



DUAL ENROLLMENT

Eligibility Criteria & Expectations 2017-2018

WHAT IS DUAL ENROLLMENT?

- Dual Enrollment is an option available to students in their 11th and 12th grade school years.
- While still retaining enrolled status at NVTHS, one can “dually enroll” in one of four local colleges
- By participating in Dual, a student can earn a NVTHS diploma while completing enough credits to earn an Associates Degree at one of the partner schools.
- Participation in Dual Enrollment is based on a number of factors.
- A student out on Dual is still required to complete the community service requirement. If he or she is out during senior year, the student **does not** have to complete the senior paper/presentation.
- The Dual Student may still participate in NT events and organizations – athletic teams, prom, graduation, homecoming, senior week, pep rallies, school plays, SKILLS USA, etc.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- In order to be eligible, students must have earned the required cumulative GPA (90%) over the course of their years in high school, grades in their math courses (A “C” or better in Geometry and Algebra II), and “college level” placement scores on the Accuplacer Exam – being held at NT in April – Date is TBD.
- Student must have positive recommendations from all teachers, the Assistant Principal and the Principal.
- Student must be either a junior or senior, applying to go out on Dual Enrollment for the Fall 2017 semester.
- Student must have earned 80 points or more on the Dual Enrollment rubric – which includes ranking based off of MCAS scores, attendance, and discipline records.

OUR DUAL PARTNER SCHOOLS



Mount Wachusett
Community College



DUAL ENROLLMENT STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES

- While participating in the Dual Enrollment program, students must continue to meet the eligibility requirements for the program.
- The student is responsible for obtaining transportation to the college, and paying for college tuition, fees, books, and all other associated costs.
- The student must work closely with their NVTHS guidance counselor to obtain pre-approval for coursework with final endorsement by the Principal or designee. General requirements include: one mathematics course, one science course, one English course, one History/Social Science course, two technically related courses, two cluster-based electives, one computer skill/business course, and one physical education course per year (10 courses total, to be taken over the Fall, and Spring semesters; Summer courses can be allowed in advance of the school year beginning).
- Students must provide working cell phone numbers and emails for themselves and their parents/guardians, in case contact must be made.
- Students are expected to respond to emails and phone calls from their Guidance Counselor both at Nashoba Tech and their host college/university.
- Bi-weekly communication will be made if host college/university notifies NT guidance counselor that a student is in jeopardy of failing a course.
- Dual enrollment students will be expected to come to Nashoba Tech for two face-to-face meetings twice per semester (once for a progress update, and once for scheduling the next semester's courses). Additionally each term, one group meeting will be scheduled that all dual students are required to attend in order to receive crucial school updates.
- Dual students will have to provide evidence of having met with his/her professor to check on progress by way of a progress report form that he or she will be provided.

- If a student fails any courses they are enrolled in at the college level, he/she will have to return to NVTHS to complete the education requirements for a high school diploma. If the student is a senior in the spring semester, he/she will be required to make up the course(s) during the summer session at the college and will not be eligible to participate in the graduation ceremony. A high school diploma will not be awarded until the summer course(s) is/are successfully completed. A returning senior is also responsible for completing the Senior Project and Presentation.
- All incoming students must take a placement test at the college of their choice. If the student does not meet the Dual Enrollment requirements for that school he/she will not be allowed to go out on Dual Enrollment for that college.
- Students are expected and encouraged to seek tutoring services at the college/university's academic support center if they are in need of additional help. Students may also take advantage of NVTHS's after school extra help program on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 2:30pm to 3:30pm and may seek the assistance of their guidance counselor to be set up with a staff member pertinent to the area in need of extra help.
- Dual enrollment students are expected to attend all classes and to notify their counselor of any attendance or grading issues that will affect their overall grade. At the end of each semester, the dual enrollment student is responsible for requesting to have an official transcript sent from their college to NVTHS. Dual enrollment courses/grades will then be entered onto the student's high school transcript using the NVTHS conversion table from a 4.0 grade to a numerical grade. The conversion table was adapted from the Admissions Standards of the Massachusetts State University System. High school credits will be awarded for dual enrollment courses as follows – English: 10 credits, mathematics: 10 credits, science: 10 credits, each technically related course: 10 credits, each cluster-based elective: 10 credits, History/social science: 5 credits, Physical Education: 5 credits. This will total - at minimum - 80 credits per academic year.
- Students are responsible to view the school website at www.nashobatech.net for updates on Nashoba Tech activities.
- Seniors must stay in contact with the Nashoba Tech senior class advisor and yearbook advisor for updates on senior class activities and events.
- Nashoba Tech can, and will, bring a student back from dual enrollment at its own discretion if need be.

ACCUPLACER PLACEMENT EXAM

- The Accuplacer exam is given to our **JUNIOR CLASS** every April at NT, and is administered by staff from Middlesex Community College.
- If you are considering Dual Enrollment, your results from this test will affect your eligibility to participate in the program.
- You may prepare for the exam ahead of time with **FREE** testing materials. Please see Mr. Nardi-Williams for access to them.
- If you are unhappy with your test scores, you may take the test up to three times per academic semester.
- The test includes a reading, writing, editing (English) section and a tiered math section. If you do not do well on the first math section, you do not get access to the second part of the test. So on and so forth, so it is in your best interest to brush up on older math skills you learned in middle school. The test begins with very basic math.

IMPORTANT DEADLINES

- Since the Accuplacer is given to our Junior Class specifically, if you are a 10th grader planning to go out on Dual, please see Mr. Nardi-Williams to schedule a testing appointment. We could potentially have you tested along with the 11th graders; however, we need to know in advance.
- Following this presentation, applications for the 2017-2018 Dual Enrollment year are available. They are due **NO LATER THAN FRIDAY, APRIL 28th**.