

Dual Enrollment/Internships

High School students who are eligible have the opportunity to participate in dual enrollment at Vanguard's Partner Institutions (Ridge Career Center and Polk State College), as long as the student meets specific criteria. These students will take their core academic classes on the Vanguard campus and will be transported to one of the partnership institutions for their elective or college credit classes. These classes are specifically scheduled for the student so that no Vanguard classes are missed while participating in dual enrollment. This gives the student the opportunity to access classes not available on the Vanguard campus, as well as prepare for college or careers beyond high school. All fees are included within the Vanguard tuition cost.

The following eligibility requirements must be met before participating in dual enrollment **each semester**:

Dual Enrollment Criteria	
GPA	Students must maintain a 3.0 GPA to participate in dual enrollment
Attendance	Attendance in dual enrollment programs is integral to the success of the student. Students are not permitted to miss dual enrollment classes for any reason beyond physician's excused absences. Students cannot miss more than 2 dual enrollment classes per semester.
Conduct	Students in dual enrollment are representatives of the Vanguard School, and their conduct must be exemplary. If a student does not follow Vanguard's behavioral policies while off campus, he/she may no longer be eligible for dual enrollment.
Scheduling	Dual enrollment schedules are carefully planned to consider all students and drivers. Changes to the schedule can only be made by the principal, and they must be approved at least 6 hours in advance.
Test Scores	Students in dual enrollment are required to take placement testing before entering the programs. This testing determines which classes and programs in which students are eligible to participate. ACT scores may be used, in addition to PERT scores, to determine eligibility at Polk State College.

Students who are unable to meet the previously mentioned criteria, or who violate the privilege of dual enrollment, will not be eligible for dual enrollment for the next semester.

Career Experience Internships may be offered to interested, qualified students. Internships provide students with the opportunity to learn valuable career and life experiences to guide them in planning and preparing for their futures.