



Preparing for College

Create a College Wishlist

- Make a list of 5-10 colleges that your student is interested in applying to
 - Take campus tour
 - Student meet with college rep here at school
- Become familiar with admission requirements and application materials
- Meet with College Advisor

Take the ACT

- Required at most 4-year universities
 - Many are changing requirements in past year
- Register online at actstudent.org
- Exam fees:
 - Full Test, Without writing: \$60
 - Full Test With writing: \$85
 - Waivers
 - Students on free or reduced lunch qualify for four ACT fee waivers throughout their high school career.

(<http://www.act.org/content/act/en/products-and-services/the-act/registration/fees.html>)

ACT during Covid 19

COVID-19 Updates

Thank you for your patience as we continue to navigate the COVID-19 pandemic. Visit [ACT Testing Amid COVID-19](#) for information on testing during COVID-19. Visit [COVID-19 Resources](#) for updates and digital learning resources to assist students, teachers, schools and workers impacted by COVID-19.

Upcoming ACT Test Dates

2021-2022 Test Dates (National)


Test Date	Regular Registration Deadline	Late Registration Deadline Late Fee Applies
September 11, 2021	August 6	August 20
October 23, 2021	September 17	October 1
December 11, 2021	November 5	November 19
February 12, 2022	January 7	January 21
April 2, 2022	February 25	March 11
June 11, 2022	May 6	May 20
July 16, 2022	June 17	June 24

Check the ACT website for the most up-to-date information.

- The Free Application for Federal Student Aid opens **October 1st!**
- Parent's tax information for 2020 is required to complete application
- File as soon as possible - many schools have early priority deadlines
- **Check the SMS and District Websites as this year continues for updates on the Future Focus Fiesta or other FAFSA events available.**

Transcripts

- Transcripts are the official school record of courses and grades. Most colleges will require a current official transcript as part of the application process.
- Transcripts are not sent over weekends or during school breaks so please plan accordingly with regards to your deadlines for scholarships and applications.
- Use Xello for official transcripts



Advanced Placement and JCCC College Now/Baker College Credit Options

FALL 2021

Advanced Placement[®]: The Basics

- **AP[®] courses are college-level courses offered in high school**
- **Scores scaled from 1-5, with 5 being the best.**
- **A score of 3 or higher on an AP Exam may earn students college credit and/or placement into advanced courses in college.**
- **Each College has an AP Policy. Students should check colleges of interest on how scores apply.**
- **Testing will take place in two-week window in May (May 2-6 & 9-13)**

Our AP[®] Courses

- **Arts:** Art Studio Art: Drawing Portfolio, Studio Art: 2-D Design Portfolio, Studio Art: 3-D Design Portfolio, Music Theory
- **English:** English Language and Composition (11th) , English Literature and Composition (12th)
- **History and Social Sciences:** European History, Macroeconomics, Microeconomics, Psychology, United States Government and Politics, United States History
- **Mathematics and Computer Science:** Calculus AB, Calculus BC, Statistics, Computer Science A
- **Sciences:** Biology, Chemistry, Physics 1: Algebra-based
- **World languages:** French Language and Culture, Spanish Language and Culture

- SMSD HS Program and Planning Guide

<https://resources.finalsite.net/images/v1546637531/smsdorg/zhqolusarmhbbwghrswe/HSPOS20192020Final1319.pdf>



AP[®]: The Benefits

- **Students learn rigorous college-level content and skills.**
- **AP Designation on HS transcript.**
- **Reflects student challenged themselves in class choices.**
- **Opportunity to earn college credit or advanced standing in college.**
- **Credits more widely accepted than dual credit, especially at selective colleges. (Non Kansas colleges)**
- **Less expensive than dual credit.**

Advanced Placement Testing

Things to consider:

- **Students need to do some of their own preparation outside of class to be ready for AP test.**
- **Student has one chance to perform well on day of testing**

New AP Registration Process

Three Steps in Registering

1. Student creates a College Board Account

<https://apstudents.collegeboard.org/>

2. Student will get classroom code from teacher of course to register in College Board for exam

3. Pay Fees through Total Registration

www.totalregistration.net/AP/172772

Deadlines/Cost of Exams

**Test registration and fee payment
deadline .**

**Cost per exam: \$105 if ordered by Oct
29th**

\$40 Late fee after 11/15/21

**\$40 Penalty for cancellation after
11/15/21 or non test.**

AP English Language

- Juniors who took the AP English Language Test last spring & received a 4 or 5 (and maybe a 3) may already have earned credit at their college choice. Check colleges' AP policies before enrolling in Composition 1 this fall.
- Juniors in AP Eng Lang, 11th – can take AP test, but this is not a College Now class.

AP Website

<http://www.collegeboard.com/student/testing/ap/about.html>

<http://collegesearch.collegeboard.com/apcreditpolicy/index.jsp>

(for information on each colleges' AP policy for granting credit)

Concurrent Enrollment through JCCC

- 1. College Now (Concurrent or Dual credit enrollment)** – Taught by SMS faculty, who are accredited through JCCC. Student receives both high school and college credit simultaneously. There is no limit on the amount of credit a student may earn through JCCC.
- 2. Quick Step Plus**– Course modeled after JCCC’s self-paced math courses. A JCCC math professor assesses the student’s mastery of the course content for credit. The assessment is done at the high school. Successful students will earn 3 credit hours of College Algebra credit.. Deadlines are different for Quick Step Plus than for College Now.

Who is eligible for either?

According to the Kansas Board of Regents, any freshman (with a gifted IEP), sophomores, juniors and seniors in high school can take classes for college credit.

Baker University Credit

- **Teacher Education – 4 credits**
- **3.0 GPA required (appeal deadline 9/3)**
- **\$113 per credit hour (\$452 for Teacher Ed)**

Baker University Credit

- Enroll online at starting August 16th:
- <https://www.bakeru.edu/concurrent-credit/>
- Must pay at time of enrollment or send check in to Baker University.
- Deadline is **Friday, September 10th** – but please don't wait until the deadline!! Act now!!

JCCC Enrollment Guide

- College Now courses that require enrollment only for the fall are: AP Biology 2, AP Microeconomics, Spanish 5AP, AP Statistics, AP US Government
- College Now Courses that require enrollment in the fall AND spring are: AP English 12, AP European History, AP US History
- The College Now course which requires ONLY spring semester enrollment is AP Macroeconomics

College Algebra/Trig Math Class

- **Not part of the College Now program. Called Quick Step Plus.**
- **JCCC representative will be in classes in September to explain program. Teachers can answer questions.**
- **Deadline to enroll is different than College Now deadline. It is October 8, 2021. (firm deadline)**
- **Must have appropriate ACT math score (22) or pass ACCUPLACER placement test at JCCC to take class for credit.**
- **<https://www.jccc.edu/admissions/early-college/quick-step-plus/index.html>**

JCCC College Programs

Steps to Enroll

1. **Apply to JCCC** free, one-time application www.jccc.edu

2. **Provide ACT scores or take Accuplacer test**

ACT scores are on the SMS transcript. Students can send through Xello to JCCC

The Accuplacer test is available at the JCCC testing center for students who have not yet taken the ACT. Must schedule for the test.

<https://www.jccc.edu/student-resources/testing-centers/testing/>

3. **Enroll using CRN numbers provided by JCCC**

On our counseling website and on JCCC website – search under College Now)

4. **Pay for the class** Current cost is \$94/credit hour.

College NOw ACT/AP/GPA Waiver

Certain classes such as English, chemistry, math, physics require students to either take a placement test and obtain a qualifying score or have a qualifying score from the ACT or AP exam on file.

<https://www.jccc.edu/admissions/early-college/high-school-concurrent-enrollment/high-school-testing.html>

JCCC Class	SMS Class	Test Score Needed
ENGL 121 Composition I	English 12 AP	19 on ACT English
MATH 241 Calculus I	AP Calculus AB and AP Calculus BC	28 on ACT Math
MATH 181 Statistics	AP Statistics	23 on ACT Math

JCCC College Now Program

- **Cost is \$94 per credit hour for Johnson County resident**
- **All courses are 3 (\$282), 4 (\$376) , or 5 (\$470)credits**
- **There is a grant program for students on free or reduced lunch for JCCC College Now only**
- **Reasonable price for college credit**

KU 3 credits = @\$958 / KSU 3 credits = @\$901

- **Textbook is provided in the College Now program**

Benefits of JCCC Enrollment

- **Quality Instruction – All instructors are qualified high school teachers that have similar experiences of faculty on campus.**
- **Low Cost – Significantly lower than area public and private colleges and universities.**
- **Schedule flexibility in college – Students complete general education courses while still in high school.**
- **Double major, graduate early, study abroad without extending**
- **TEXTBOOKS ARE PROVIDED – Saves \$\$\$**
- **JCCC Campus Access – Students have access to all resources that are offered to other JCCC college students, such as the Math Resource Center, the Writing Center, library, and computer labs.**
- **May allow a student to graduate from college early, graduate on time, do study abroad, double major, etc.**

How do these classes transfer?

- **JCCC classes have excellent transferability to colleges or universities in the state of Kansas. You can check the websites for transferability or contact the school directly.**
- **Even though the classes will transfer to most colleges and universities, how it transfers to each individual school and major may be different. Always contact college personnel when in question. Ask if the classes are figured into that school's GPA or just transfer as credit.**
- **It would also be wise to research potential majors to see what class requirements a student may need. This will help you better determine which classes you should take now while in high school.**

College Now Program

Keep in mind:

- **Check to see if college of choice will accept the credit and how they accept the credit**
- **Parents and students must do some research to make sure this is a good investment**

Deadlines

MEET THE DEADLINES!!!

September 17th — Accuplacer testing, enrollment, payment DUE at JCCC for College Now Classes

October 8 — Accuplacer testing, enrollment, payment DUE at JCCC for Quick Step Plus Class (College Algebra/Trig only)

October 29th — Enrollment and payment for AP exams through Total Registration (www.totalregistration.net/AP/172772)

**Note these dates are not flexible.

Helpful College Now Website

JCCC Admissions - <http://www.jccc.edu/admissions/>

JCCC College Now - <http://www.jccc.edu/collegenow/>

JCCC Placement Testing -
<http://www.jccc.edu/testing/>

JCCC Quick Step - <http://www.jccc.edu/quickstep/>

Can a student do both?

Yes, a student can take College Now and also take the AP exam. You will need to check with colleges to see how they handle a student who has both AP and college credit.

Most students choose to do one or the other.

Many students optimize their college credits with a combination of AP and College Now.

Consider the financial cost of doing both.

Questions? Contact us for assistance!

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