

Dual Credit – S.B. 142

Q1. What is [S.B. 142](#)?

S.B. 142 was signed into law during the 2020 Legislative Session, it requires that starting in Fall 2020, students participating in the Dual Credit program are no longer eligible to participate in the High School Dual Credit Program if they have received a “W” or “F” grade in a High School Dual Credit course. However, if the student is able to show good cause for receiving the “W” or “F” grade, they may submit the Eligibility Exemption form (*form coming soon*) to petition to continue in the program. “Good cause” may be shown through demonstrating an extenuating circumstance which led the student to withdraw from or fail the course. “Good cause” may include, but is not limited to: illness or injury, an illness or death in the family, or unusual academic circumstances. Additionally, the student may be reinstated to the program if the student retakes the same course(s) at the full dual credit tuition rate and receives a passing grade.

Q2. What if a student withdraws (“W”) or fails (“F”) a course in the spring 2020 or summer 2020 semester?

S.B. 142 does not take into effect until the fall of 2020. If a student receives a “W” or “F” in the fall 2020 semester, they will have to show “good cause” to continue in the high school dual credit program.

Q3. How does a student receive an exception for “good cause”?

Students wishing to receive an exception for “good cause” may complete an Eligibility Exemption Form (*form coming soon*) and submit it to the High School Dual Credit contact at the institution they received the “W” or “F” grade. Upon making a determination and should the “good cause” application be accepted, the student may continue to participate in the program. If the “good cause” is not accepted, the student must retake the course(s) at the cost of \$145 per credit and pass the course(s) in order to reinstate eligibility.

In addition, SDBOR institutions will allow students to show “good cause” by having a BOR GPA of 2.5 or higher, which shows prior success in dual credit courses. These students will be automatically granted “good cause” and will not need to fill out the Eligibility Exemption Form.

Q4. What if a student cannot show “good cause” after withdrawing (“W”) or failing (“F”) a course during the fall 2020 semester or after?

A student who earns a “W” or an “F” and cannot show “good cause” may continue in the program, but must first successfully repeat the course(s) in which they earned a “W” or an “F” at the full dual credit tuition rate of \$145 per credit hour (rather than the typical student rate of \$48.33 per credit hour). Students wishing to re-take the course in which they earned the “W” or “F” should submit the Eligibility Exemption Form to the

institution where they plan to re-take the course. The Eligibility Exemption Form will confirm that the student agrees to pay the full dual credit tuition rate.

Q5: Can a student re-take a failed or withdrawn course as part of the dual credit program?

Yes, students who have failed or withdrawn from a course and have shown good cause may choose to repeat the course to improve their grade during any subsequent semesters after receiving the W or F grade. (When the student completes the repeated course, the W or F will remain on the transcript but the grade the student received when the student retook the course will be figured into the student's GPA.) Students who cannot show good cause must repeat the course at the full dual credit rate of \$145 per credit hour to be reinstated back into the program.

Q6. Can a student appeal a decision of an institution if "good cause" is not granted?

A student may appeal the decision of the institution to the High School Dual Credit Appeals Panel, consisting of a representative from SDBOR, the Board of Technical Education, and the Department of Education. The Panel will make a final determination as to whether the student showed good cause.