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Dear Kingsland School Parent or Guardian,

Orenda Charter School and Kingsland School have partnered with the University of Texas Permian Basin (UTPB) to offer high school students the opportunity to take dual credit college courses where students may receive credit for high school and college beginning the 2021-2022 school year. Choosing this challenge will set your scholar on the path to college readiness as they participate in rewarding learning experiences that will give them the opportunity to earn college credit before they graduate from high school.

There are multiple benefits to the dual credit partnership:

- 90% of UTPB dual credit students pass their courses.
- 100% of the courses are taught by SACS approved university faculty
- Students can earn up to 60 hours towards a baccalaureate degree
- Dual credit courses through UTPB are approximately \$300-\$400 per course, but Kingsland School families are only responsible for **\$50 per course**. Orenda Charter School will pay the remaining balance of dual credit courses taken through UTPB.
- All dual credit courses are online which offers scheduling flexibility and can be worked on at Kingsland School during the school day
- Students have access to the Student Success Center, Library and Advising through UTPB.
- Accelerated path to and through college, saving time and money.
- Students who complete even a single college class are more likely to graduate from high school, attend college, persist in college, and complete an Associate's degree or higher.
- Dual enrollment within career-focused pathways can reduce dropout rates, improve employment, earnings, and career choices.

Students who are interested should consider:

- Students need to be self-motivated learners and able to manage their time well, without the need for constant reminders. Coming to class prepared is essential as there is a tremendous amount of material to cover.
- Students and parents must understand that the rigor of the class, the knowledge gained, and the skills developed enhance a student's ability to persist and complete a university degree.
- Dual credit courses in ELA, math, science, social studies, and LOTE are weighted on a 6.0 scale in the student's grade point average (GPA) to determine class rank.
- Students are required to complete at least two Advanced Placement (AP) or dual credit courses to graduate from Kingsland School.
- Students must qualify by taking the TSIA 2 or meet one of the exemptions. An informational brochure about the TSIA 2 can be found [here](#). Orenda Charter School is in the process of applying to be an approved TSIA testing site. Most dual credit courses require students to pass

both the reading and writing TSIA 2. Students only need to pass the math TSIA 2 if they plan to register for a math dual credit course.

- Complete an application at <https://general.utpb.edu/dualcredit> and submit a high school transcript and TSIA scores or exemptions.

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