

PLTW COLLEGE CREDIT

Project Lead the Way has a strong national college and university presence to create opportunities for students in the science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) arena. The PLTW program plays an important role in support by providing college admission preference and opportunities for scholarships. Above and beyond the standard partnerships, PLTW collaborates with a group of institutions designated as University Affiliates. Many of these universities have agreements to recognize college level work and many students will be eligible to receive college credit.

SOUTHINGTON HIGH SCHOOL and PLTW COLLEGE CREDIT

Southington High School's PLTW students have the opportunity to earn college credit with the PLTW affiliate university. Each affiliate university sets their own standards as to what requirements must be met for a student to be eligible for college credit. It is very difficult to predict how all colleges across the nation will apply the awarded college credits for PLTW students. There are, however, many commonalities between colleges that we have found to be true.

- PLTW college credits are frequently used to replace elective courses rather than the college's required engineering course. Most colleges and universities require all their engineering students to participate in the major requirements and electives. SHS students typically enter these courses and exceed expectations due to their PLTW engineering experience at SHS.
- Each affiliate university that offers undergraduate credit makes its own decision on which grades to accept for credit.
- Some colleges will use the college credit to replace the equivalent college course.
- College transcribed credit often enhance a student's college application by showing the ability to be successful in a college level engineering curriculum.
- PLTW credit can replace elective credit to shorten the college experience, lighten the academic load, or provide time blocks for internships to avoid extension of the graduation timeline.
- Most colleges charge a fee to offer the transcribed credit (upon successful completion of the course).

RIT's Use of End of Course Assessment Scores for College Credit:

Rochester Institute of Technology is one such affiliate university which a student can receive transcript credit. As of June 2019, a student earning a final course average of 85 or higher while also earning a pre-established minimum score on the national PLTW End of Course (EoC) assessment is eligible for college credit from RIT. The minimum scores vary by course each year and the score on the EoC is translated into the college transcript grade (A, B, or C). It is always in the student's best interest to inquire what specific practice a college follows when reviewing PLTW college credit. If we can be of assistance in your inquiry, please let us know.