

March 18, 2020

MEMORANDUM

TO: VCCS Presidents and Chief Academic Officers

FROM: Sharon Morrissey, Senior Vice Chancellor, Academic & Workforce Programs

SUBJECT: COVID-19 Guidance Message 8: Temporary Modification to VCCS Policy 6.6.3 and Guidance on Admission and Placement of New Dual Enrolled Students During COVID-19 Closures

Many of you have raised good questions about how limited or no access to the VPT will impact admissions and placement of dual enrollment students. In response to these concerns, during the 2020 COVID-19 emergency, the Chancellor has temporarily approved a modification to VCCS Policy 6.6.3, Dual Enrollment Student Admissions, that adds flexibility to use additional measures for dual enrollment admission and placement.

For rising high school juniors and seniors who have not already taken the VPT or who do not have access to other test scores (Compass, Asset, PSAT, SAT, ACT, SOL), colleges are encouraged to use the Dual Enrollment COVID-19 Emergency Admission and Placement Procedures, outlined below, for enrolling students in summer and fall 2020 terms:

Dual Enrollment COVID-19 Emergency Admission and Placement Measures

Rising Junior or Rising Senior Cumulative High School GPA*	Summer 2020 and Fall 2020 Eligible for Placement in:
ENGLISH	
2.00 – 2.99	ENG 115 or ENG 131
3.00 or greater	ENG 115, ENG 131, or ENG 111
MATH	
2.00 – 2.99	MTH 101- 133
3.00 or greater without Algebra 2	MTH 101–133, MTH 154, or MTH 155
3.00 or greater with Algebra 2	MTH 101–133, MTH 154, MTH 155, MTH 161, or MTH 167
<i>*Cumulative GPA may be weighted or unweighted and may be self-reported.</i>	

Please note the following:

- The Dual Enrollment Emergency Admission and Placement Measures are consistent with VCCS Multiple Measures Policy 6.4.0.2.
- These emergency procedures apply to rising high school and home school juniors and seniors enrolling in summer and fall 2020 terms.
- We encourage colleges to create an Advising Form to gather information about Algebra 2 completion and GPA for students who cannot provide transcript information.
- We do not have GPA guidance for admission and placement of freshmen and sophomores, and we ask that colleges continue to determine their college readiness on a case-by-case basis, per Policy 6.6.3.
- Documentation of parental permission remains as a requirement for all dual enrollment students.
- Colleges may not enroll high school or home school students in developmental education courses.

If you have questions, please contact Lori Dwyer, Van Wilson, Cat Finnegan, Heather Sorrell, or Laura Clark.