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Plan For Your Future

Early College Dual Enrollment Program



Frequently Asked Questions

What is Early College?

The Memphis City Schools Early College is a dual enrollment program which partners with Christian Brothers University, LeMoyne-Owen College, Southwest Tennessee Community College, Tennessee Technology Center of Memphis and the University of Memphis. The Early College program is designed to give qualified high school students the opportunity to take college level courses and receive both high school and college credits at the same time at no cost to students.

What are some of the available Early College courses?

Composition I and II
U.S. History before/after 1877
Calculus I, Statistics
Macroeconomics, Art Appreciation
Biology / Chemistry I, II
Advanced Programming
Elem. /Intermediate Spanish & French

How does a student qualify for Early College?

To participate in Early College, students must meet the following requirements:

- Students must be a high school junior or senior.
- Students must meet each college's admission and enrollment requirements.
- Students must have an ACT composite score of 19 or higher. PLAN scores may be used.
- Students must maintain a college GPA of 2.75 or higher on a 4.0 scale.

See your counselor for information on how to apply.

What is the cost to participate in the Early College program?

College textbooks are provided at no cost to qualified MCS students. Tuition for Early College is funded by the Tennessee Dual Enrollment Grant and MCS.

When and where are Early College courses taught?

Students may enroll in college courses during the day on Saturdays and after regular school hours during weekdays. Also, college courses for Early College students are offered at their high schools and on participating college campuses.

Will transportation be provided?

Students and/or parents and guardians must be willing to provide transportation to the college or university sites for courses that are not on the high school campus.

What are the advantages of the Early College Program?

Early College provides a rewarding program that accelerates learning and eases the high school to college transition.

Other advantages of dual enrollment include:

- Starting College early saves money on tuition costs.
- Students can concurrently earn college and high school credits.
- Students have access to college resources, facilities and seminars.
- A college degree can be earned in less time.
- Grades earned are placed on students' high school and college transcripts.