

Concurrent Enrollment (CE) FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

INFORMATION FOR STUDENTS AND PARENTS

1. **What is Concurrent Enrollment?** Concurrent Enrollment is an academic program involving high school and college collaboration that allows qualified students to earn college credit by taking college courses taught at their high school.
2. **Who is eligible to take Concurrent Enrollment classes?**
 - Students must be in 11th or 12th grade, 10th graders may enroll in specifically designated classes.
 - To qualify to take general education courses, students must have a 3.0 GPA (2.0 GPA for CTE courses) and maintain upper-level academic standing (earning an A or B from the CE class) and have good attendance.
 - Students must comply with special course qualifications (ACT scores and/or course prerequisites).
3. **What Concurrent Enrollment classes are offered at my high school?** Course offerings vary from school to school and depend on faculty qualifications. If a CE class isn't taught at your high school, you may be able to magnet to a neighboring high school to take the course. Talk with your counselor or CTE coordinator about taking a class at another high school.
4. **Are CE classes different from regular high school classes?** Concurrent Enrollment classes are rigorous college-level courses. These classes use college textbooks, follow a college syllabus, and cover more material at a faster rate and at a more in-depth level than regular high school courses. CE courses use assessment instruments (tests) as specified by the sponsoring college departments.
5. **Why aren't all high school classes taught as Concurrent?** All Concurrent Enrollment courses must lead to a certificate or degree program either fulfilling general education requirements or are elective courses that are listed as designated electives in a degree program at the sponsoring university.
6. **What do I need to do to get signed up for Concurrent classes?** You must first be admitted to the college/university offering the concurrent class. We recommend that admission be completed prior to actually beginning the class (during the summer). This involves paying a one-time admission fee. Once you are admitted, you are eligible to register for the class. A tuition charge of \$5 per credit hour will be charged at time the student registers. This two-step process of admission and registration MUST be completed prior to the college/university CE deadline (usually during the first two weeks of class)—NO exceptions.
7. **How do I know what CE classes to register for?** General Education CE classes are appropriate for all qualified students. Designated elective and CTE classes are appropriate for those students planning to seek a degree in that field.
8. **How many CE classes can I take? Should I register for as many as I can?** State code limits the number of concurrent enrollment credits earned during one school year to 30. Overloading your schedule with demanding CE classes is not advised.
9. **How much does CE cost?** In the state of Utah, there is a \$5 per credit hour tuition charge for CE classes (a 3-credit CE class would cost \$15). The

tuition charge is in addition to the one-time application fee to the sponsoring institution. Students may be required to purchase a textbook or other related materials.

10. **What about grades?** All CE grades are posted to an official college transcript and a college GPA is established. This transcript becomes part of a student's permanent college record. College grades are also posted on the high school transcript and will affect the high school GPA.
11. **What if I don't want to attend the university where the credit is being offered?** Concurrent Enrollment credit is transferable to all in-state public institutions and to private and out-of-state institutions on a case-by-case basis. Check with your institution of choice to see how your CE credit will align with their degree programs. Visit www.transferutah.org for details. To transfer concurrent credit to another university, you must initiate that process by contacting the registrar's office of the university where you earned the credit and request a transcript.
12. **What is the difference between Concurrent Enrollment (CE), Advanced Placement (AP), International Baccalaureate (IB,) and Early College (EC)?**
 - **CE** offers college credit to those students who sign up. A \$5 per credit tuition fee is charged. Students receive a grade and credit on both their high school and college transcripts.
 - **AP** requires that a student pass the AP Exam to earn college credit. The amount of credit awarded is dependent upon the student's score and the college or university requirement. A fee is charged to take the exam.
 - **IB** provides courses in a variety of subjects tied to the international curriculum. IB requires that a student pass the IB exam to earn college credit. The amount of credit awarded is dependent upon the student's score and the college or university acceptance requirement. A fee is charged to take the exam.

→ **EC** students pay tuition and fees to the institution they attend and must provide their own transportation to the university campus. Credit is posted to a college transcript. Students may request that credit be posted to their high school transcript.

13. **Can I get my associate degree while still in high school?** Yes, some students can earn an associate degree by earning AP, CE and Early College credit. Your high school counselor will work closely with you to chart a sequence of courses. Planning should begin as early as 9th grade.
14. **What is the EDGE Scholarship?** Weber State University offers the EDGE Scholarship to any student who has earned 12 concurrent credits and has maintained a 3.0 GPA on their college transcript. This scholarship is worth \$1,000 per semester and is for full-time students (must register for a minimum of 12 credits at WSU). The scholarship is renewable if a 2.5 college GPA is maintained. For more information, visit www.weber.edu/concurrentenrollmentedge
15. **Can I use concurrent classes to fulfill the requirements for the Regents Scholarship?** Concurrent classes must have prior-approval to qualify for the scholarship. Not all CE classes are acceptable. Tell your counselor that you are working towards this scholarship to be sure your CE classes will be accepted.

Bottom Line.....

CE is a great WIN-WIN

For more information, contact your counselor or your CTE Coordinator who is your site representative for all CE programs offered at your school.

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