



Dear AUS Parent or Guardian,

The Academy for Urban Scholars (AUS), in partnership with Columbus State Community College, is offering high school students the opportunity to take free dual-credit college courses where students may get credit for high school and college.

In order for them to enroll in a college course, AUS 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, community college. This applies exclusively to the years your student is enrolled in AUS.** 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 Columbus State Community College 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 Columbus State transcript (and their high school transcript).**

Also attached is a permission slip. This permission slip will allow your student to be transported by staff to various events on campus, to the library, etc...

**Dual Enrollment College Courses are:**

1. **FREE** to students (As long as student is in good academic and attendance standing)
2. **Dual high school and college credit**
3. **Conveniently offered at Columbus State** (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 Mrs. Harris or Ms. Muenster at 614-545-9890.