

SOP: Identifying Eligible Students for the ACCESS to Acceleration (A2A) Scholarship

Purpose	To guide institutions in identifying which high school students qualify for the Access to Acceleration (A2A) scholarship and to clarify when a student may be responsible for a portion of tuition based on the type of course in which they are enrolled.
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Student Eligibility	<p>The A2A scholarship is available to all high school students enrolled in eligible college courses through concurrent or dual enrollment. This includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Public school students• Private school students• Home school students <p>All of the above may be eligible for A2A, but eligibility for full tuition coverage depends on the course and enrollment type, as defined below.</p>
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Definitions

Concurrent Enrollment	<p>The enrollment of a high school student in a college-level course for both high school credit and college-level credit.</p> <p><i>Concurrent enrollment allows students to obtain credit toward a high school diploma at the same time they earn college credit.</i></p>
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Dual Enrollment	<p>The enrollment of a high school student in a college course exclusively for college credit.</p> <p><i>High school students enrolled in a dual enrollment course may petition their district or high school to consider the dual enrollment college-level course to be counted for high school credit, but it is not guaranteed.</i></p>
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Concurrent Credit Course	A college-level course offered by an approved Arkansas institution of higher education that, upon completion, qualifies for academic credit at both the institution and a <i>public high school</i> .
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Tuition Responsibility: District, Private School, Homeschool, and Dually Enrolled

Tuition responsibility may vary depending on the student's school type (public, private, home school) and enrollment type (concurrent and/or dual).

Additionally, please note the following:

- A2A funding is available for students in grades 9 through 12.
- A2A will pay for up to 15 credit hours per semester, not to exceed 30 credit hours per academic year (fall, spring, and summer terms).
 - Any credit hours beyond these limits will be the responsibility of the student, student's parent, or guardian.

Public School District Students

- A2A applies to a student's account **if** the course meets the definition of a *concurrent credit course*. Any remaining balance is the responsibility of the district per the specifics in a memorandum of understanding between the institution of higher education and the district. The student, or the student's parent or guardian cannot receive a bill for up to 15 credit hours per semester.
- A2A applies if the student is *dually enrolled* in any college-level course. The student, student's parent or guardian may be responsible for any remaining balance.

Private School Students

- A2A applies to a student's account for any *dual enrollment or concurrent enrollment* and any remaining balance is the responsibility of the private school, student, or the individual or entity outlined per the specifics of the memorandum of understanding between the institution of higher education and the private school.

Home School Students

- A2A applies to a student's account for dual enrollment or concurrent enrollment and any remaining balance is the responsibility of the student, student's parent, or guardian. If a student is eligible for Educational Freedom Account Funds, it can be applied to the student's balance.
- A2A applies if the course qualifies as a concurrent credit course, meaning the student is enrolled through a public school district. Any remaining balance is the responsibility of the district per the specifics in a memorandum of understanding between the institution of higher education and the district. The student, or the student's parent or guardian cannot receive a bill.

Operational Guidance

- **Before awarding A2A funds:**
 - a. Verify the student's school type and enrollment type.
 - b. Confirm whether the course meets the *Concurrent Credit Course*, *Concurrent Enrollment*, or *Dual Enrollment* definition.
- If *Concurrent Credit Course*, confirm with the high school or district whether the course will count for high school credit.
- If appropriate, inform the student that **A2A may not cover full tuition**, and additional payment may be required.