

Wright City High School

DUAL ENROLLMENT / EARLY COLLEGE ACADEMY

Wright City R-II School District has entered partnerships with Missouri Southern State University(MSSU) and St. Charles Community College (SCC) to offer students the opportunity to earn college credits while still working toward earning a High School Diploma. Students may apply for the program which best suits their learning style and individual needs.

Dual Enrollment - Core 42 Distance Learning - (MSSU) - This online program is for students who wish to remain on Wright City High School campus and complete one or more college level courses. Students are scheduled for 7 class periods, a combination of traditional high school classes along with one or more “Core 42” college classes which are guaranteed to transfer to Missouri colleges/universities. The student will have class period(s) in the school day, designated to work on the MSSU course(s) through an online format.

Early College Academy - (SCC) - This program is located on the campus of St. Charles Community College. Students attend classes on the SCC campus for up to two years, potentially replacing their junior and senior years of traditional high school. While in the program, students are enrolled in a curriculum consisting of all college coursework taught by professors at SCC alongside other college students. Students beginning this program in their junior year have the potential to earn an Associate of Arts degree as well as a highschool diploma.

Students must be enrolled at Wright City High School for a minimum of one full semester prior to enrollment in the Dual Enrollment/Early College Academy. Students should have a strong foundation in Language Arts, Geometry, and Algebra II before applying to these programs.

Completed applications will be reviewed by the WCHS Dual Enrollment/Early College Academy committee, with consideration given to the overall picture of a student’s academic performance. The Wright City High School Counselor will provide approved students with further instructions to complete the application for admissions to Missouri Southern State University or St. Charles Community College.

Once approved for admissions by MSSU/SCC, the School Counselor and College Advisor will collaborate with the student to establish college course(s) and develop the student’s academic program.

Eligibility Requirements and Considerations for Admission to Dual Enrollment/Early College Academy

- Cumulative GPA requirement - Minimum 2.5 for SCC, Minimum 3.0 for MSSU
- Official student disciplinary record from high school
- History of satisfactory attendance at WCHS
- Students may only take courses from the Core 42 approved classes to guarantee transfer to any state funded college in Missouri
- A signed agreement to abide by the expectations and responsibilities of the Dual Enrollment / Early College Academy
- Qualifying ACT Reading score is required for many classes. Students must take the ACT by October of their junior year.

Specific Additional Requirements of the Early College Academy

- Students must account for 23 hours of attendance in class and on campus learning every week.
- Students will have access to all support and resource centers on the SCC campus.
- Students are responsible for their transportation to and from the SCC campus.
- Students will follow the SCC academic calendar and are required to be in attendance for all classes. Students are required to attend regularly scheduled meetings with the WCHS School Counselor to ensure graduation requirements are met and college classes are being successfully completed.
- Students will be full-time at SCC (minimum 12 college credit hours) and will not participate in in-seat classes at Wright City High School.
- Students are ineligible for SCC athletics and extracurricular activities.
- Early College Academy students may participate in extracurricular activities, including sports, after school hours. *Note: co-curricular activities (Band and FFA) are not possible with the Early College Academy as they require enrollment in a Wright City High School class..*
- Early College Academy students may attend after school activities, clubs, and social events.
- Early College Academy students may be required to complete additional online coursework with Wright City High School to satisfy graduation requirements.

APPLICATION FOR DUAL ENROLLMENT / EARLY COLLEGE ACADEMY

DUE BY APRIL 1, 2024 to be considered for the 2024-2025 academic year

Select the program you are applying for:

Dual Enrollment (MSSU)

Early College Academy (SCC)

Student Last Name

Student's First Name

Middle Initial

Address

City/State

Zip

Phone Number

Date of Birth

Social Security Number

Email Address

Does the Student need accommodations or other support?

IEP

Health Plan

504 Plan

Other _____

Current Grade Level _____

Cumulative GPA _____

ACT Scores

Composite _____ English _____ Reading _____ Math _____ Science _____

School and Community activities:

Activity/ Years of Participation/ Hrs. Per Week

Do you work? Yes/No _____ If yes, how many hours per week? _____

What are your academic goals? Post-secondary plans?

Expectations and Responsibilities of Student and Parent/Guardian

Please review and check each box:

- Academic Expectations** - The student will complete required coursework, achieve satisfactory academic progress (GPA), maintain academic integrity and attend all classes on time.
- Attendance Expectations** - Parents are expected to monitor and encourage attendance.
 - MSSU - I understand online college classes have a minimum number of days each week the student must actively participate and will use the designated class period for MSSU coursework.
 - SCC - I understand that my child is required to provide his/her own transportation to and from SCC and that he/she will report to class on time and regularly, as scheduled by SCC. It is the student's responsibility to document additional study hours on campus to meet a minimum of 23 hours of school attendance each week. Attendance hours will be reported to the high school counselor each week.
- Behavioral Expectations** -The student will adhere to student codes of conduct, behavioral policies and regulations at all times (including the SCC Code of Conduct for students in the Early College Academy)
- Financial Expectations** -
 - Wright City School District will pay for tuition, fees, and supplies of college classes each semester for students in good standing (C's or better). Students who receive a "D" or "F" in a college course, even if the course is dropped or withdrawn, will receive that grade on their high school transcript and may be responsible to repay the district the full cost of the course/fees. Students may also become ineligible for future enrollment in the Dual Enrollment / Early College Academy. In the interest of good stewardship of District resources, decisions will be made by a Principal appointed oversight review committee.
 - I understand that I am responsible to repay tuition, fees, and book charges should my child earn a D or F in a course. Additionally, I understand that I am responsible for other financial obligations not covered by other sources (i.e. food and transportation to and from campus for students in the Early College Academy)

Signature of Student _____ Date _____

Signature of Parent/Guardian _____ Date _____

Consent to release student information:

In order to facilitate an open working relationship among students, parents, the Wright City school district, and faculty/staff of SCC or MSSU; I/we give permission for the following educational records to be released: *Please note: Some exchange of information is required to successfully implement these programs. Inability to share information between the school district and college could result in a student not being able to participate in these programs.*

- ❖ All academic/transcript records (transcripts, enrollment and schedule, assessment data)
- ❖ Instructor/classroom records (attendance, progress reports, final grades)
- ❖ Student account records (tuition/fees, financial aid/scholarship information, fines, etc.)
- ❖ Any IEP, 504 or medically relevant documents
- ❖ MSSU/SCC login and online profile information (including username/ password)
- ❖ Other documents as deemed necessary by program officials

The persons and entities to receive the information specified above are listed below:
WCHS Principal, Asst. Principal, Athletic Director, School Counselors, Nurse, WCHS Registrar, Central Office Personnel or other District appointed personnel assigned directly to the Early College/Dual Credit Program as a function of their job responsibilities.

Signature of Student _____ Date _____

Signature of Parent/Guardian _____ Date _____

Parent/Guardian Name(s) Parent/Guardian Phone Number(s)

(This Section for Office Use Only)

Application Received by _____ on _____
Name of Person Receiving Application Date received

Document Review

- High School Transcript _____
- WCHS Disciplinary Record _____
- Attendance Record _____
- ACT score _____

Other Considerations:

Application is

- Approved
- Denied _____

Date of Review _____

Frequently Asked Questions

- How do I apply for the Dual Enrollment program with MSSU?
 - Submit completed application to Wright City High School Counseling Office
 - Complete the online application to Missouri Southern State University
 - [Apply for Dual Enrollment with MSSU](#)
- How do I apply for the Early College Academy at St. Charles Community College?
 - Submit completed application to Wright City High School Counseling Office
 - Once approved by WCHS, complete the online application
 - [Apply for Early College Academy with SCC](#)
- How much college credit will I earn?
 - College credits are determined by “credit hours” and defined by the college/university
- How do my college credits translate to high school credits for my transcript?
 - Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education approves high schools to process dual credits as follows
 - 5 college credit hours = 1 full high school credit
 - 3-4 college credit hours = .5 high school credit
 - 2 college credit hours = .25 high school credit
 - 1 college credit hour (sometimes a lab is required) does not earn high school credit but it counts as college credit on the college transcript
- How do I know what classes to take?
 - Your High School Counselor will work with you and your College Advisor to identify the college classes you need. Our first priority is ensuring that you meet all high school graduation requirements.
- What happens if I don't like the class or find that it is too difficult for me?
 - It is very important to advocate for yourself! Speak with your professor. Utilize any tutoring services or academic resources available to you.
 - There is a time frame at the beginning of each term when you can drop the class without penalty (usually within the first week of class). You are allowed to select a different class within this timeframe and not sacrifice your education. It is important to speak with your School Counselor and pay attention to deadlines!
- The college says that I can “Withdraw” from the class and it will be recorded as a “W” without affecting my GPA. What happens if I'm past the “drop with full refund” date but I choose to withdraw from the class?
 - Once the “drop with full refund” date is past, the student/parent accepts financial responsibility for tuition and fees for failing to meet the academic expectations.
 - If you drop or withdraw from a class beyond the approved dates, you may receive an “F” on your high school transcript and be required to reimburse the school district for the costs. Dropping a class may also put you behind on meeting graduation requirements.