

ELITE BRONCO SCHOLARS PROGRAM

About DE:

What is Dual Enrollment?

An opportunity for secondary students to advance in their education by partnering with post-secondary institutions to become skillful in career and college readiness.

Why should a student be a part of Dual Enrollment?

- Develops academic confidence
- Reduce time and money for a higher education
- Improves student learning developments
- Earn high school and college credits simultaneously
- Preparation for college and career readiness
(Rhine, U.S. Department of Education 2022)

Dual Enrollment at HSHS

Elite Bronco Scholars are what we call our Dual Enrollees. These qualifying scholars are committed and dedicated to completing various college courses during their high school hours, after school hours in a virtual or face to face classroom, and/or on weekends; all withstanding excellence in their community.

Elite Bronco Scholars x Partnerships

Currently, Homestead Senior High School has successfully secured College and University partnerships with the following institutions or programs:

- Miami Dade College - Homestead Campus
- National Education Equity Lab (NEEL)
 - ◆ Wesleyan University
 - ◆ Georgetown University
 - ◆ University of Pennsylvania
 - ◆ Howard University
 - ◆ Arizona State University
- Florida Memorial University

Elite Bronco Scholars Achievements

Historically, students in this program have successfully completed:

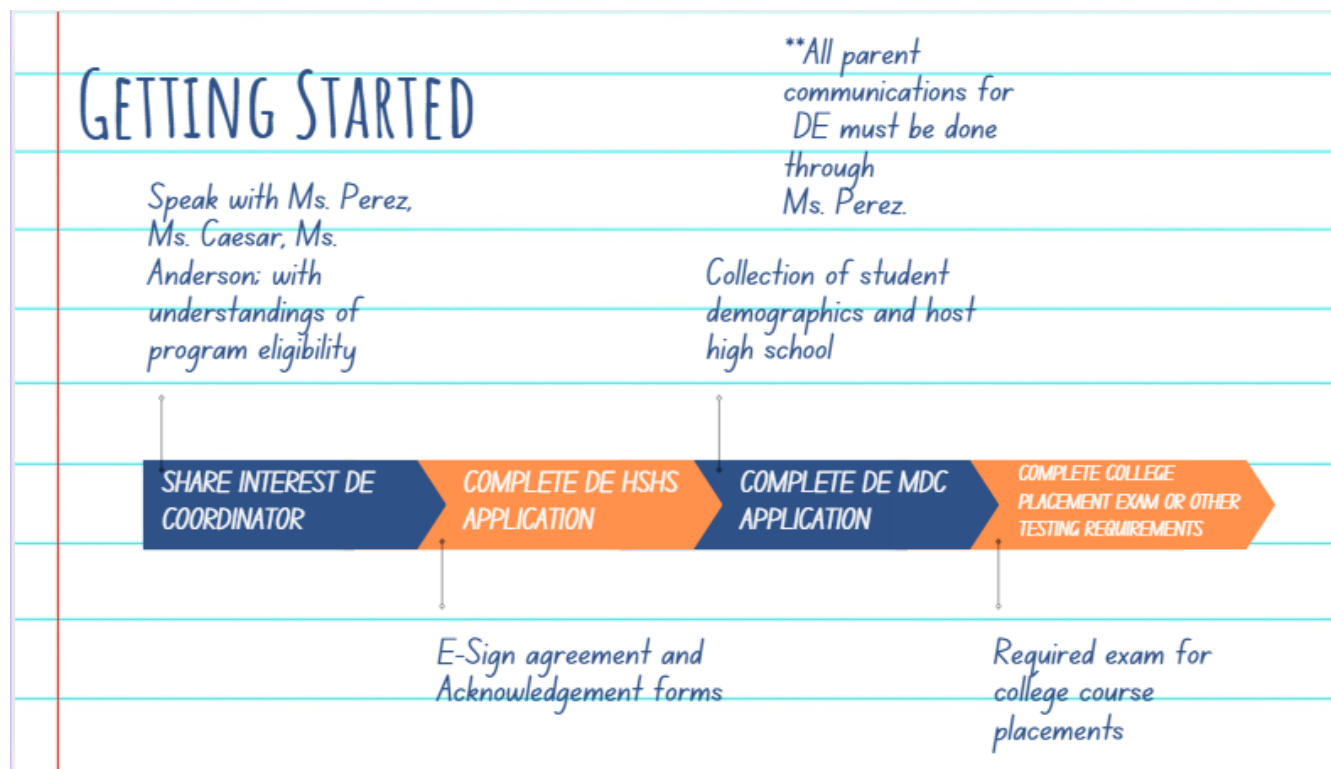
- First college semester
- Certifications
- First year of college

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→ Associate in arts: Pre-Bachelor's Degree

(See photos of our AA recipients [HERE](#))

Elite Bronco Scholars Program - Getting Started Process



Qualifications, Expectations & Eligibility Requirements

- Minimum 3.0 high school unweighted GPA to enter the program and must maintain this high school GPA while in the program. NOTE: There are a select group of courses that can be taken with students holding a 2.5 unweighted GPA.
- Demonstrate readiness for college coursework
 - ◆ See necessary assessment outlined [HERE](#)
- Must understand academic maturity and understanding of high level collegiate coursework
- Must have an academic enthusiastic attitude
- Maintain a 2.0 or higher in the college GPA while in the program
- While pursuing classes in DE students cannot:
 - ◆ Earn Ds & Fs
 - ◆ Earn withdrawals
 - ◆ Retake courses

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Required Materials for Elite Bronco Scholars

1. Home Internet Access
2. Laptop or Desktop computer with a working camera
3. Reliable transportation for in-person courses
4. Access to Canvas (Learning Management System)
5. All course materials are paid for by Miami Dade County Public Schools district

Elite Bronco Scholars Program - Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

1. **Is Dual Enrollment program the same as SAS - Students for Advance Studies?** No. SAS is a separate high school entity within MDCPS in collaboration with MDC.
2. **In the Dual Enrollment program will I graduate early?** No. Elite Bronco Scholars join this program with the intention of staying their entire high school journey in Bronco Nation, so they can fulfill as many DE courses as possible.
3. **Is Early College Admissions the same as Dual Enrollment?** Not necessarily. Early Admissions is designed for students to begin college early while in their senior year of high school. Students and DE coordinators create a course schedule of 4-5 classes with Miami Dade College; which is where they attend school daily.
4. **Are all earned DE credits transferable?** MDC, FMU and NEEL have very strong accreditations that permit most credits to be transferred, evaluated and accepted by most institutions. However, students that are interested in transferring more than 12 credits into an honors college program at specific institutions, or to certain private schools may not be accepted.
5. **How do DE students enroll into classes?** All course enrollment processes are done through a given MDC portal access upon completion of necessary "Getting Started" steps. Each class is reviewed and approved by the DE coordinator. Lastly, MDC electronically enrolls students into the course and post a fee waiver for the course.