



## Interim Head of School and Rhetoric School Letter

I am excited to announce that SCCS is pursuing the opportunity to offer Dual Credit to our Rhetoric School students. As early as next school year students may be able to take a class or two where they will not only get their high school credits towards graduation, but with a nominal fee, will also be able to obtain college level credits. I am currently working with The College at Southeastern to make this a reality for our school by partnering with them.

Currently our students can obtain college credits on their own at the local community college, but to do so they must pursue it themselves, and the credits they earn at the college level do not count on a SCCS transcript. In addition, those college classes have to be taken in the evening, on-line, or during the summer, and they are above and beyond their full-time SCCS status. The reason it is currently done this way is to prevent negatively affecting our accreditation status with the Association of Classical Christian Schools.

What we are pursuing to offer for next year is allowing our students to receive college credit for work done in our Rhetoric School classes. This is known as Concurrent DE. Concurrent DE is simply allowing our Rhetoric School students to receive credit with The College at Southeastern for the work they do in their SCCS courses. This means no additional work would be required of the students.

SCCS is making this move to serve our school families. We realize that the cost of college goes up annually and by offering Dual Enrollment allows your student a cost-effective way of completing college credit which can be transferred to any college of their choice. The result of this will be savings in our families' pockets. Additionally, Dual Enrollment will enhance college preparedness for our students and help them as they transition into their college careers.

A more important reason for our school to be pursuing Dual Enrollment in this manner is the issue of a Biblical worldview. SCCS wants to promote Christian discipleship. As a Christian school we have a deep passion and conviction regarding training our students in Christian discipleship. Unless your student enrolls in a Christian college, as they transition into a university setting, their Christian convictions will be challenged by the religion faculty of their university. Our partnership with The College of Southeastern will allow our students the opportunity to complete a religion requirement of most colleges and universities core curriculum within our SCCS evangelical context.

Details of our Dual Enrollment program are still in their infant stage, however, as mentioned above, it looks as though we will be able to start offering Dual Enrollment classes as early as next year. Please be on the lookout for further details as SCCS moves in this direction. I will also be researching other possible colleges or universities that we can partner with to expand our students' Dual Enrollment possibilities.

I believe that this is just another way that God is blessing SCCS to meet the needs of our families, and I praise Him for that! To Him be the glory!