

Dual Enrollment/Dual Credit Programs for High School Students

By: Dr. Charles R. Culver, Superintendent



Kneeling: Te'Amber Gilbert, Trinity Battle, Annyah McClain, Diamond Giles, Sykeria Evans, and Jonathon Austin

Second Row: Dr. Awanna Leslie, Principal, Jamiah Huff, Jamecia McClain, Tiandra Williams, Mikayla Holsey, Jhonnae Fluellen, Dominique Hogan, Shamiyah Posley, Jasmine Winkfield, Hailey Williams, and Victoria Jackson

Third Row: Kiashia Reeves, Labhashree Patel, Lamonte Lawrence, Charlie Diaz, Kertavious Culver, Derrick Simmons, Mondrecus Kendrick, Markivious Dickson, 1st Sgt. Francisco Ramey, JROTC Instructor, Azortae Sanders, and Ms. Zeldia Jones, Instructional Specialist.

Hancock Central High School students are participating in Dual Enrollment/Dual Credit programs (DE/DC) for the 2018 school year. The DE/DC program provides an ease of transition from high school to college and offers students an introduction and an early start to the careers they wish to pursue in college. As a partnership between Oconee Fall Line Technical College and Hancock Central High School, the DE/DC program gives students an opportunity to double the credit, in half the time, and pay no tuition.

To be eligible for the DE/DC program, the student must be enrolled in high school, a minimum of 14 years old, and must meet minimum SAT, ACT, or ACCUPLACER placement test scores, which vary by program of study. Students who chose to participate in the DE/DC program are having great experiences as they complete college-level courses. They receive free transportation to and from OFTC five days per week. Mikayla Holsey, a Grade 10 student served as spokesperson for the group and provided some additional details about enrollment in the DE/DC program.



Mikayla Holsey

Q. What courses do you take at OFTC and how do you like the courses?

A. I like dual enrollment because this program gives me a jump start to college.

Q. How would you describe your daily schedule?

A. I complete all of my core courses through an online program called Edgenuity. Edgenuity helps me to move at my own pace in completing the courses I need to graduate. Then I complete college-level courses in cosmetology and introduction to computers and college. In these classes, I have a chance to learn skills that will give me extra marketability benefits.

Every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday mornings, I go to one of the six active computer labs at Hancock Central Middle High School and complete work for my core courses. Edgenuity includes various levels of math, science, social studies, English language arts, and reading. I am preparing myself for college; therefore, I do not waste time.

I along with 31 other students, on Tuesday's and Thursday's, we sign out of Hancock Central right after breakfast and board a bus to OFTC. At OFTC, we complete classes of our choice. I like cosmetology because there is definitely extra earning potential in that field. Only Hancock Central students are in my class. However, my friend Kymylah Lee, is the only Hancock Central student in her college class seeking certification in early childhood education. After cosmetology, I return to Hancock Central for lunch, JROTC, and introduction to business.

I am glad to participate in dual enrollment and I appreciate the opportunities that Hancock Central High School has to offer. Thanks, to you, Dr. Culver. You and the Board of Education, are taking the necessary steps to ensure the success of students. The dual enrollment program is making dreams come true for us at Hancock Central High School.

Q. How well are students responding to the opportunity to complete dual enrollment?

A. The students who opted for dual enrollment include the following: **Computer Science:** Jaquan Harden, Azortae, Sandars, and Derrick Simmons.

Cosmetology, Introduction to Computers and College: Syceria Evans, Jhonnae, Fluellen, Diamond Giles, Mikayla Holsey, Briana Manago, and Anniyah McClain.

Criminal Justice: Mandrecus Kendrick.

Early Childhood Education: Kamaylah Lee,

Nurse's Aide: Trinidy Battle, Carnaria Chapman, Faith Evans, Jamiah Huff, Victoria Jackson, Jamecia McClain, Kiashia Reeves, Takeshala Watkins, Hailey Williams, Tiandra Williams, Jasmine Winkfield.

Welding: Carmichael Allen, Kertavious Culver, Charlie Diaz, Markivious Dickson, Kiamber Edwards, Montorious Hall, Dominique Hogan, Kaben Hunt, and Jamarcus Morris.