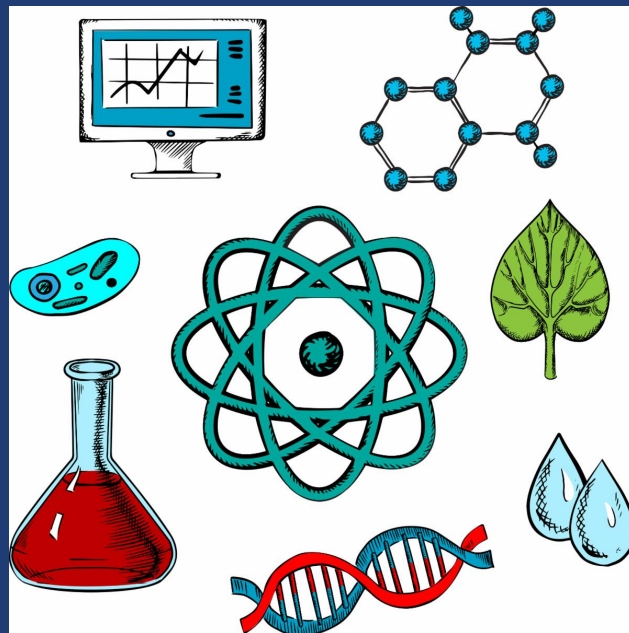




THE GOVERNOR'S SCHOOL for SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY



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Here's what's happening at The Governor's School for Science and Technology.

Director's Notes: Ms. Vikki Wismer

Dual Enrollment Registration

Some of our courses are eligible for dual enrollment credit. This means that students in those courses may choose to register for dual enrollment credits, but may also choose not to do so.

What Are Dual Enrollment Credits?

They are college credits that generally transfer to public (and most private) colleges in Virginia, as long

as the student has earned a grade of C or better. However, the credits may not be transferable to colleges outside Virginia. Each college makes its own decision regarding how the courses are treated.

Benefits of Dual Enrollment Credits

Getting a head start on accumulating college credits can help a student save money, graduate in a timely fashion or earn a second major or minor. Further, if a student's four-year college allows him/her to use the dual enrollment credit to avoid repeating an introductory course, the student can advance to more interesting courses earlier.



Are There Any Disadvantages to Dual Enrollment Credits?

While dual enrollment credits can be advantageous in the ways noted above, students need to be mindful of a couple of potential pitfalls.

First, taking a large number of dual enrollment credits can adversely affect a student's eligibility for financial aid later. According to the Dual Enrollment Student Guide, "A bachelor's degree is typically 120 credits. You would become ineligible for financial aid if your total credits earned exceeded 180 credits (150% of 120.)" Dual enrollment credits count toward the 180 credit limit. Once you've reached it, further courses you take would not be eligible for federal financial aid. We strongly advise students to read the [Transfer Virginia Dual Enrollment Student Guide](#) to learn more about how to use dual enrollment credits wisely.

Second, potential pre-med students should be aware that AMCAS, the processing organization for medical school applications, includes grades from all dual enrollment courses taken in high school in calculating the student's GPA, whether or not the student earned credit for the dual enrollment course at their four year college. It appears that there might be a similar policy in place for physical therapy graduate applications, based on information provided on the Physical Therapy Centralized Application Service (PCTAS) website, though the wording is not as straightforward as that of AMCAS. To learn more about the medical school policy, read **DE Med School Parent Letter**. For information about physical therapy applications, click here: **PTCAS Application Preparation | APTA**

The information above is provided in the interest of helping families make informed choices about whether to register for dual enrollment credits for eligible Governor's School courses. It represents our best understanding based on information posted online, but should not be regarded as formal advice concerning medical or physical therapy school applications. Parents of students who are interested in those programs would be wise to investigate further to get definitive application information.

Enrollment Process:

Students were instructed about the enrollment process in school on Friday, September 9th. If you have questions, please contact Ms. Deidre Yee, Dual Enrollment Liaison, at deidre.yee@nhrec.org.

Note: Last Day to Drop or Add a Class: October 21, 2022.



Virtual College Fair October 9th

NACAC (National Association for College Admissions Counselors) is hosting a Virtual College Fair on Sunday, October 9th, from 1 to 6. Attend information sessions, chat with representatives from over 100 colleges and download resources from the comfort of home.

Watch a quick [video](#) to see how it works, or just go ahead and sign up at nacacattend.org/fairs.

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