



Frequently Asked Questions for Students & Parents

What is the difference between Articulation, Dual Enrollment and Concurrent Enrollment?

- **HIGH SCHOOL ARTICULATION:** High school courses taken by high school students during the traditional school day, courses are aligned with a community college course in the same discipline, courses are taught by the high school teachers, courses are offered on the high school campus, serves high school students only. Articulated courses from the high school are counted as credit by exam.
- **DUAL ENROLLMENT (CCAP):** College courses taken by high school students, courses typically offered on the high school campus during traditional school day, courses are taught by high school faculty who meet community college minimum qualifications or a faculty from the college. CCAP Dual enrollment courses may only be taken by high school students and all fees are waived. Students earn high school and college credit. (CCAP refers to College and Career Access Pathways).
- **CONCURRENT ENROLLMENT:** College courses taken by high school students outside of the traditional school day, courses are typically offered on community college campus, courses are taught by community college faculty, they are open to the public.

1. Why is this Important?

All three methods allow you to get a head start for college while still in high school. It can save you valuable time and money in the process! It will also look impressive on a college application! In addition, students will gain confidence in their ability to complete college work which should help them to transition into post-secondary education much easier.

2. What is different about a high school articulated course?

An articulated high school course is one in which a determination has been made that a course offered at the high school level is comparable to a specific community college course. High school students have the potential to earn college credits to use at Saddleback College. Check with other institutions to learn about their transfer credit policies for articulated courses.

3. What high school classes are articulated with Saddleback College?

Saddleback College keeps an updated list of articulated classes. This list can be found on the Career and Technical Education (CTE) Transitions website. For more information or questions, please visit <http://cte.saddleback.edu/ArticulationListings>

4. What is CATEMA?

The Career And Technical Education Management Application (**CATEMA**) is a web-based application that will record and transcribe the grade earned in a high school articulated class for credit at Saddleback College. **IMPORTANT:** Only grades of an A or B will earn you

college credit and be put on a transcript at Saddleback College. Grades of C or lower will not be transcribed or entered in the CATEMA system nor at Saddleback College.

5. What are the Cost and Fees?

There are no costs and fees. You do not need to pay any fees or tuition for earning college credit through your high school articulated classes.

6. Who can apply?

High school students in the 9th thru 12th grade taking an articulated high school class.

7. Is this process of earning college credit in an articulated class NEW?

No, the CATEMA system is NEW but it is streamlining an old process which consisted of a petition form, an official review from a counselor and required the student to attend Saddleback College in order to apply the college credit.

8. Does my Social Security Number (SSN) need to be included on the Saddleback application? Is it important?

The SSN is used as a means of identifying student records and to facilitate financial aid. You can decline to provide one but it is recommended that you do. Declining to input a SSN will not impact your application.

9. WHAT do I need to do to get started?

- 1) **Submit a current Saddleback College application through OPENCCC.** OPENCCC is the only way to submit college applications for all Community Colleges in California. If you do not have an OPENCCC account, you will need to create one.
- 2) Once an application is submitted and completed, you will **receive a Saddleback College Student ID Number** via email.
- 3) **Register for a CATEMA account** (*Saddleback Student ID Number Required*)
- 4) **Enroll in your high school articulated class in CATEMA.**

10. Who can I contact for assistance?

Please refer to the list below.

Contact Information:

- For any questions regarding your application or Saddleback ID Number please contact our Admissions & Record Office at (949) 582-4555 or scadmissions@saddleback.edu.
- For any questions regarding CATEMA, please contact Roy Lee @ rlee113@saddleback.edu.
- For any other academic questions, please contact the Saddleback College Counseling Department at (949) 582-4572.