

# Al-Ikhlas Training Academy's High School

## Dual Enrollment Program

### Earn college credit before you graduate high school

In partnership with Wayne County Community College (WCCC), we are now offering ATA students the opportunity to dual enroll in college-level courses while still in high school.

#### With these online courses, students can:

- Earn college credit while still in high school
- Meet both high school and college requirements in one fell swoop
- Save money (and minimize debt) on college general education courses
- Accelerate their path toward a college diploma
- Acclimate to college-level learning

**Dual Enrollment** is an opportunity for eligible high school students to earn college credit during regular school hours at their high school. Dual enrollment courses allow students to earn both high school and college credit for the same class. The credit earned may be used to complete an Associate's degree as well as a Bachelor's degree at a transfer university (depending on the receiving institution's requirements).

### State of Michigan Dual Enrollment Policies

#### The Post Secondary Enrollment Opportunities Act

- Eligible students in 9th - 12th grades have the legal right in Michigan to dual enroll in college courses from eligible postsecondary institutions (i.e., community colleges and non-profit colleges and universities located in Michigan which choose to comply with the Post Secondary Enrollment Opportunities Act).
- Eligible students may enroll in up to 10 eligible courses from such institutions at the expense of the school (for public school students) or the Michigan Department of Treasury (for nonpublic school students).
- The law states that districts and public school academies shall use funds allocated under the State School Aid Act to support eligible pupils in their pursuit of enrollment opportunities in postsecondary institutions. Thus, districts and public school academies must comply with the pupil's request for postsecondary enrollment if the pupil, course, and institution are eligible under this Act.

## Student Eligibility

### In order to be eligible for dual enrollment courses in Michigan, students must:

- Be enrolled in at least one high school class in a school district, public school academy, or state-approved nonpublic school in Michigan.
- Have at least one parent or legal guardian that is a resident of Michigan (unless the student is experiencing homelessness).
- Not have been enrolled in high school for more than four school years (unless one of the exceptions provided for in administrative rule has been satisfied).

### Exceptions include:

Excludes foreign exchange pupils enrolled under a cultural exchange program (J-1 Visa).

Homeschooled students cannot enroll directly with a postsecondary institution and then coordinate with their local public school district for dual enrollment. Homeschooled pupils are required to enroll in at least 1 course with a public or state-approved nonpublic school, then dual enroll through that school to be considered an eligible student under this Act and have eligible charges covered.

**Note:** *Districts may only use the eligibility criteria outlined in state law and may not establish additional requirements (e.g., minimum GPA, grade level, etc.) which would prohibit a pupil from satisfying or exceeding the credit requirements of the Michigan Merit Curriculum through advanced studies such as advanced placement courses, dual enrollment in a postsecondary institution, participation in the IB program or early or middle college high school programs.*

### Number of Courses Allowed Per Pupil Per Year

According to the State of Michigan, eligible students may take up to 10 dual enrollment courses. The number of courses a student is eligible to take per year under this law is dependent on when they begin taking dual enrollment courses:

**Starting in 9th grade:** If a student begins dual enrollment in 9th grade, they can take up to two courses per year in 9th - 11th grades and up to four courses in 12th grade.

**Starting in 10th grade:** If a student begins dual enrollment in 10th grade, they can take up to two courses in 10th grade and up to four courses each in 11th and 12th grades.

**Starting in 11th and 12th grade:** If a student begins dual enrollment in 11th or 12th grade, they can take up to six courses per year.