

Dual Credit Classes at PCHS

Providence Catholic High School has partnered with **Moraine Valley Community College (MVCC)** to offer students the option of earning dual credit for courses in our Mathematics Department and our Computer Science & Applications Department. Below are answers to the most frequently asked questions.

Q: Which courses will be dual credit?

A: You may take any class (except *AP Computer Science*) as dual credit.

Q: Why is PCHS offering this option?

A: Students in these classes are already doing college-level work. PCHS wants to provide the option of earning college credit for that work.

Q: If I enroll in these courses, do I have to take the dual credit?

A: Dual credit is completely optional. The coursework will be the same for all students in the class, whether or not they are working towards dual credit.

Q: Which students are eligible for dual credit?

A: Any student enrolled in a Tech class may register for dual credit (except those in *AP Computer Science*). Students must also have met the course pre-requisites as stated in the PCHS curriculum guide.

Q: What does it cost?

A: Current fees are \$44. Payments are made directly to MVCC either in-person, by phone or online. Online payment instructions will be mailed to student households after they complete the online registration. MVCC Transcripts fee: \$7 per transcript.

Q: Is there a residency requirement? Do I have to live in the MVCC district?

A: There are no residency requirements for dual credit courses.

Q: Do we have to travel to MVCC to take the course?

A: Not at all. The course is taught at PCHS. Students earn both high school credit and college credit for the class.

Q: How do I register for dual credit?

A: Parents and students will receive an email with registration instructions at the start of the semester. Registration is completed online via MVCC's dual credit homepage. Please be aware there is a deadline for registration.

Q: Who teaches the class?

A: Classes are taught by PCHS faculty members. They have met the teaching requirements and are considered MVCC faculty members.

Q: How will I be graded?

A: Students will receive a grade as normal on their PCHS report cards and transcript; that grade is based on the PCHS grading scale as posted in our student handbook. Students will receive a separate grade on a MVCC transcript, using the college's grading scale. Thus, it is possible that a student could earn different grades at each institution.

Students will be given a MVCC username to access the MVCC student portal that contains their final grades, unofficial transcript and online payment.

Q: How many college credit hours will I earn?

A: Students must earn at least a "B" for the semester grade to earn college credit. Students will earn 3 college credit hours per course.

Learn more about MVCC dual credit program at <http://www.morainevalley.edu/dualcredit/> or speak with Mrs. Walker or Mrs. Grigoletti.

