

343.4 - Early College Credit Program (ECCP)

Any high school student (9th-12th grade) may participate in the Early College Credit Program (ECCP) in accordance with state law requirements and established procedures. All high school students enrolled in the District shall be informed of the ECCP annually as part of the high school class registration process.

The ECCP provides eligible students an opportunity to take courses at a UW system institution, or a private, non-profit institution of higher education for high school credit, post-secondary credit, or both.

The High School Counselor is the administrator of the ECCP in the District. Students interested in participating shall inform the High School Counselor of their intention to take post-secondary courses under this program, prior to enrollment in the course(s) and within designated timelines. Students must submit an ECCP Application and a letter stating how post-secondary courses will fit into their Academic & Career Plans.

Deadlines:

- March 1st - For Fall Enrollment
- October 1st - For Spring Enrollment
- February 1st - For Summer Enrollment

The Board shall determine whether a course taken through the ECCP is comparable to a course offered in the District, whether it satisfies graduation requirements, and what, if any, high school credits will be awarded to the student.

Courses taken as part of the ECCP shall be paid for as follows:

- If the course is taken for high school credit and post-secondary credit and the course is not comparable to a course offered in the District, the Board shall pay the tuition and fees for the course
- If the course is taken for high school credit and post-secondary credit and the course is comparable to a course offered in the District, the student shall pay 100% tuition and fees for the course
- If the course is taken for post-secondary credit only or the course is comparable to a course offered in the District, the student shall pay for 25% of the tuition and fees for the course
 - Student shall pay their portion of the tuition and fees to the District by the end of the current school year.

The District shall pay for no more than the equivalent of 18 post-secondary credits per student. A post-secondary course taken under the ECCP and approved for high school credit shall be granted 1/3 high school credit offered by a post-secondary course.

The District will pay only for the courses that are successfully completed. If a student receives a failing grade in a course or fails to complete the course, the student's parent/guardian or the student, if an adult, is responsible for reimbursing the District for

payment of the tuition and fees paid by the District. If this reimbursement is not made, the student is ineligible for any further participation in the ECCP and Start College Now.

The requirement for students to be admitted to a post-secondary institution is based on space availability and meeting all the requirements of a student in good standing. For the purposes of the ECCP, a student in good standing will be defined as:

1. Having a cumulative grade point average of a 3.0
2. Enrolled full-time
3. No failures in the previous semester
4. On track for graduation
5. Has not been habitually truant as defined under 118.16 of the Wisconsin State Statutes
6. Demonstrated positive school behavior with no out of school suspensions in the previous semester and no expulsion during their school career.
7. Does not meet the statutory definition of a “child at risk”

Students who do not meet these criteria may be granted Administrator approval if there are special circumstances.

Students participating in the ECCP shall be responsible for providing their own transportation to and from post-secondary courses under this program.

Legal References: Sections 118.13, 118.16, 118.55 of the Wisconsin State Statutes

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