



## Dual Enrollment Program

The Dual Enrollment Program is a partnership IRCS has with St. Petersburg College (SPC). 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grade students who are eligible for this program can earn college credits while fulfilling high school graduation requirements at the same time. These courses are free when you take them at our school. Students/parents are responsible to purchase books/materials for courses, however.

### You must have these things to be eligible for dual enrolled classes:

1. At least a 3.0 Cumulative Grade Point Average
2. Have a meeting with a parent and Guidance Counselor to get approval and information
3. Fill out an online application for SPC
4. Pass the College Placement Test
5. Maintain no lower than a "C" in each dual enrolled class

### What is the Placement Test?

The semester before you take Dual Enrolled classes, you will need to meet with Mrs. Bates and a parent. At this meeting, you will be given detailed instructions for filling out the SPC online application, and learn where, when and how to take the Placement Test. You are required to make minimum scores on the placement test before taking classes.

Minimum scores are: **83** in Reading, **83** in Sentence Skills, and **72** in Elem. Algebra.  
(ACT and SAT scores may also apply instead of taking the placement test)

Some classes (eg. College Algebra or higher) will require a minimum score of **41** on the College Level Math portion of the placement test. .

SPC Placement tests are offered at each campus (St. Petersburg, Clearwater, Tarpon, and Seminole). The Seminole campus on 113<sup>th</sup> Avenue is the closest to IRCS. After the test is finished, you will be given a print-out of the results. This **must** be brought to the Guidance Department at IRCS **before** you can sign up for classes. Once you have applied and passed the placement test, you can get a Dual Enrollment Permission Form from Mrs. Bates. Once this is signed by you and a parent, Mrs. Bates will register you for the class. Keep in mind that students may only take classes that are approved by the college and IRCS. A Checklist to be a Dual Enrollment Student is provided on the Guidance website for convenience.

Dual enrollment classes are only recommended for *students who work well independently*. Most college instructors do NOT post a quarter grade...so you will not know your grade until the end of the semester.

For further information, check out the Dual Credit page linked to the SPC home page:  
[www.spcollege.edu/ac/dc](http://www.spcollege.edu/ac/dc)