PULASKI HIGH SCHOOL EARLY COLLEGE CREDIT PROGRAM & START COLLEGE NOW

The Early College Credit Program (ECCP) allows public high school students who meet certain requirements to enroll in a UW System institution, or a private, nonprofit institution of higher education, to take one or more nonsectarian courses, for which the pupil may earn high school credit, post-secondary credit, or both.

The program opens the door to greater learning opportunities for students who wish to begin college early or want to prepare to enter the workforce immediately after high school graduation.

Under the ECCP, the cost of courses taken is shared among the institution of higher education (IHE), Pulaski High School, the state, and in some cases, the student's family. If the student is only receiving post-secondary credit for a course, the student's family is responsible for paying 25 percent of the allowable tuition charged unless that payment would pose an undue financial burden on the family as determined by DPI. If the student is earning high school credit as a result of enrolling in the course, the student is not responsible for tuition payment.

Start College Now (SCN) will allow students the opportunity to take college courses at the Wisconsin Technical Colleges

Eligibility For Participation in the Early College Credit Program (ECCP)

To be eligible to participate in the Early College Credit Program, a student must:

1. Meet with their school counselor to discuss what courses they want to enroll in.
2. In order to attend an IHE, meet the IHE admission requirements.
3. Apply to the college in the school semester prior to the one in which s/he plans to attend the postsecondary course.
4. Notify their school counselor when they are admitted to the college.
5. Notify their school counselor when registered to attend a postsecondary course.

***Additional requirements/steps may need completion as updates to the ECCP occur per state law and district policy.**

Eligibility For Participation in the Start College Now (SCN)

To be eligible to participate in the Start College Now Program:

1. The student has completed 10th grade
2. The student is in good academic and behavioral standing
3. The student completes and submits the appropriate paperwork to apply for SCN to their counselor by March 1 for fall courses and October 1 for spring courses.

High School Credit for ECCP & SCN

The high school principal or designee shall determine whether a post-secondary course is eligible for high school credit and how much high school credit may be awarded. Generally, a 1-2 credit post-secondary course will be awarded .5 PHS credit and a 3-5 credit post-secondary course will be awarded 1.0 PHS credit. All decisions based on HS credit earned are based on counselor recommendation & confirmation by PHS Principal. ***Credit and eligibility will be based upon state law and district policy. Please meet with your counselor for further details.**

Payment Of Tuition & Fees for ECCP & SCN

The school board must pay an IHE for any course that is taken for high school credit, as determined per state law and district policy.

The payment to a private IHE will be as determined by state statute.

The student must pay for a postsecondary course taken at an IHE for postsecondary credit only.

The school district will pay for up to a total of 18 postsecondary credits per student over the eligibility period through the Early College Credit Program. Please note there are laws being developed to govern the 18 credit totals between both ECCP and Start College Now. Please see your counselor for details.

***Additional limitations and requirements may apply with updates and changes to state law and district policy. Please work with your counselor if you are interested in participating in the ECCP or SCN.**

***If a student receives a failing grade or fails to complete (drops) a course for which the school district has made payment through the Early College Credit Program or Start College Now, the school board will require reimbursement for all costs related to the course. Reimbursement will be required from the student if s/he is an adult or from the student's parent or guardian.**

Transportation for ECCP & SCN

Parents or students are responsible for the transportation between the school and the college.

Effective with the 2018-2019 school year, a student's family may be reimbursed for costs of transportation related to the student's participation in part-time open enrollment and the ECCP, subject to eligibility criteria. Please see your counselor for further details.