


What is the difference between the BCSD Tides Program and the Early College Program?

	BCSD TIDES	EARLY COLLEGE PROGRAM
Cost	No cost to receive an associate degree. Tuition and book fees are covered.	No cost to receive an associate degree. Tuition and book fees are covered.
Degrees	Students can earn two associate degrees in four years of high school.	Students can earn two associate degrees in four years of high school.
Technology Access	1:1 devices provided	1:1 devices provided
Time in Existence	First cohort starts August 2024	Model has been in existence since 2010
Cohort Quantity	Need at least 20 students to be in the cohort	No limit to the amount of students that can be in a cohort
Site Location	Start TCL classes as a freshmen at TCL starting academic year 24-25	May start TCL classes as a freshman at WBECHS. May transition to taking college courses 11th grade year at TCL campus.
Transportation	Transportation provided to TCL via three transportation hubs located at Whale Branch Early College High School, Robert Smalls Leadership Academy, and Lady's Island Middle School	Transportation provided to WBECHS via two transportation hubs located at Robert Smalls Leadership Academy, and Lady's Island Middle School. Transportation to TCL not provided
Ability to Transition	Students who start BCSD Tide may transition to WBECHS Early College	Students who start WBECHS Early College cannot transition to BCSD Tide
Courses	Students take a full college load with EOC tests after the following courses (ENG 101, BIO 102 and HIS 202)	Students may take a full college load with EOC tests after the following courses (ENG 101, BIO 102, and HIS 202) OR take a hybrid of college and high school courses.
Start Date	Classes start 08/29/2024	Classes start 08/07/2024
Scheduled Time	Class time schedule from 9:00 am-2:15 pm Monday-Friday	Class time schedule from 9:00 am-3:45 pm Monday-Friday