



Dual Credit  
Handbook

Blanket High School  
2023-2024





**Dear Parents and Students,**

Blanket High School will be offering dual credit courses through Ranger College for the 2023-2024 school year. Academic dual credit courses allow students to earn college credit while in high school. These courses fulfill high school course requirements, appear on the high school transcript, and apply in calculating grade point averages. BISD partners with Ranger College. However, with prior administrative approval, it is possible for our students to take dual credit through another university or junior college. Blanket allows students in grades 9-12 to take dual credit classes that align with the state assessment STAAR testing.

**FINANCIAL AID**

Ranger College is a participant in an experimental Pell Grant program for dual credit students. Students who wish to participate in the program must complete a Free Application for Federal Student Aid, (FAFSA) to determine eligibility. Not all students will qualify; however, Ranger College encourages all students to consider participating in the program.

Additional information will be provided to students and parents from both the Blanket counselor and Ranger College. Students will be required to maintain Satisfactory Academic Progress (as defined by the Financial Aid Office) minimum grade point average and are subject to Withdrawal of Title IV regulations.

**Below are the steps to follow for enrolling in Dual Credit courses through Ranger College:**

**STEP 1:** Students and/or parents visit with the BISD counselor about the application process. Students must have counselor's/administration's approval in order to take any dual credit classes.

**STEP 2:** Take the Texas Success Initiative, (TSI) (at Ranger College) and meet the qualifying scores.

**STEP 3:** Fill out FAFSA

**STEP 4:** Complete the Ranger College application found at [rangercollege.edu/dual credit](http://rangercollege.edu/dual%20credit)

**STEP 5:** Counselor will submit your completed paperwork (transcript, parent permission form, TSI scores, and the courses you wish to take) to Ranger College.

Students taking required high school courses through dual credit in many cases will need to take two semesters to fulfill those credits. Be sure to work with the counselor on the student's four-year plan.

Blanket ISD will reimburse students tuition for up to two courses a semester with grades of "B" or better. Details in the Q & A

Blanket ISD is excited to offer you this opportunity to earn college credit while in high school. If you have any questions or need assistance with the financial aid application process, please do not hesitate to contact the counselor at 325-748-5311, ext. 505.

## Blanket ISD-Ranger College Crosswalk

The following are dual credit courses offered at Blanket ISD through Ranger College. In addition to college credit, each semester course will receive one half (0.5) credit toward the equivalent high school course. The courses listed below are taught at BISD (excluding Learning Frameworks) and will be weighted in the GPA calculations according to the Blanket ISD Student Handbook. If students take courses not offered at Blanket, they will not receive a weighted GPA for that course.

Ranger Course Title	Course Name	Credit Hrs.	High School Course	Unit
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### Freshman Level Courses

Learning Frameworks	EDUC1100	1	College Readiness	0.5

### Sophomore Level Courses

World Civilizations I	HIST2321	3	World History	0.5
World Civilizations II	HIST2322	3	World History	0.5

### Junior Level Courses

Composition I	ENGL1301	3	English III	0.5
Composition II	ENGL1302	3	English III	0.5
US History I	HIST1301	3	US History	0.5
US History II	HIST2322	3	US History	0.5

### Senior Level Courses

British Lit I	ENGL2322	3	English IV	0.5
British Lit II	ENGL2323	3	English IV	0.5
Federal Gov't	GOVT2305	3	US Government	0.5
Macroeconomics	ECON2301	3	Economics	0.5
College Algebra	MATH1314	3	Advanced Math	1
Pre-Calc	MATH2312	3	PreCalc	1
Bio for Science Majors I for + Lab	BIOL1406	4	Scientific Research and Design	0.5
Bio for Science Majors II + Lab	BIOL1407	4	Scientific Research and Design	0.5

Adv. A & P I + Lab	BIOL2401	4	Adv. A & P	0.5
Adv. A & P II + Lab	BIOL2402	4	Adv A & P	0.5

## TSI Pre-Assessment Activity

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Students must complete the Pre-Assessment Activity at [rangercollege.edu/testing](http://rangercollege.edu/testing) prior to taking the TSI Assessment. Students will be instructed to provide an email address to send their certificate of completion to. **Students must print this certificate and bring this on testing day.** Students will not be allowed to test without proof of completion.

Scheduling for the TSI Assessment

When students are ready to take the TSI Assessment, they should email the campus contact to confirm a date a time to test.

### **Brown County campus in Early, Texas:**

Location: 300 Early Blvd. Suite #105, Early, Texas 76802

Located behind the Heartland mall.

Please call 325-641-5726 to schedule your TSI Assessment.

Testing is held by appointment.

### On Testing Day

Students will need to bring the following items on testing day to their campus:

- Certificate of Completion for the Pre-Assessment Activity
- Photo ID

Students will not be allowed to have their cell phone or any other personal belongings during the test. Calculators are NOT ALLOWED.

# Texas Success Initiative Assessment

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**All students who want to take Dual Credit courses are required to take the TSI and meet the score requirements prior to being enrolled in Dual Credit courses.**

The Texas Success Initiative (TSI) was instituted by the Texas Legislature and is a program of diagnostic testing and developmental instruction designed to improve student success rates in Texas colleges. Entering college students are required to meet established minimum standards on assessment tests in math, reading, and writing.

**The following TSI scores represent college ready cut scores:**

- Reading score of 351 or above
- Mathematics score of 350 or above
- Writing essay score of a 5; or an essay score of a 4 with objective score of a 363

## Exemptions

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- A student with an SAT score of at least 1070 and a math score of at least 500 is exempt from the math requirement.
- A student with an SAT score of at least 1070 and a verbal score of at least 500 is exempt from the reading and writing requirements.
- A student with an ACT composite score of at least 23 and a math score of at least 19 is exempt from the math requirement.
- A student with an ACT composite score of at least 23 and an English score of at least 19 is exempt from the reading and writing requirements.
- PSAT combined minimum score of 107 with a minimum of score of 50 on the critical reading and/or mathematics section linked to the subject area the student wishes to enroll. **(Dual Credit Students only)**

**All Exemptions should be confirmed with the Ranger College Registrar's Office. Please call 254-647-3234 ext. 7019 for questions concerning exemptions.**

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## Frequently Asked Questions

### **What is Dual Credit?**

Dual Credit allows a high school student to earn college credit and high school credit concurrently.

### **Will the credits transfer?**

Most of the credits earned will transfer to other colleges or universities. It is the students' responsibility to make sure that the dual credits earned will transfer to another college or university.

### **What is a Dual Credit passing grade?**

Credit will be awarded for high school credit for a 70 average or better for the semester. For example, if a dual credit semester grade is 98, a 98 will be recorded on the student's transcript with the corresponding course.

### **What happens if I earn lower than a 70 in a course?**

The course will not fulfill the requirement for high school credit. The grade will go on the student's transcript and will be calculated into the student's GPA. The student will be required to take the class over in the general education classroom and will not be allowed to take any other dual credit classes at Blanket ISD.

### **Why does Blanket High School care if I earn a C in a course?**

Blanket ISD has made a strong financial commitment to pay for dual credit tuition and fees for Blanket High School students who qualify for reimbursement. It is the expectation of Blanket High School for students to be college ready. It is not beneficial for students to earn low grades since this affects both high school GPA and class rank as well as college GPA. A low GPA could negatively affect both college acceptance as well as scholarship opportunities.

### **Who can take Dual Credit courses which are eligible for reimbursement?**

Sophomores, Juniors, and Seniors who have met the TSI college readiness requirements by earning a college readiness score on the TSI Assessment OR meeting one of the TSI exemptions may register for dual credit courses.

### **What about Freshmen?**

Freshmen who are highly motivated academically should first take the learning frameworks. Blanket ISD will reimburse parents for the learning frameworks course. Once a freshman student has SUCCESSFULLY completed the learning frameworks course AND become TSI eligible, they may take additional Ranger College courses. However, courses are not eligible for reimbursement until the sophomore year.

**How much does Dual Credit cost and when do I pay?**

The current cost for Ranger College dual credit courses is \$85 per semester hour. Welding is \$70 per semester hour. This cost is subject to change. The student will be responsible for paying tuition costs and fees by the deadline set forth by Ranger College.

**How much will Blanket ISD reimburse me?**

Blanket ISD will reimburse the student/parent for UP TO 2 courses per semester for each grade of a "B" or better. It is the parent's responsibility to present a receipt to the school within 30 days of the end of the Fall semester or end of the Spring semester to receive reimbursement.

**What happens if I am placed in DAEP or an alternative education placement?**

If a student is removed to an alternative education placement setting such as DAEP, the student will be automatically withdrawn from ALL dual credit courses and will not be reimbursed for the cost of all classes dropped.

**Where can I purchase textbooks?**

Blanket ISD does not purchase textbooks. On occasion the school will receive scholarships for textbooks but this will be on individual basis determined by administration. Textbooks can be purchased from the Ranger College bookstore online, or at the Ranger College campus in Ranger, TX. There are also many online resources to purchase textbooks. It is to your benefit to research online resources to find the best deal on textbooks. Used or rented textbooks are typically less expensive than new textbooks. Please make sure that any new or rented textbooks come with any online access codes that may be required for the course.

**What is the deadline for turning in required paperwork to take Dual Credit courses?**

All required paperwork must be completed and turned in to the Blanket High School counseling office by the last day of the school year. Students must complete the FAFSA online by July 1<sup>st</sup>.

**How will my college class affect my high school schedule and GPA?**

Dual Credit courses which meet the criteria for GPA calculation in accordance to the BISD Local Board Policy will receive a "Tier 1" weight and be figured into the student's GPA at the end of the semester per BISD Local Board policy. If a student drops a dual credit course with a failing grade or fails the course in the fall, the student will be given the college grade or a 65, whichever is higher, for the fall semester in the high school course and therefore will have the possibility of earning a year average of a 70 or better. If a student drops a dual credit course with a failing grade or fails a course in the spring semester, the student will receive the college grade or a grade of 65, whichever is higher, and will be required to complete the high school semester credit by credit recovery. A student who drops or fails a dual credit course will not be allowed to enroll in any other dual credit courses. For more information about which courses are used to calculate GPA and class rank, please reference BISD Policy EIC(LOCAL) or the BISD Student Handbook.

**How is a Dual Credit course different from a regular high school course?**

All dual credit courses for Blanket ISD are taught by online instructors. Students must be self-motivated and be able to meet deadlines in order to be successful in a dual credit course. Dual credit courses are taught at the pace and rigor of regular college courses. Students will not receive Six Week grades. Students will be able to monitor dual credit grades through their

Ranger College online account. Dual Credit students will be expected to conduct themselves as a college student. Students will be responsible for communicating any concerns or questions with Ranger College instructors via email, Blackboard Account, or phone. Blanket High School staff is not able to change due dates for assignments or dates set for testing. If there is a conflict or problem, it is the student's responsibility to contact the Ranger College instructor prior to the due date to see if other arrangements can be made.

**How many times can I drop a class?**

Under the requirements of Texas Senate Bill 1231, 80<sup>th</sup> Legislature, an undergraduate student who enrolled in higher education for the first time in Fall 2007 or after is permitted a total of six (6) dropped courses including any courses dropped at another Texas public institution of higher education. Dual credit classes count as a drop.

**How do my DC grades transfer to another institution?**

After graduation, students must request an official transcript from the college(s) from which you earned credit to the college/university the student will be attending. Blanket High School will not request these it is up to the student to make this request.

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