Dual Enrollment Informational Session

A parent/guardian guide to college credit, pathways, support, and next steps.

McFarland High School Early College
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What is Dual Enrollment?

One *opportunity.*
Two *kinds of credit.*

Dual enrollment allows high school students to take college courses and earn college credit before graduating high school.

Transferable
Courses are transferable to the CSU/UC systems.

Double Credit
Students receive both high school and college credits at the same time.

10 HS Credits
For every 3 college units earned, students receive 10 high school credits.

Weighted
Courses are weighted like honors/AP courses.

Free
Dual enrollment courses are free of charge and can save money in the future.

Which pathway will your student choose?

What Makes MHSEC Different?

Designed so students can access college opportunities with built-in support.

Access + Support + Structure

-All students have the opportunity to take college courses.

-Designated support systems are in place for all things dual enrollment.

-All dual enrollment courses are embedded in the school day.

Students do not have to attend college courses after school in the evenings.

-DSPS, Academic Probation, and Advisor Workshops are scheduled.

College Built into the School Day

McFarland High School Counselors

Counseling and Dual Enrollment support for every stage of the journey.

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Bakersfield Early College Partners

Meet the team supporting MHSEC students through their Early College journey.

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Explore. Discover. Apply. Succeed.

1. **Explore your options**
2. **Learn about your strengths**
3. **Learn how to apply your interests**
4. **Start your pathway to SUCCESS**



Your student's future can start taking shape now.

FAMILY EDUCATIONAL RIGHTS & PRIVACY ACT (FERPA)

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (20 U.S.C. § 1232g; 34 CFR Part 99) is a Federal law that protects the privacy of student education records.

When a student enrolls at a postsecondary institution, at any age, the rights and privacy protections under FERPA transfer to the student.

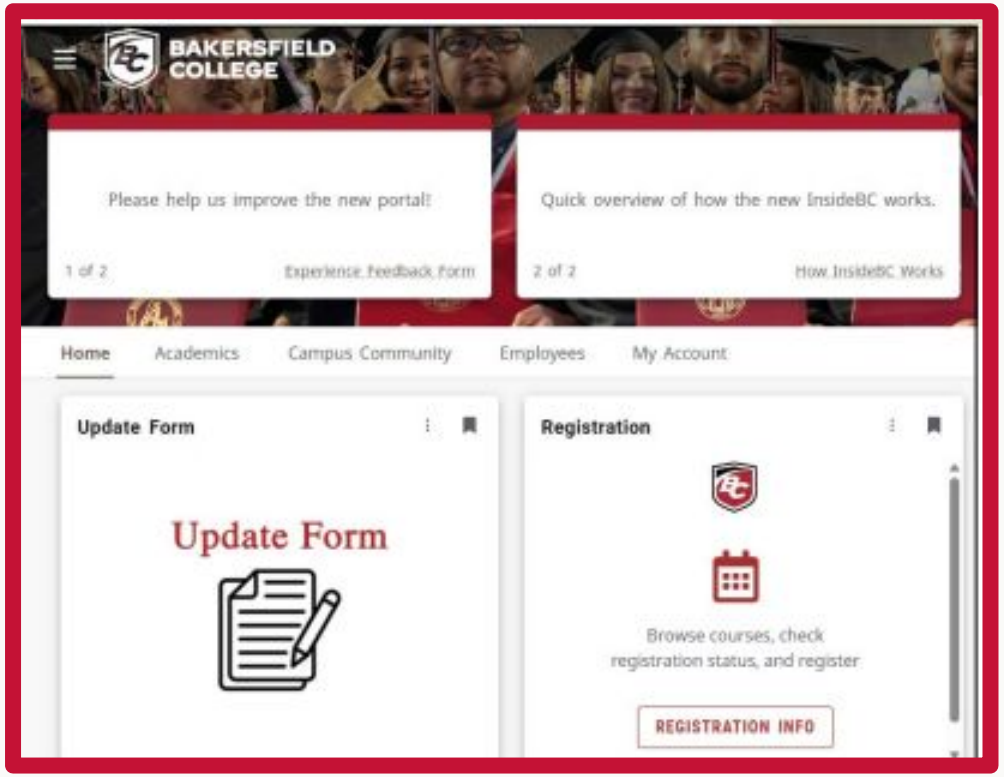
This means that parents may not obtain information from these institutions regarding the student's education records. This includes, but is not limited to, class schedules, transcripts, grade reports, financial records, financial aid award status, outstanding balances, etc. However, if agreed to by the student, information on the following can be discussed with a parent/guardian if option is selected on the Dual Enroll website.

- Enrollment Verification
- Account Status
- Enrollment Status

INSIDE BC Account Overview

Key Functions:

1. Update Form
2. Canvas
3. Starfish
4. BC Email
5. Account Details & Banner Self Service





What Happens Now?

STEP 1

1

9th grade students are enrolled in their first course: STDV B6, BSAD B6, or EDUC B40.

Parent Consent via DE

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STEP 2

2

Grades and courses are evaluated by counselors to progress to the next course in the spring: ART B1.

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STEP 3

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Pathway selection takes place in February.

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STEP 4

4

Pathway courses begin in the fall of sophomore year.

What Academic Standing?

Understanding the Importance of Your Student's Progress

Good Standing

After taking 12 units of BC coursework, you must have:

- A cumulative GPA of 2.0 or better
- Completion of 50% or more of the overall units attempted

Academic Probation

Will occur if after attempting 12 BC units, you're cumulative GPA is below a 2.0

Progress Probation

Will occur if after attempting 12 or more BC units and your completion rate drops below 50%. This includes "W" (Withdrawal), "NP" (No Pass) and/or "I" (Incomplete) grades.

Grades are a part of your permanent record.

It can prevent you from taking additional courses.

Impacts future college and financial aid eligibility.

Spanish Associate Degree Transfer Pathway

PATHWAY

60

College Units

Build college momentum while in high school.

The Associate in Arts in Spanish for Transfer degree provides linguistic study of the language and an in-depth look at the culture of the Spanish-speaking world. It supports students working toward an AA degree, transfer to a four-year college, and their academic goals.

Business Pathway

PATHWAY

14-17

College Units

Build college momentum while in high school.

The Business Pathway includes a broad field of disciplines across management and administrative careers in Business and Economics. It prepares students with skills to transition into employment, a higher level of employment, or further educational advancement to a four-year institution.

Public Health Pathway

PATHWAY

27-30

College Units

Build college momentum while in high school.

Health Navigators work as part of a team or health care system to reduce barriers to accessing care and promote prevention services. Students explore helping patients connect with providers, access resources, communicate with care teams, and build healthy behaviors.

Media Arts Pathway

PATHWAY

9-12

College Units

Build college momentum while in high school.

The Bakersfield College Media Arts Program is designed to prepare students for entry-level positions in media arts. The program develops competencies for visual communication and a range of creative career paths.

Welding Pathway

PATHWAY

4-7

College Units

Build college momentum while in high school.

The welding program prepares individuals to apply technical knowledge and skills to join or cut metal surfaces. Instruction includes multiple welding and cutting processes, materials, metallurgy, structural design, safety, and applicable codes and standards.

Dual Enrollment Awards & Recognition

Celebrating progress as Cougar Renegades advance through the reward program.

01 Cougar Renegade Certificate

02 Cougar Renegade Pennant

03 Cougar Renegade Pathway Commitment Pin

04 Cougar Renegade Bronze Medal

05 Cougar Renegade Silver Medal

06 Cougar Renegade Gold Medal

07 Dual Enrollment/CTE Graduation Stole

08 BC Commencement (Degree Completion)

Frequently Asked Questions

Q **What happens if I do not pass my college course with a C or better?**

Your college grades follow you into adulthood. Grades are posted on BOTH your college and high school transcripts.

Q **Since I am a BC student, do I get to use the college resources?**

Yes. As #CougarRenegades, students can access the resources BC has to offer.

Q **Do I have to attend summer school?**

Only if you need to make up a course.

Q **If I choose the Spanish AA-T Pathway, do I get to graduate at Bakersfield College?**

Yes. You will participate in the BC Commencement.

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Disabled Student Program and Services

Disabled Student Programs & Services (DSPS) assists the college in providing equal access to educational opportunities for students with disabilities. DSPS provides reasonable accommodations to students with documented physical, mental health, and learning disabilities who are enrolled in classes through Bakersfield College.

DSPS Workshop
Wednesday, September 30th
MHSEC Student Center
10:00am