

# Portersville Christian School



## Dual Credit Options for 2020-21

Through arrangements with Butler County Community College (BC3), Grove City College (GCC), and the Grand Canyon University (GCU), Portersville Christian School is able to offer students the opportunity to earn as many as 32 college credits during their junior and senior year of high school. A combination of courses from BC3, Grove City College, Grand Canyon University and the Advanced Placement schedule will enable our graduates to choose a course of study that could allow them to enter college as a sophomore, and complete a degree in three years, depending on their major or minor and course of study.

### Requirements and Additional Details

1. Students must have an overall GPA of 3.0. (Grove City College dual enrollment program requires a 3.5 GPA).
2. To enroll in dual credit classes offered at PCS, students must pass the BC3 placement exam.
3. The dual credit courses offered on PCS campus through BC3 form the core requirements for getting dual credit in high school. If students wish to take online courses for dual credit from GCC or GCU, they must first be enrolled in a course from BC3. Each GCC or GCU online course must be **paired** with a BC3 course in which the student is currently enrolled.
4.
  - a. Students may use online dual credit courses from Grand GCC or GCU to meet high school credit requirements for mathematics, science, Bible and electives (each course requires approval from administration). PCS will accept two high school credits to be applied to the *core course graduation requirements in math, science or Bible*, and two high school credits for *elective* requirements from the list of courses offered online by GCC or GCU.
  - b. GCC or GCU courses in social studies/history or English may only be used as electives for high school graduation at PCS. Only BC3 courses count toward English or history credits at PCS.
  - c. Students will be able to take one (1) online course per semester at PCS, since they will also be taking at least one dual credit course on PCS campus through BC3. Summer courses are also available on-line. **PCS approved summer courses through GCC or GCU with a start date before July 1<sup>st</sup> count toward the previous semester (spring), whereas courses with a start date on or after July 1<sup>st</sup> will count toward the upcoming fall semester.**
  - d. As a general rule, students are required to take core courses each semester. For example, a student who takes Philosophy semester 1, but does not wish to take World Religions

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semester 2 will attend the regular History course for the remainder of the year. Exceptions to that rule will be evaluated on a case by case basis.

5. Students who wish to use dual credit courses must submit a Course Request Form to obtain approval from Guidance and Head Administrator on the GCC or GCU course selection. The [Course Request Form](#) must be submitted prior to registration for each course they plan to take.
6. **It is the student's responsibility to register and pay for dual credit courses with the college or university before the start date of the course.** Upon registration, students must present confirmation of the courses in which they are enrolled as well as official transcripts upon completion, whether or not the courses are being used for core credit or for an elective.
7. Once a student has designated which online courses they want to count toward core requirements, and toward elective requirements, they cannot change their request during the semester.

## Sample Dual Credit Course Schedule

### Grade 11, Semester 1

ENG 101	Freshman English, BC3*	3 college credits, 1 HS English credit, weighted
ACCT 201	Principles of Accounting, GCC	3 college credits, 1 HS elective credit, weighted

### Grade 11, Semester 2

ENG 102	Freshman English, BC3*	3 college credits, 1 HS English credit, weighted
MAT 154	College Algebra, GCU	4 college credits, 1 HS math credit, weighted

### Grade 12, Semester 1

PHI 101	Intro to Philosophy, BC3*	3 college credits, 1 HS Social Studies credit, weighted
ENG 203	Shakespeare	3 college credits, 1 HS elective credit, weighted
PSYC 101	Principles of Psychology, GCC	3 college credits, 1 HS elective credit, weighted

### Grade 12, Semester 2

WR 101	World Religions, BC3*	3 college credits, 1 HS Social Studies credit, weighted
SOC 102	Principles of Sociology, GCU	4 college credits, 1 HS elective credit, weighted

\*Required course for students enrolling for dual credit

**All dual credit plans must be approved by the guidance counselor and administrator before classes can be taken by students by completing the Course Request Form for each course! Registration and payments to the GCC or GCU is the responsibility of the student.**

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## GCC and GCU Online Courses

Students who take advantage of the dual credit course offerings from BC3, GCC, and GCU and also take the AP courses offered at PCS can earn enough credits to complete an entire year of college.

Students at PCS will have the opportunity to be able to graduate from high school and enter college with just three years needed to complete their degree program, which offers a considerable amount of savings of both time and financial resources. The total cost to students for two years of a combination of dual credit and AP courses\* at PCS is far less than one semester will cost at most colleges and universities.

## \* AP Courses offered at PCS

AP Statistics and Probability  
AP Calculus AB  
AP Physics  
AP US History  
AP Civics

Students must earn a 4 or 5 on the AP exams for these courses in order to earn college credit. Acceptance may be based on the policy of the individual college or university that the student chooses to attend.

## Fee Schedule

### Butler County Community College (BC3) College in High School at PCS

Courses offered at PCS through the College in High School program of Butler County Community College are assigned a per-class fee based on the college's fee structure. Since this figure changes each year, the information is not released until the semester prior to registering for the classes. There is also an annual registration fee.

### Grove City College online dual credit courses:

\$175/credit  
Additional fees to GCC for materials may apply  
No enrollment fee

### Grand Canyon University online dual credit courses through CCSC

Course fee, per course \$210  
Online Materials and Textbook Fee \$85  
TOTAL \$295 per course  
No enrollment fee

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## Portersville Christian School Fee for Dual Credit

PCS students who are enrolled and attend classes at PCS do not have to pay any additional fees, other than what the college/university charges per course. They automatically receive the high school credit for the BC3 classes, and will receive up to 4 high school credits, designated as they choose, for the GCU courses.

*Dual credit tuition is significantly discounted from regular tuition and fees. No financial aid can be applied or is available for dual credit or AP courses.*

## Home School Options

Students who are enrolled in home education may take advantage of the dual credit and AP courses offered by Portersville Christian School. They must meet the following requirements, and follow these guidelines:

1. They must be at the 11<sup>th</sup> grade level, according to their home school supervisor, and must meet the grade average requirement equivalent to a 3.0, or a “B” average in coursework taken since the 9<sup>th</sup> grade.
2. They must provide their most recent standardized testing results, including PSAT or PLAN tests if they have taken them.
3. They must submit an application for admission to PCS, and go through the admissions process to be accepted as a student.
4. If they want to pursue a diploma from PCS, they will be scheduled to meet with our school guidance counselor to determine which courses they will need to take in grades 11 and 12 to meet the graduation requirements.
5. English 101 and 102 through BC3’s College in High School are required. In addition, at least two other BC3 courses will be required in order to meet graduation requirements. The remaining course work can include a combination of AP and GCU Online Dual Credit courses.
6. The Bible requirement can be met by taking BIB 106, BIB 107 or CWV 101 through GCU Online Dual Credit, or by attending the 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grade courses at PCS.

The fee schedule for home school students is as follows:

Application	\$25
Enrollment	\$100
Course fee, per high school credit	\$930
GCU Online Course/Textbook Fee	\$295
BC3 College in High School Fee	Determined annually, plus annual registration fee

The different fees charged for courses represent the level of credit being received. The \$930 per credit fee is for one full year of high school credit which counts toward graduation from high school. The other fees, paid to the college providers, are for 3 or 4 semester hours of college credit, depending on the course, and are for credit that is applied to meeting requirements for receiving a college degree.