

2018

Johnson County
Dual Credit

JUMPSTART

Fast Facts

DID YOU KNOW?

- Dual credit students are not eligible for Federal or State Financial Aid and students on Free and Reduced lunch are less likely to enroll in dual credit courses.
- Dual credit students have higher college enrollment rates after high school and are more likely to complete a four-year degree in less time than non-dual credit students.

DUAL CREDIT IS A GREAT START...

- 16% of Johnson County High School students took Hill College Dual Credit courses in 2016-2017
- 82% of Hill College Dual Credit Students continue on to Higher Education
- 49% of Hill College Dual Credit Students earn a Bachelor's Degree in five years or less
- Community members with a college education also have higher rates of civic engagement, higher volunteer rates, higher voter turn out and are more likely to promote a healthy lifestyle.

JUMPSTART DETAILS

Dual credit scholarships at every Johnson County ISD high school

Eligible students will receive funds on a first come, first served basis

Student can apply for these scholarship with their high school counselor

**Rand Corporation Interim Report of Dual Credit in Texas*

***First Come – First Served: eligible students will receive funds on a first come, first served basis*

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Date

Name

Address

City, State ZIP

Dear Friend,

Thank you for your interest in helping high school students in Johnson County!

We would like to invite you to join other interested citizens and become a founding member of the community-led scholarship effort now named the Johnson County Dual Credit Jumpstart.

Today, it is possible for high school students in Texas from 9-12th grade to earn high school and college credit simultaneously. Dual Credit, as this program is commonly known, provides high school students with the chance to "Jumpstart" their college career by taking college courses while still in high school. These courses, once passed, become transferable college credit while also satisfying the requirements of the high school curriculum. As we look to the future, we know that the education of our region's future work force will be key in realizing growth in our county. According to information put out by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, by 2030, 60 percent or more of all new jobs will require some level of higher education. In a recent report on Dual Credit Education in Texas, the Rand Corporation found that dual credit students had higher college enrollment rates after high school, were more likely to complete a four-year degree and on average did so in less time than non-dual credit students. Locally, Hill College has experienced 82% of its Dual Credit Students continuing on to higher education and 49% of those earn a Bachelor's Degree in five years or less.

The Johnson County Dual Credit Jumpstart fund exists because we believe that Johnson County high school students, whom choose to launch their college career early by taking dual credit courses, represent a good investment in the future success of our county, region, and state.

If successful, the fund will award its first scholarships in the spring of 2019. High school students at each ISD in Johnson County will be invited to apply for a dual credit scholarship to attend Hill College, and scholarships will be awarded on a first come, first served basis to all eligible students. The impact of this effort will only be limited by the amount of money that we are able to raise!

To that end, please seriously consider joining this effort! Join us as we work to "Jumpstart" the future of our Johnson County students.

Sincerely,

(name)

Campaign Chairman