

Senior Acknowledgment of Notice

Dear Parent:

Your senior has indicated that s/he is planning to take a required course for graduation as an Early College Start student at Austin Community College in the spring of the senior year. It is important to us that you understand that we do not recommend this course of action. During the past few years, we have had an increasing number of seniors who have had academic difficulty with their spring semester dual credit courses; thus, jeopardizing their graduation. In some cases, these problems have caused the student's graduation to be delayed until August. In addition, we have recently been told by some of the state university admissions officers that grades below C in dual credit classes can result in admissions being revoked—even when a student has met automatic admissions.

Of course, failure or incompleteness of a course may also happen for a student enrolled in a Bowie course. However, because parents have access to our teachers and, through Gradespeed, are able to help their student monitor his or her grades, attendance, and efforts, it is very rare that a student's graduation would be at risk because of a Bowie course without the parent knowing this well in advance.

Since ACC professors are not required to share information with you, if you decide to allow your student to take a spring dual credit course, please understand that failure of a course your senior needs for graduation will mean that your senior, most likely, will be unable to participate in the June graduation ceremony, and s/he will not receive his or her diploma at this time.

If you are confident that your student will maintain focused effort and realize the seriousness of the expectations of the spring semester dual credit course, please indicate below your acknowledgement of our concerns.

Sincerely,

Bowie Counseling Office

I realize the seriousness of this choice, and I support my student's decision to take

_____ as a spring semester dual credit course:

(Parent's Signature)

(Date)

I have read this letter and understand my responsibility for this decision:

(Student's Signature)

(Date)