Barrow County School System

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DUAL ENROLLMENT

BARROW COUNTY SCHOOL SYSTEM

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What is Dual Enrollment?

The Dual Enrollment Program allows students in grades 10 through 12 to get a jump start on their college and career goals with up to 30 hours of FREE college tuition. Books are included!

Students earn credit for both high school and college while building their high school and college GPA's.

Participating Colleges

Students who meet eligibility requirements of the institution can enroll in any of the following for academic or career technical programs.

- HOPE eligible public colleges and universities in the University System of Georgia
- All Technical College System of Georgia institutions
- Eligible private colleges and universities

Follow the link to see a complete list of Participating Colleges and Universities.

We have a college in town!

A vast majority of BCSS students in 10th through 12th grades enroll in career technical programs and core academic courses at Lanier Technical College, Barrow Campus.

Students also attend University of North Georgia, Georgia Gwinnett College and other institutions.

What college courses can a high school student take?

High school juniors and seniors may take college courses in the five core academic areas currently used to calculate high school HOPE GPAs. *

- English
- Math
- Science
- Social Studies
- World (Foreign) Languages.

All students can enroll in career technical courses beginning sophomore year.

**A sophomore who has a 3.7 HOPE GPA and scores 1200 on the SAT or 26 on the ACT may be eligible to take core academics beginning in 10th grade.*

If you think your student qualifies, work closely with the school counselor.

Cost to Participate

Dual Enrollment is Free! (Up to a limit and will some exception.)

Free tuition until the student reaches the funding cap of 30 hours.*

Free mandatory fees.

Program specific fees, supplies, uniforms, and equipment are not covered under dual enrollment funding. Families will be responsible for these costs.

**The school counselor or career center counselor will inform dual enrollment students about funding caps that apply to their situations and about other funding options that may be available once the cap is met.*

How are dual enrollment classes different from high school classes?

Dual Enrollment classes are college classes with high expectations-

- students have less flexible options for late work
- students have to read the textbook
- attendance is essential to success
- students **must** read and respond to emails
- students must be comfortable talking to the professor and seeking help
- study skills will be necessary

Other ways dual enrollment classes are different from high school classes:

Classes meet two days a week (in most cases), whereas high school classes meet five days a week.

Students are expected to use time outside class to cover material on his or her own time by using the textbook, studying for tests, completing projects, or writing papers.

Students are expected to use or quickly develop good study skills and manage time wisely.

Dual Enrollment students are expected to…

…READ AND RESPOND TO EMAIL!

…work hard.

…be on time for class every day and stay until the end.

…complete work on time.

…prepare for quizzes and exams.

…communicate with instructors directly.

…seek tutoring and other assistance when needed.

…seek assistance from your BCSS Dual Enrollment staff.

…make the college program the priority.

Dual Enrollment parents should know…

…the college treats a high school student the same as a traditional first year student.

…FERPA laws prevent the college from communicating with parents.

…you can monitor student progress and grades by requiring your student to show you emails, grades, etc.

…colleges do not take attendance.

…colleges send emails to students who are not attending, whose grades are of concern. Colleges as a rule do not notify BCSS of grades, behavior issues, or attendance. IF they do, we will notify the student and the parent.

…where your student is. They can't be at the high school.

…Sherri Perry will assist students and parents with communication if needed for specific challenges.

Support Available from BCSS

Counselors and the Career Center Coordinators will help your student:

- complete the steps to be accepted to the college.
- help with course advisement and constructing a class schedule.
- help with college course registration.
- approve classes for funding.
- walk students through the withdrawal process should a problem arise. Withdrawal is a big deal and should be a last resort.
- figure out transportation.

Support Available from BCSS

Transportation Options

- Students may drive themselves.
- Parents may transport students.
- Students attending classes at LTC may ride the Sims shuttle buses. Students who are at Sims or LTC will ride the BASA buses home at the end of the day.

Dual Enrollment Grades

As a reminder, students have instructors, tutors, and BCSS staff to assist them to successfully complete their classes.

Colleges award letter grades. BCSS awards numeric grades. Here is how they are converted.

A = 100
B = 89
C = 79
D = 69
F = 55

Grades build the college and high school GPA.

Academic dual enrollment courses of “c” or better receive a 10% weight for class rank purposes. Academic grades are calculated into the HOPE GPA.

Students must maintain Satisfactory Academic Progress to maintain DE funding and college enrollment. Failing grades can lead to loss of both.

Failing the Dual Enrollment Course

Seldom do students fail their dual enrollment courses.

Students who do fail do so for these reasons:

- Lack of attendance
- Lack of participation
- Poor study skills or time management
- Not completing assignments
- Not preparing for quizzes and exams
- Not using their resources. (As a reminder, students have instructors, tutors, and BCSS staff to assist them to successfully complete their classes.)

Grades for academic courses are calculated into the HOPE GPA.

Failing grades negatively impact Satisfactory Academic Progress.

Families must pay out of pocket for a student to retake a course.

Withdrawal – JUST DON’T DO IT!

There is an option to change courses during drop/add.

As a reminder, students have instructors, tutors, and BCSS staff to assist them to successfully complete their classes.

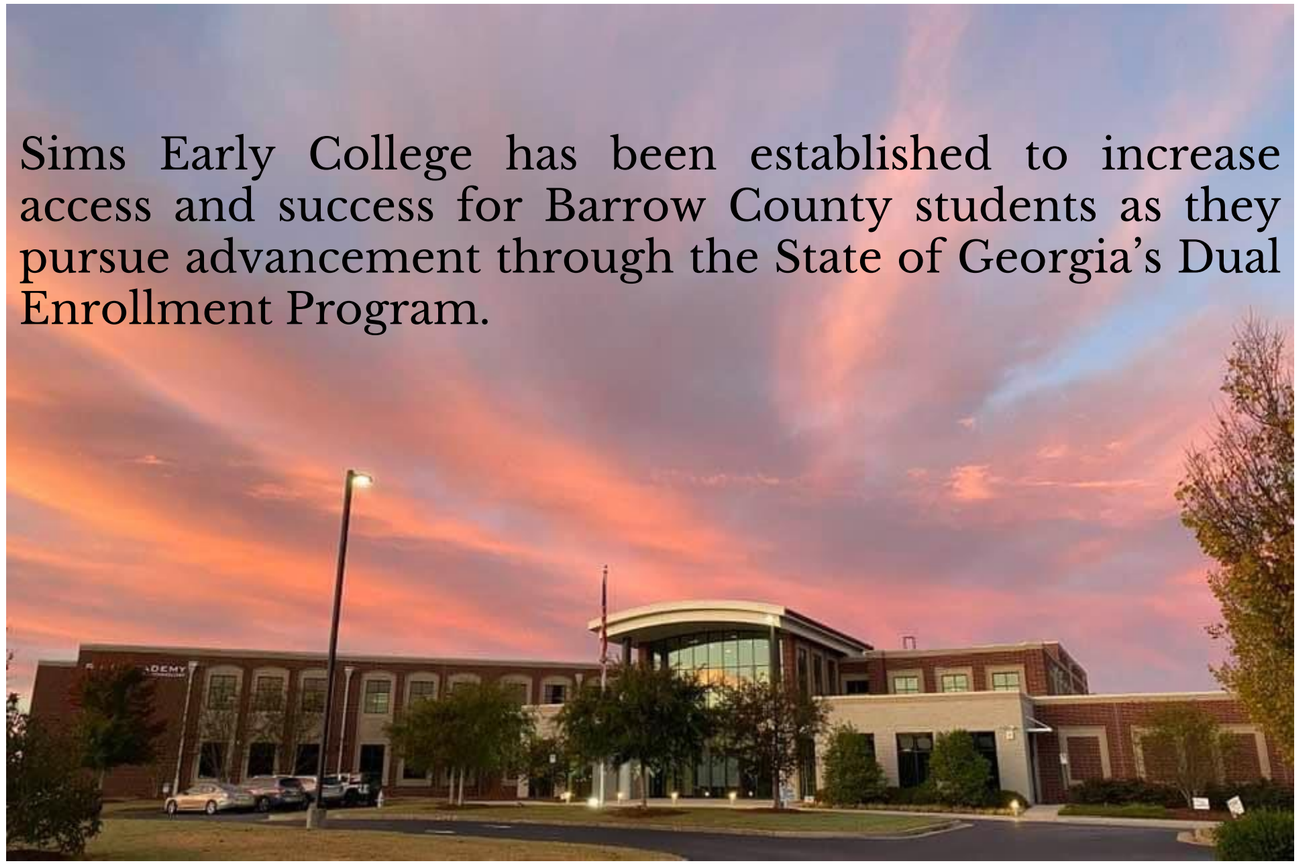
Withdrawal results in students being placed back into a high school course sometimes weeks into the semester.

A student can only withdraw twice from college courses. After the second time, they are no longer eligible for the Dual Enrollment Program.

Withdrawal before the college withdrawal deadline will result in a grade of “Z” on the high school transcript. This grade is not calculated in the GPA.

Withdrawal after the college withdrawal deadline will result in a failing grade at the college and at the high school.

Sims Early College



Benefits of Enrolling in Sims Early College

Bell Schedule (on-site and cohorts)

Calendar (on-site)

Special events (Financial Aid, mock interviews, etc.)

College Visits

Industry Tours

Tutors on-site daily

Cohort Model for Career Technical Programs

Sims Early College Cohorts

Cohort Definition: A group of people banded together and treated as a group.

Sims Early College has five cohorts.

The Welding Cohort

Students earn two certificates after two semesters

- Basic Shielded Metal Arc Welder
- Gas Metal Arc Welder

Can earn additional certificates or a diploma

Equipment loans for students sponsored by industry partners Kubota and Caterpillar

Industry tours available

Graduation Option B eligible

The Automotive Cohort

Students earn two certificates after four semesters.

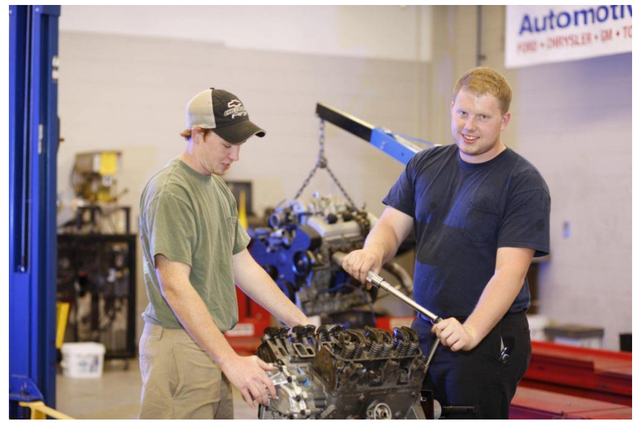
- Auto Electrical Technician
- Auto Engine Performance

Can earn additional certificates or a diploma

Industry certified instructors

Akins Ford partnership

Graduation Option B eligible



NEW COHORTS IN 2023

Culinary Arts - 2 Semesters
Prep Cook Certificate

Construction - 2 Semesters, 2 Certificates
NCCER Advanced Carpentry Certificate
NCCER Carpentry Fundamentals Certificate
Graduation Option B Eligible

Nurse Aid - 1 Semester, 1 Certificate
Eligible to sit for the state board exam

High School Graduation Option B

High School Graduation Option B offers qualified students an alternate path to high school graduation.

Students choose to earn a high school diploma and at the same time take enough dual enrollment courses to earn

- two (2) Technical Certificates of Credit in a specific career pathway.
- a Technical Diploma
- an Associate's Degree

Students must also take nine required high school courses and the associated Milestones and EOC exams.

Option B Required High School Courses

Students must take these nine courses and all associated Milestones/EOC exams.

1 English Credit	**Biology**	**Algebra I**	**US History (recommended)**	**Health/Personal Fitness**
American Literature	1 Science Credit	Geometry	1 Social Studies Credit	

Courses in **bold** are required courses.

Courses can be completed as dual enrollment.

Option B Eligible Technical Certificates of Credit

Click the logo before to see a list of eligible certificates.

TCSG Technical College System of Georgia | GEORGIA'S HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION OPTION B

How do you get started?

The first step is done! You are here at this meeting.

The next part of this process will be to get students squared away with applications. We have built an online platform where students will be able to go in and complete 5 important assignments.

1) college application
2) funding application
3) transcript request
4) parent/student acknowledgement
5) communicating with the Career Center Coordinator about college acceptance

On the way out tonight, you will receive a ticket to start this online platform of activities. The platform opens on Feb 1st and closes on March 18th.

What happens once all the assignments are completed?

Students Headed to Lanier Technical College

Once accepted, students who have chosen to take dual enrollment at Lanier Tech will be invited to a meeting at Sims this spring to receive dual enrollment-specific and Sims Early College-specific information. They will be able to register their classes for next year in real time that same day!

This is going to make things so easy for our dual enrollment students at Lanier Tech!

What happens once all the assignments are completed?

Students Headed to Colleges other than Lanier TEchnical College

Once accepted, students who have chosen to take dual enrollment at one of the other colleges will work with their school counselor and with the Career Center Coordinator to complete the remaining tasks.

By letting the Career Center Coordinator know about being accepted, students will officially be on the dual enrollment radar and will trigger the staff to make specific plans to work with students to finish out the remaining steps.

Do you have questions or need assistance?

Contact one of the individuals on the next slide.

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