



Early College Credit Program (ECCP)

Start College Now (SCN)

The Early College Credit Program (ECCP) and the Start College Now (SCN) program are programs designed to allow students in high school to earn college credit at colleges and universities. The ECCP and Start College Now Program have different guidelines, which are outlined below.

The Early College Credit Program – ECCP – UW / Private 2/4 year System

What is the ECCP?

a. ECCP is a program for high school students to take college courses and earn college credit. A student selected for the program may be permitted to enroll in a UW System institution, or an alternative, private, non-profit Institution of Higher Education (IHE) to take one or more courses for which the student may earn high school credit, post-secondary credit, or both.

Eligibility & Considerations

- a. Students in grades 9-12 are eligible for ECCP.
- b. Students will be considered for ECCP enrollment based on the following items:
 - i. The student has exhausted (completed) all possible courses offered by Tomah High School whose content (area of study) would be reasonably and logically associated with that of the course(s) being sought via ECCP.
 - ii. The student has expressed sincere interest in a course or field of study, and there is documentation or information included in the student's Academic & Career Plan indicating this.
 - iii. Other options or plans for the student to receive an educational experience in his/her desired area have been discussed and exhausted.

Semesters for ECCP

- a. Fall, Spring, & Summer

Credit Earned

a. The Tomah High School College Credit Policy mandates that students pursuing the ECCP will receive both college and high school credit. This means that any grade and credit earned through the IHE will be transferred to the student's high school transcript, which factors into cumulative GPA, and can/will impact eligibility for any academic and scholarship awards. This transfer of credit to a student's high school transcript will follow the Tomah High School – IHE credit conversion formula.

1-2 IHE credit course will earn .25 THS credit

3-4 IHE credit course will earn .50 THS credit

5-6 IHE credit course will earn 1.0 THS credit

b. The maximum number of college (not high school) credits a Tomah High School student can earn through ECCP is 18. This does not include (i.e. is not limited by) post-secondary credits that may be earned from Advanced Placement (AP) courses or Dual Credit courses offered at Tomah High School, nor does it include postsecondary credits earned via Start College Now (SCN).

Tuition

- a. The school district pays 75% of the tuition, while the state of Wisconsin pays 25%.
- b. The ECCP mandates that a student's family cannot be charged for any portion of the allowable tuition amount if the student is earning high school credit as a result of enrolling in the course, even if the student earns both high school and postsecondary credit. Neither the IHE nor the school district may charge a student any additional costs or fees. Due to students receiving both high school and college credit through ECCP, students and their families will not be charged for tuition.
- c. If students receive any information for bill payment, please contact the school counseling office.
- d. A student/family will be responsible for reimbursing the TASD the cost of tuition, books, fees, etc... for receiving a failing grade in a course; and/or for dropping a class with a pro-rated tuition fee reimbursement.**

Deadlines and Forms

	Summer	Fall	Spring
Student Deadline to Submit ECCP Form to the High School	March 1	March 1	October 1
School Districts Approve or Deny the ECCP Request	May 15	May 15	November 15
ECCP Form, Transcripts, & Application Due to IHE	June 1	June 1	December 1

Forms

<https://uwhelp.wisconsin.edu/prep-for-college/credits/high-school-specialstudent-options/>

Start College Now – SCN – Wisconsin Technical College System

What is Start College Now?

a. Start College Now (SCN) is designed to offer courses the high school does not have or cannot offer to a student who wants to go above and beyond in a subject area.

Eligibility & Considerations:

- a. Students in grades 11-12 are eligible to enroll.
- b. Student must be in "good academic standing" (determined by Tomah High School).
- c. Students have an acceptable disciplinary record (determined by Tomah High School).
- d. Students will be considered for SCN enrollment based on the following items:
 - i. The student has completed all possible courses offered by Tomah High School whose content (area of study) would be reasonably and logically associated with that of the course(s) being sought via SCN.
 - ii. The student has expressed sincere interest in a course or field of study, and there is documentation or information included in the student's Academic & Career Plan indicating this.
 - iii. Other options or plans for the student to receive an educational experience in his/her desired area have been discussed and exhausted.

Semesters for SCN

- a. Fall & Spring (academic year only)

Credit Earned

a. The Tomah High School College Credit Policy mandates that students pursuing SCN will receive both college and high school credit. This means that any grade and credit earned through the IHE will be transferred to the student's high school transcript, which factors into cumulative GPA, and can/will impact eligibility for any academic and scholarship awards. This transfer of credit to a student's high school transcript will follow the Tomah High School – IHE credit conversion formula.

1-2 IHE credit course will earn .25 THS credit

3-4 IHE credit course will earn .50 THS credit

5-6 IHE credit course will earn 1.0 THS credit

b. The maximum number of college (not high school) credits a Tomah High School student can earn through SCN is 18. This does not include (i.e. is not limited by) post-secondary credits that may be earned from Advanced Placement (AP) courses or Dual Credit courses offered at Tomah High School, nor does it include postsecondary credits earned through ECCP.

Tuition

a. The school district will pay the technical college for tuition, course fees, and books for approved courses.

b. If students receive any information for bill payment, please contact the school counseling office.

c. A student/family will be responsible for reimbursing the TASD the cost of tuition, books, fees, etc... for receiving a failing grade in a course; and/or for dropping a class with a pro-rated tuition fee reimbursement.

Deadlines

	Fall	Spring
Student Deadline to Submit SCN Form to the High School	March 1	October 1

Forms

[https://mywtcs.wtcsystem.edu/student-success/career-prep/new-start-college-now-\(formerly-youth-options\)](https://mywtcs.wtcsystem.edu/student-success/career-prep/new-start-college-now-(formerly-youth-options))

"The Start College Now Program and Early College Credit Program are designed to provide more rigorous coursework for students with the aptitude and motivation to pursue advanced coursework. It is important to remember that because these are college courses offered through the technical or university educational systems, the grades and credits become part of a student's college transcript. Failing a course could have a negative impact on a student's acceptance into a post-secondary school and the ability to obtain financial aid."