



Dear OUSD Parent or Guardian,

The Oakland Unified School District, in partnership with the Peralta Community College District, is offering high school students the opportunity to take free dual-credit college courses where students may get credit for high school and college. Your student is being invited to enroll in a Peralta Community College District college course during their high school years.

In order for them to enroll in a college course, OUSD/PCCD must receive permission from you. Please complete the attached High School Dual Enrollment Universal Form by the deadline. **By signing this one-time High School Dual Enrollment Universal Form, you are indicating your agreement with, and giving your consent for, your student's participation in any of the courses offered at his/her high school or at any of the four Peralta Colleges (Berkeley City College, College of Alameda, Laney College and Merritt College.) This applies exclusively to the years your student is enrolled in an Oakland Unified School District high school.** You are also confirming that you have read and understand the Steps for Dual Enrollment and authorize the college to release information regarding the student requested by the high school.

If at any point you no longer want your student enrolled in any Dual Enrollment courses with the Peralta Community College District you should complete the Dual Enrollment Opt-Out Form and submit it to your high school counselor, principal or Dual Enrollment Coordinator. This form can be obtained from your school's Dual Enrollment Coordinator.

Please be aware that the Dual Enrollment college classes are real college classes and therefore, students will receive only semester grades and the grade received will appear on their official Peralta College transcript (and their high school transcript) and will count towards their financial aid eligibility should they decide to attend the Peralta's or any institution of higher education. There are some classes at Peralta that allow you to take a course Pass or No Pass where the P or NP grade will not be calculated in the GPA. For more information, please refer to the attached document entitled Peralta Grades and Financial Aid Eligibility and the Peralta Financial Aid Handbook at: <http://web.peralta.edu/financial-aid/files/2014/10/2014-2015-Financial-Aid-Handbook-10.5.141.pdf> Also, students must follow all Peralta deadlines and processes. Please refer to the Peralta Academic calendar for important dates.

Dual Enrollment College Courses are:

1. **FREE** to students (As long as student is not enrolled in more than 11 units per semester)
2. **Dual high school and college credit** (3 Peralta Units = 10 OUSD Credits)
3. **Conveniently offered on the high school campus** (unless otherwise noted)
4. Accelerated path to and through college, **saving time and money**
5. Expands Career Tech Ed/Pathway or college readiness course offerings
6. Students who complete even a single college class are **more likely to graduate from high school, attend college, persist in college, and complete an Associate's degree or higher!**
7. Dual enrollment within career-focused pathways can **reduce dropout rates, improve employment, earnings, and career choices!**

For questions please contact the Peralta Community College District Admissions and Records Office at 510 466-7387 or the Oakland Unified School District's Linked Learning Office at 510-879-2686.

For additional information please visit: <http://web.peralta.edu/admissions/high-school-students/> or <http://www.ousd.org/Page/13340>