FUNDING OVERVIEW

**NOTE:** Dual Enrollment is a state program that is subject to change based on state budget and legislative priorities. Final funding amounts cannot be confirmed until after the legislature has approved the state budget, typically in May of each year. We will notify DEP students of any changes.

Dual Enrollment is funded through state appropriations and administered by the Georgia Student Finance Commission (GSFC). Dual Enrollment funds are available for all public, private and homeschool students. Students are required to complete a new Dual Enrollment funding application each semester, because students’ courses and number of credits will vary from semester to semester. Dual Enrollment funding will allow students to continue to participate in extracurricular activities at their high schools and will not draw upon students’ HOPE funding.

Dual Enrollment funding covers the following:

- **All Textbook costs:** Students will receive their textbooks from the KSU University Store (bookstore). These books are “checked out” at the beginning of the semester and must be returned at the end of the semester. The bookstore will gather all books required for a student and prepackage them for pickup. If a student’s classes are primarily on the Kennesaw campus, students will obtain their books from the Kennesaw campus University Store. The same policy will be in place for students taking their classes primarily on the Marietta campus.

  **Please note:** The Kennesaw University Store will assess a $75.00 charge per book to a student’s account who has lost or not returned their books.

- **Mandatory fees:** In addition to tuition, all colleges charge mandatory student fees. These mandatory fees are waived for DEP students. All DEP students not living on campus are exempted from the requirement to purchase a meal plan.

**Out-of-pocket costs for students**

Some fees are not covered by Dual Enrollment funding. These include:

- **Course-specific fees:** Course-specific fees, such as lab fees, are not covered by the Dual Enrollment program. If students take a course with lab fees, they are responsible for paying these fees. Course-specific fees include science lab fees (typically $50), and Computer Science lab fees ($100 for students in CSE 1321/L and CS 1322/L). Some 1-credit physical education courses also carry extra fees.

- **Transportation, meals, housing, materials and supplies.** Dual Enrollment funding does not cover these items. Students are responsible for these expenses.
Important Points about Dual Enrollment

➢ DEP students must select college courses from lists that are pre-approved by the Georgia Department of Education. The Dual Enrollment Course Directory can be found here. While DEP students can take other courses, only courses in this Directory are funded and receive dual credit at both the high school and the college.

➢ Dual Enrollment funding will not impact a student’s HOPE credits. Students may receive Dual Enrollment funding and still receive full HOPE benefits after they graduate from high school.

The application process for Dual Enrollment funding requires completion of an online application for public/private school students and a paper application for homeschool students.

• **Residential students:** DEP students who elect to live in on-campus housing are responsible for costs associated with room and board, including mandatory meal plan. DEP students who commute to campus are exempted from the mandatory meal plan requirement.

• **Withdrawals:** The student’s high school counselor must grant permission for any course withdrawals. Please note that if a student withdraws from all KSU courses after the drop/add period and leaves the DEP program, they may be responsible for repaying a portion of their Dual Enrollment funding, as calculated by KSU’s Financial Aid Office. If a Dual Enrollment student withdraws from a class but remains enrolled in other KSU classes, they do not have to repay Dual Enrollment funding for the withdrawn class.