



## STUDENT GUIDELINES AND PARENTAL CONSENT FORM

**College Student Status** - Students enrolled in our dual credit courses are considered college students and all their coursework will appear on their college transcript. A college transcript is an official record that is subject to review and consideration in connection with the student’s continued academic eligibility, future financial aid, college/university applications, and other academic matters. Withdrawal from a class or failing a class could affect the student’s future academic status and eligibility for financial aid. Students should only enroll in dual credit course if they are committed to staying in the course and successfully passing the course.

**Continued Eligibility** – Students are considered in good standing if they maintain a minimum of a 2.0 GPA. Good standing is affected if overall GPA falls below a 2.0 in any given semester. The Early College High School student may be placed on academic probation or dismissal, either limiting or excluding them from taking future courses.

**Withdrawal from a Dual Credit Course** - Should it become necessary to withdraw from a dual credit course, the student is responsible for informing the instructor and the student’s high school counselor prior to the semester withdrawal deadline.

**Testing Requirements** - Before students can enroll in a dual credit course, they must qualify by successfully passing all or a portion of the TSI exam. See “Eligibility Requirements” for more information.

**Class Attendance** - Classes begin promptly at the scheduled time. Student attendance and participation is paramount to academic success. Regular and punctual attendance is expected of all students.

**Program of Study** – Students taking a dual credit course must choose a program of study from the approved listing provided to counselors and for appropriate course recommendation. The program of study will determine which courses the student may enroll in.

**FERPA** – The Family Education Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 provides that if a student is enrolled in both a high school and a postsecondary institution, the two schools may exchange information on that student. If the student is under 18, the parents still retain the rights under FERPA at the high school and may inspect and review any records sent by the postsecondary institution to the high school. Parents wishing to inspect and review educational records maintained at TSC must present a signed Third Party Authorization Form, available on the TSC website.

**STUDENT COMPLETES THIS SECTION:**  
Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_  
High School Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**PARENT/GUARDIAN COMPLETES THIS SECTION:**  
By signing this document, I signify that I am the Parent or Legal Guardian, and I have read and understand the guidelines described above. I give permission for the student named above to participate in dual credit courses, subject to the above stated Guidelines. I give Texas Southmost College permission to obtain any and all records, including education records held by the school district in which the student named above is enrolled, to facilitate his/her participation in the dual credit program at Texas Southmost College.  
Parent/Guardian Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_