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BCHS Dual Enrollment Independent Study Program

Dual-enrollment is a program that provides the opportunity for qualifying high school students to take college-level courses under the supervision of a teacher at BCHS, Mrs. Stephanie Barr. Breckinridge County High School has partnered with post-secondary institutions, such as Elizabethtown Community and Technical College, Murray State University and Western Kentucky University to offer students the opportunity to independently explore the world of college curricula prior to their high school graduation. An independent study class is one of the first times in students' academic careers where they can demonstrate initiative and build skills—such as self-discipline and time management—that will benefit them in college and beyond. If a student chooses to take this class, it will take the place of an elective course in their BCHS daily schedule. It is important to note that there is a fee for each class, which is assessed by the college of choice.

Potential benefits of the program:

- Less time required after high school to finish a college degree
- Students can get a head start on the college experience
- Save money on tuition (Current rate is \$58 per credit hour) - KHEAA also offers two free courses to all students in 11th or 12th grade to use prior to graduation. Some students can receive two additional classes, free of charge, if they qualify as "Work Ready" courses.
- Grades earned become part of the student's permanent transcript at BCHS as well as their college transcript (if courses are transferred)
- Students are able to transfer credits earned to a technical or four-year institution
- Students may explore fields of study that help them choose a major later
- Students may choose from classes not currently available at BCHS
- Students completing dual enrollment courses while in high school tend to have higher cumulative GPAs during their first three years in college.

Notes to consider:

- Parents/guardians are responsible for payment for each course, made directly to the college.
- Students are required to take one course in the fall and another in the spring for a total of two.
- Students may have to purchase a book, e-book, or pay additional fees assessed for classes
- Students must receive a grade of "C" or above to continue enrollment in the Independent Study program
- All courses taken must go on the BCHS transcript as what the college grading scale stipulates
- College courses are offered by semester, but each will count as a full credit on the BCHS transcript



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2020-21 Dual Enrollment Independent Study Student Contract

Guidelines to participate:

- Student is a 10th, 11th or 12th grader
- Student has taken the ACT prior to enrollment
- Student has passed all courses taken at BCHS & has a cumulative GPA of 2.5 or higher
- Student has passed all previously taken Dual Credit courses with a “C” or higher
- Student must be willing to pay for all classes and supplemental fees via personal pay and/or dual credit scholarships offered through KHEAA

If adequate progress is not made or students are not meeting their responsibilities set forth by BCHS and/or the college of choice, then students will be removed from Dual Enrollment Independent Study class(es) and placed in a different BCHS elective course. Student will still be responsible for any fees assessed by the college. The grade earned in each course will be the grade that goes on the BCHS transcript.

Student Name (please print): _____ Grade Level (2020-21): _____

Student Email: _____

Student Contact Number: _____ Text (circle one): Yes or No

Parent/Guardian Name (please print): _____

Parent Email: _____

Parent Contact Number: _____ Text (circle one): Yes or No

Please sign and date below to indicate that you have read and agree to abide by the guidelines set forth for Dual Enrollment Independent Study classes at Breckinridge County High School.

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____

***Return this page to the Guidance Office when you individually schedule (week of January 27, 2020).
 Failure to turn this in will result in you not being able to take the course.***