed by students who specifically participated in off-campus concurrent enrollment courses; and
4. Average grade point average of concurrent enrollments students who specifically participated in off-campus concurrent enrollment courses.
5. Number of concurrent enrollment credit hours attempted and completed by students who specifically participated in an early college program.
6. Average grade point average of concurrent enrollment students who specifically participated in an early college program.
7. Number of degrees or certificates awarded to students who specifically participated in an early college program.
8. Demographic information demonstrating targeted underserved populations benefitting from and being served by an early college program.

B. To ensure a commitment to meeting the requirements in the off-campus concurrent enrollment section of this policy, institutions that conduct off-campus concurrent enrollment shall annually submit:

1. A copy of each signed off-campus concurrent enrollment MOU; and
2. A list of all faculty teaching off-campus concurrent enrollment, including the courses taught as well as his/her academic qualifications.