RISD Dual Credit and GPA

Implementation Phase Timeline

Phase 1
Fall 2015
- Dual Credit
  - GPA
  - Honor Weight (5 Quality Points)

Phase 2
Spring 2016
- GPA Committee
  - Committee Members
  - Run Sample Calculation Models
  - Student Information Coordination

Phase 3
Fall 2016
- GPA Committee Recommendation
  - Board of Trustees Presentation

Phase 4
Spring 2017
- Action taken by January 2017
  - Communication and Marketing Plan
  - Program of Studies Revision
  - Internal Operations Guide Update

Phase 5
Fall 2017
- New GPA Implementation
  - Monitoring

Developed by the RISD Secondary C&I Department
RISD partners with Richland College to offer and accept Dual-Credit courses:

- **AP Overlay Dual-Credit** (AP course - students qualified by Richland College also get Dual-Credit if RISD teacher is certified by Richland College)
- **Zero Hour Dual-Credit** (At some campuses Dual-Credit English is taught by Richland College Adjuncts, usually only if AP Overlay isn’t being taught)
- **Summer Dual-Credit** (before Junior/Senior year students take English, History, Economics, and Government)
Grade Points are calculated in certain settings:

- Zero Hour and Summer Dual-Credit - Students receive no Grade Points nor any quality points.
- AP Overlay Dual-Credit - Students receive 10 quality points added to final grade.
- AP courses - Students receive 10 quality points added to final grade.
- PreAP courses - Students receive 5 quality points added to final grade.
- Honors Courses - Students receive 5 quality points added to final grade.
- On level courses - Students receive grade points only, no quality points.
Expanded Dual-Credit Opportunities in 2016-2017

Dual Credit courses will be offered in 2016-2017:

- AP Overlay for junior and senior level courses will continue through the 2016-2017 school year.
- Zero Hour Dual-Credit courses at each high school based on enrollment and teacher availability.
- Students who qualify for Dual-Credit can take courses at Richland College.
- Virtual/Blended Dual-Credit courses from DCCCD will be available for RISD students.
- OnRamps courses from University of Texas will be offered at each HS based on enrollment. (Cost for student)
- TXVSN courses will be available based upon student need. (Cost for student)
The following local policies need consideration EIC(Local)-X

- These courses are not used in calculating a student’s GPA.
  - Correspondence courses
  - Distance learning courses, including courses taken through the Texas Virtual School Network (TxVSN) and OnRamps
  - Dual-Credit courses taught by college instructors or adjuncts

- Currently quality points are added as follows:
  - Advanced Placement - 10 quality points added
  - Pre-AP and Honors - 5 quality points added
  - Dual credit - Not computed and no quality points added

***Recommendation-Change EIC(Local) to calculate correspondence, virtual and dual-credit courses into a student’s GPA and award Honors Credit for successful completion of course beginning with 2016-2017 Sophomores and classes thereafter.