

Union County Public Schools: *Early Postsecondary Opportunities*

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(EPSOs) EPSOs, by definition, allow students to “bank” postsecondary credit/clock hours while in high school. For the purpose of this framework, we consider one EPSO to award 3-4 postsecondary credits, or the equivalent of approximately 30 clock hours, in a postsecondary program. The department recognizes eight different types of EPSOs, including: Advanced Placement (AP), Cambridge International Examinations (Cambridge), College Level Examination Program (CLEP), Dual Enrollment (DE), International Baccalaureate (IB), Local Dual Credit (LDC), Statewide Dual Credit (SDC), and department- promoted industry certifications (ICs). A student must complete (i.e., fully participate in) the EPSO in order for that opportunity to count toward the indicator. Since most opportunities award credit through assessment, a student must sit for the aligned exam, if applicable, in order for an EPSO to be recognized. Each SDC, AP, Cambridge, IB, and CLEP exam counts as one EPSO, as scoring a passing score on these exams most often provides for the equivalent of three credit hours, or one college course. Dual enrollment and local dual credit opportunities will carry the weight of one EPSO for each 3-4 credit hours/30 clock hours in which a student participates. Industry certifications have been aligned to specific courses in a Tennessee College of Applied Technology (TCAT) program and converted from clock hours to credit hours. These calculations show that some certifications may count for more than one EPSO.

Union County High School currently offers the following EPSOs:

- SDC Introduction to Criminal Justice
- Criminal Justice II through Walters State
- DC Emergency Medical Services
- DE Medical Terminology Online
- SDC Plant Science
- SDC Statistics
- SDC Introduction to Plant Science
- Maintenance and Light Repair III through TCAT
- DE Mechanical Components and Electrical Motors
- DE Electrical Components
- SDC Plant Science
- DC Greenhouse
- DC Computer Science Foundations
- DE Modern History
- DE US History
- DE World Literature
- DE English IV
- DE College Calculus
- DE Applied Math Concepts
- DE College Experience
- AP Biology II