

DUAL CREDIT INDICATOR CODE DISCUSSION

2019-2020 School Year

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Ideally, dual credit high school courses would be set up as semester long courses using the COURSE-SEQUENCE-CODE '0' (single-semester course) to reflect how college courses are generally set up.

For the 2018-2019 school year, business validation rule 43415-0069 was created as a 'warning' for local education agencies (LEAs) that dual credit courses should be set up as single-semester courses.

During the Summer 2018 spring training, it was brought up that many LEAs do not code their dual credit high school courses as single-semester (code '0') for a variety of reasons. (Example: English 1301/1302)

After thoughtful deliberation, the Texas Education Agency (TEA) decided to delete business validation rule 43415-0069 but continued to engage in program area in conversations on how to address dual credit going forward.

There are three problems that LEAs and TEA currently face:

- LEAs are forced to enter COLLEGE-CREDIT-HOURS if the PASS/FAIL-INDICATOR-CODE is '01 - Course Was Passed And Credit Was Received' on a dual credit course.
- Because LEAs are forced to enter COLLEGE-CREDIT-HOURS when a dual credit course is passed, LEAs are liable to overreport the COLLEGE-CREDIT-HOURS when the course actually spans two semesters in order to bypass the business validation rule.
- Additionally, many of the dual credit high school courses are year-long and span the length of two college courses (Example: English 1301/1302) but on reports, appear to be overreporting COLLEGE-CREDIT-HOURS.

For the 2018-2019 school year, business validation rule 43415-0036 will be modified as follows:

Rule #	Rule Change	Collection / Submission & Error Level	Applies to
43415-0036	If PASS/FAIL-CREDIT-INDICATOR-CODE is "01" and DUAL-CREDIT-INDICATOR-CODE is "1", and COURSE-SEQUENCE-CODE is "0", "2", "5", or "9", then COLLEGE-CREDIT-HOURS must be greater than 0.	3 and 4 Fatal	Districts, Campuses, and Charters

- Updating business validation rule 43415-0036 allows the LEA to report '0' COLLEGE-CREDIT-HOURS on COURSE-SEQUENCE-CODEs '1', '3', '4', '6', '7', or '8'. This will assist in the prevention of overreporting of COLLEGE-CREDIT-HOURS.

For the 2019-2020 school year, the program areas are making a concerted effort to resolve the dual credit issue. TEA will be presenting a solution to Information Task Force (ITF) in April that will hopefully be approved and moved through the data governance process in time for the Texas Education Data Standards (TEDS) Addendum publication slated for July.

QUESTIONS?



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