



## Dual Enrollment

*Effective July 1, 2012*

Lenawee Christian School has several academic options that provide a wider variety of choices to high school students that encourage and enable qualified pupils to enroll in courses in both high school and eligible postsecondary institutions simultaneously. This may result in earning high school credit, college credit or both based upon the specific program in which they enrolled. The dual enrollment program is intended to give high school students an opportunity to get controlled exposure to college life during high school. It is not designed to serve as an alternative to the courses offered by LCS or to be used to allow students an early graduation.

- (1) **Dual Credit Partnerships** – LCS has partnerships with several postsecondary institutions. These agreements may or may not require an additional tuition charge to the student but will result in credit on **both** the high school and postsecondary level.<sup>1</sup> The eligibility for these courses is program dependent.
  
- (2) **Dual Enrollment Options** –Dual enrollment provides financial support to qualified student through the State of Michigan’s department of treasury.
  - (a) **Eligible Students** - Qualified students in the ninth through twelfth grades that are enrolled as a full-time student at Lenawee Christian School (as a state-approved nonpublic school) and have at least one parent or legal guardian who is a resident of Michigan may dually enroll in a postsecondary institution. Students must earn a qualifying score on a readiness assessment or the Michigan merit examination in **all** subject areas. The assessment instrument shall be aligned with state learning standards (as reflected in the ACT, PLAN or PSAT). If no qualifying score was achieved, the student is limited to a course in computer science or foreign language, or a course in fine arts as permitted by the school. The costs for such assessments are the responsibility of the student unless the school elects to pay the cost. In addition to the academic requirements, students are expected to demonstrate a high level of emotional and social maturity as determined by the Administration of both the high school and the postsecondary institution.

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<sup>1</sup> For example, Indiana Wesleyan University offers a course on the LCS campus. This class includes an additional tuition charge enabling the student to earn both high school **and** college credit. In addition, Southeastern University is offering several on-line dual enrollment classes to LCS students for both college and high school credit. The first course taken by each student is offered free of charge. These programs have separate eligibility requirements and expectations.



- (b) **Eligible Colleges** - An eligible postsecondary institution is a community college, state university, or independent nonprofit degree-granting college or university in Michigan. Lenawee Christian shall establish partnerships with select school so as to offer students the best educational options that correspond with the mission of LCS.
- (c) **Eligible Courses and Credit** – An eligible course shall be a course offered by a postsecondary institution that is normally applied toward the satisfaction of degree requirements **AND** is not currently offered by LCS unless an irresolvable scheduling conflict beyond the student’s control has been determined by the Administration.
- An eligible student can enroll in and receive payment by the department of treasury for an eligible course for postsecondary credit only, and cannot receive high school credit for the course unless it would be considered a “**nonessential elective course.**”<sup>2</sup> If it is classified as a “nonessential elective course” a student may receive high school credit, postsecondary credit, or both.
  - The course cannot be in the subject of a hobby/craft, recreation, physical education, theology, divinity, or religious education to qualify for assistance from the State.
  - Before enrolling in a dual enrollment class, a student must have maxed out all core-curricular opportunities in that subject area or receive approval from an administrator. This shall include all Advanced Placement classes offered that academic year by LCS. Students who have not exhausted all curricular options (in that subject area) prior to enrolling in the dual enrollment class may do so while taking the college level class.
  - If an eligible student was enrolled in an eligible course that is considered a “nonessential elective course” then the student can enroll in, and **receive credit for high school credit or postsecondary credit, or both**
  - At the time of enrollment, the student must designate whether the course was for high school or postsecondary credit, or both, and notify both the high school and postsecondary institution. . If a student is enrolled in more than one dual enrollment class they may make different credit designations for different courses.
  - LCS shall determine and grant high school credit (if requested at the time of enrolling for the course) that counts towards graduation and subject area requirements to an eligible student who demonstrates they have successfully completed the course. Each 3 semester hour class shall translate into .5 high school credits figured into a student’s grade point average (GPA) based upon a 4.0 scale unless it

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<sup>2</sup> “Nonessential elective courses” such as band, art, domestic science, advanced math, and upper level science classes



corresponds to an Advanced Placement class currently recognized by the College Board. These classes shall be figured on the 5.0 scale.

- Evidence (as provided by the postsecondary institution) of the successful completion of each course and the high school credits granted shall be included in the student’s high school record and transcript. Upon the request of an eligible student, his or her high school record and transcript shall also include evidence of successful completion and postsecondary credits granted for a course taken for postsecondary credit only. This grade shall not be figured into the student’s grade point average.

**(d) Number of Courses**

*A student shall be limited to 10 overall courses*

**Entering 9<sup>th</sup> grade student**

- 9<sup>th</sup> grade – 2 course limit per academic year
- 10<sup>th</sup> grade – 2 course limit per academic year
- 11<sup>th</sup> grade – 2 course limit for the academic year
- 12<sup>th</sup> grade – 4 course limit for the academic year

**Entering 10<sup>th</sup> grade student**

- 10<sup>th</sup> grade – 2 course limit per academic year
- 11<sup>th</sup> grade – 4 course limit for the academic year
- 12<sup>th</sup> grade – 4 course limit for the academic year

**Entering 11<sup>th</sup> or 12<sup>th</sup> grade student**

Not more than 6 courses during either of those academic years.

**(e) Student Expectations**

- Since postsecondary institutes require a “C” grade or better to accept transfer credit, it shall be expected that all LCS students earn at least a C in each course. **The State requires students participating in a dual enrollment class who stop attending or fail to successfully complete the required course to be subject to repayment of all or part of the costs paid.**



- Students are expected to follow the rules, regulations, and policies set forth by both the college and LCS (including the attendance policy of the college and professor.)
- Students may request a letter signed by the secondary principal indicating their eligibility for this dual enrollment program.
- Students should be aware that Lenawee Christian shall provide general information about postsecondary options available to students through *Student Services*. This shall include the possibility of being required to repay the school or the treasury department for money paid on behalf of a student, consequences of failing or not completing a course, the necessity to complete all high school graduation requirements, and the academic and social responsibilities assumed by the student and his or her parent or guardian. It is strongly encouraged that each student uses the available counseling services at LCS as well as the postsecondary institution.
- Students will be responsible for the financial obligations associated with but not limited to transportation, parking fees, textbooks costs, and activity fees while enrolled at a postsecondary institution. LCS, this state, or a public school district is not liable for any injury incurred by a student that is related to transportation necessary for participation in postsecondary enrollment.
- Participation in intercollegiate athletics is prohibited.
- Students who believe they are eligible for dual enrollment, in which they qualify for tuition and fee support, and wish to participate, should contact the counseling office. Students must be pre-approved before enrolling in any college class under the dual enrollment option.