



## Sponsored Dual Credit Standards

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Curriculum	
Curriculum 1 (SDC-C1)	College or university courses administered through a Sponsored Dual Credit Program are catalogued courses and approved through the regular course approval process of the sponsoring college and/or university. These courses have the same departmental designation, number, title, and credits as their college counterparts, and they adhere to the same course descriptions and student learning outcomes.
Curriculum 2 (SDC-C2)	College or university courses administered through a Sponsored Dual Credit Program are administered in a manner that is consistent with like courses at the sponsoring college or university and recorded similarly on the official academic record for the sponsoring college or university.
Curriculum 3 (SDC-C3)	College or university courses administered through a Sponsored Dual Credit Program reflect the pedagogical, theoretical and philosophical orientation of the sponsoring college or university department/program where the credit will be awarded.
Curriculum 4 (SDC-C4)	The syllabi for college or university courses administered through a Sponsored Dual Credit Program are consistent with the syllabi from the sponsoring college or university and include clearly defined learning outcomes and student expectations. Syllabi are reviewed and approved by the academic faculty in the partnership from the sponsoring college or university department/program where the credit will be awarded.
Curriculum 5 (SDC-C5)	Credits for college or university courses administered through a Sponsored Dual Credit Program are awarded based on documented student achievement consistent with the student learning outcomes and course content.

Faculty	
Faculty 1 (SDC-F1)	High School teachers teaching college or university courses as part of a Sponsored Dual Credit Program are approved and authorized by the sponsoring college or university in accordance with corresponding institutional policies, procedures and practices.
Faculty 2 (SDC-F2)	The sponsoring college or university provides high school teachers in Sponsored Dual Credit Programs with training and orientation in course curriculum, assessment criteria, course philosophy, and Sponsored Dual Credit administrative requirements before they begin to teach the college or university courses.
Faculty 3 (SDC-F3)	<p>The sponsoring college or university has a well-documented process for regular, ongoing, and substantive interaction between high school teachers and college or university faculty in Sponsored Dual Credit Programs to address student learning outcomes, course content, delivery, and assessment to maintain consistency across course sections offered by the college or university. This interaction occurs before teaching the course and at least once a quarter/semester*.</p> <p>*College or university faculty partners may determine that more interactions are appropriate, based on the high school teacher's level of expertise, teaching experience, and experience working in Sponsored Dual Credit Programs. However, in all cases, the interaction must occur at least once a quarter/semester.</p>
Faculty 4 (SDC-F4)	Sponsored Dual Credit Program policies at each sponsoring college or university address teacher non-compliance with the college's or university's expectations for courses offered through Sponsored Dual Credit Programs (for example, non-participation in Sponsored Dual Credit Program training and/or activities). Such policies clearly define the impact of non-compliance, including the effect on awarding college or university credit.
Faculty 5 (SDC-F5)	Teaching partnerships within Sponsored Dual Credit Programs demonstrate that the aggregate of the teaching roles within the partnership provides appropriate expertise in the content or professional area, and performs the duties, responsibilities and functions of traditional faculty, based upon clearly stated criteria, qualifications, and procedures. Sponsoring faculty members have clearly defined authority and responsibility and exercise a major role in the design, approval, and implementation of the teaching partnerships.
Faculty 6 (SDC-F6)	The sponsoring college or university provides high school teachers in Sponsored Dual Credit Programs with training and orientation in course curriculum, assessment criteria, course philosophy, and Sponsored Dual Credit administrative requirements before they begin to teach the college or university courses.
Faculty 7 (SDC-F7)	High school teachers teaching college or university courses in a Sponsored Dual Credit Program have access to essential academic resources comparable to those used in other sections of the same courses offered by the sponsoring college or university as deemed appropriate by faculty in the department/program where credit will be awarded.

<b>Student</b>	
Student 1 (SDC-S1)	The sponsoring college or university officially registers or admits Sponsored Dual Credit Program students as degree-seeking, non-degree seeking, or non-matriculated students of the college or university and records courses administered through a Sponsored Dual Credit Program on official sponsoring college or university transcripts. Registration, grading, and transcription procedures and timelines are reasonably consistent with those for other students taking the same courses from the sponsoring college or university.
Student 2 (SDC-S2)	The sponsoring college or university outlines specific course requirements and prerequisites for students in Sponsored Dual Credit Programs.
Student 3 (SDC-S3)	High school students in Sponsored Dual Credit Programs are provided with a student guide that outlines students' rights and responsibilities and provides guidelines for the transfer of credit and credits with a purpose.
<b>Assessment</b>	
Assessment 1 (SDC-A1)	The college/university ensures Sponsored Dual Credit Program students' proficiency of learning outcomes is measured using comparable grading standards and assessment methods to on campus sections.
<b>Continuous Improvement</b>	
Continuous Improvement 1 (SDC-CI1)	The sponsoring college or university conducts an end-of-term student course evaluation for courses offered through a Sponsored Dual Credit Program. The course evaluation is intended to influence program improvement rather than instructor evaluation. Names (of the instructor or students) should not be included in the evaluation.

## Appendix: Key Terms

**Accelerated Learning** – Educational experiences that provide high school students with the opportunity to earn college credit while in high school. These educational experiences may occur at a college/university or as part of the high school program. In many cases, students earn both high school and college credit. Accelerated Learning has many forms in Oregon, some examples include: high school students taking courses at the college/university independently or as part of Expanded Options or other programs, Dual Credit and Advanced Placement courses.

**Assessment-Based Learning credit**, as defined by the standards, includes

- a) Enhanced high school courses or other activities offered at the high school and taught by high school teachers,
- b) A partnership that focuses on student attainment of specific, college- or university-defined student learning outcomes, and,
- c) The opportunity for students to demonstrate, through college or university assessments, that they have attained those student learning outcomes and thereby earn credit for a course from the sponsoring college or university. Because the student did not take the class from the sponsoring college or university, course credit earned through Assessment-Based Learning credit programs is identified on student transcripts.

Assessment Based Learning credit does not require alignment with the college or university course structure and delivery, but rather supports a partnership between the high school and a college or university to recognize college-level achievement that occurs as part of high school courses and activities. As such, standards do not include requirements for curriculum alignment or adherence to the registration, grading, and transcription timelines associated with taking a college or university class.

Assessment Based Learning credit standards focus primarily on ensuring a thorough understanding by high school teachers of the college's or university's student learning outcomes, using the expertise of college or university faculty to provide a means for assessment and award of credit, and following transcription processes for credit for learning that occurred outside of taking a course from the college or university while in high school. (Note: Although there are some similarities with Credit for Prior Learning, Oregon Credit for Prior Learning is designed primarily to support adult students and focuses on experiential learning – knowledge, skills and abilities gained through life or work experience or military or other training outside of the academic environment. Assessment Based Learning is not Credit for Prior Learning.)

**Dual Credit**, as defined by the standards, refers to a course that is

- a) Offered as part of the high school program,
- b) Taught by a high school teacher, acting as a proxy instructor for the college/university, who has been approved by the college/university and meets the qualifications to teach the course for the college/university,
- c) Sufficiently similar to the college/university course to enable the student to be described as “taking a course from the college or university”. Dual credit students enroll in the college course and grading and transcription is consistent with those of like courses at the college or university.

The Oregon Dual Credit Standards align with nationally recognized practices and very specifically focus on replicating, to the greatest extent possible, the college or university course in the high school. This includes requiring the participating high school teacher to meet the qualifications to teach the course for the college/university.

**High school based college credit partnerships** - Accelerated learning opportunities offered as part of the high school education program through partnerships between high schools and institutions of higher education utilizing dual or concurrent enrollment or other early college credit opportunities to enable students to earn and transcript college credit while in high school. This does not include courses that students take directly from the college/university while in high school, whether by coming to the college/university or having college/university faculty teach the course at the high school.

**Sponsored Dual Credit**, as defined by the standards, refers to a course that is

- a) Offered as part of the high school program,
- b) Taught by a high school teacher in partnership with a sponsoring college/university faculty member who meets the qualifications to teach the course for the college/university, and
- c) Sufficiently similar to the college/university course to enable the student to be described as “taking a course from the college or university”. Sponsored Dual credit students enroll in the college course and grading and transcription is consistent with those of like courses at the college or university.

While the proposed Sponsored Dual Credit standards are modeled after the Oregon Dual Credit Standards, they broaden the options for offering college or university courses at the high school by providing explicit standards for faculty/teacher partnerships to ensure appropriate expertise, oversight and alignment. This allows a high school the opportunity to work closely with a college or university to offer these courses even though the high school may not have teachers who meet the higher education institution’s qualifications for teaching the college or university courses.

**Sponsoring college or university:** The sponsoring college or university is the institution that is awarding and transcribing the postsecondary credit. The sponsoring college or university is responsible for ensuring compliance with accreditation, and institutional rules, standards, laws, and regulations, as well as upholding the Sponsored Dual Credit agreements with partners. If there are multiple college or university partners, each higher education institution is considered a sponsoring college or university for the courses for which it is awarding and transcribing credit.

**Sponsoring faculty member:** The sponsoring faculty is a faculty member from the sponsoring college or university who is responsible for the college course offered and the credit awarded, and who oversees the orientation, oversight, training and implementation to ensure that the sponsored dual credit courses align with the college’s or university’s courses. The sponsoring college or university is responsible for identifying a sponsoring faculty member who has the qualifications and experience to provide appropriate leadership and oversight, and who is committed to connecting, communicating and collaborating with the high school teachers and other faculty in the partnership.

**Program Partner:** The self-study cover sheet asks for a list of program partners. For the purposes of the self-study, a program partner is the entity with which the college or university collaborates to engage with high school students and provide college credit opportunities. This could be a high school, a school district, an education service district, another partner who works with these entities such as a college access organization or a community based organization.