

# CAREER & COLLEGE READINESS STANDARD 2025 - 2026

The Blueprint for Maryland's Future was passed by the Maryland General Assembly to transform Maryland's public education into a world class education system. One of the main objectives is to prepare students to be college and career ready upon graduation. Pillar three of the Blueprint, College and Career Readiness (CCR), sets a standard to prepare graduates for success in college and the workforce by ensuring students have the knowledge and skills necessary to compete. The Blueprint aims to have all students meet the CCR standard by the end of their 10<sup>th</sup> grade year.

**A student may meet CCR in several ways, which allow them to access additional benefits outlined in the programs below.**

## Meeting CCR by the end of 10th Grade (Choose 1 option)

- GPA (unweighted) of 3.0+ AND earn an A, B or C in Algebra 1 or score proficient or above on Algebra 1 MCAP assessment.

## Meeting CCR in 11th or 12th Grade:

- 1-year GPA (unweighted) 3.0+ in 11<sup>th</sup> or 12<sup>th</sup> grade AND earn an A, B, or C in a high school math course at any point in the student's high school career.

## Beginning next year (25-26 SY), the new CCR requirements will be in place.

- PSAT & ASVAB:** students who take these tests and make the "cut score" outlined in the CCR policy will earn CCR status on that item alone (they won't need the GPA requirement of 3.0 and the "cut score" on the PSAT or ASVAB).
- 3.0 GPA:** Current 11<sup>th</sup> grade students (**now 12<sup>th</sup> grade students**) who earn an unweighted 3.0 GPA CANNOT use this year's GPA to become CCR next year, thus DE courses would not be covered by CCPS.

## Other Ways to Meet CCR (any grade in high school (Choose 1 Option)

- **2 Dual Enrollment (DE) courses:**
  - o Grade C or better
  - o 1 course in mathematics
  - o 1 course in English, Science or Social Studies
- **2 AP courses:**
  - o Score 3 or better
  - o 1 assessment in Math
  - o 1 assessment in English, Science or Social Studies
- Earn a 50+ score on **ASVAB**
- **SAT and PSAT:**
  - o **SAT/PSAT:** 480+ in Reading and Writing & 530+ in Math
  - o **ACT:** Score 18+ in English and 22+ in Math
- Score *AT TARGET* on Math and ELA **DLM Alternate Assessments**
- Earn Silver + on **ACT WorkKeys Assessment**
- Earn a State-Approved **Industry Recognized Credential (IRC)**
- Complete the high school level of a registered **apprenticeship**

# Dual Enrollment Pathway Updates as of February 2025

- Students must meet the CCR standard to participate in dual enrollment courses at Carroll Community College and have tuition, materials, and fees covered by CCPS.

- An Early College pathway will be offered to students who are CCR by the end of 10<sup>th</sup> grade and interested in obtaining an associate's degree (60 credits) during their junior and senior years. All courses will be offered at Carroll Community College. CCPS will cover the cost of tuition, materials, and fees for students in the program.

## Early College Program

Early College Program - Associate of Arts and Sciences degree plan

### The Early College program consists of the following courses:

Fall #1	Spring #1	Fall #2	Spring #2
ENGL - 101*	HLTH - 101	ENGL - 102*	SOC - 215
MATH - 113*	PSYC - 101	MATH - 115*	GEOSCI - 103
HIST - 110*	COMM - 201	ART - 125*	PHIL - 105
FN - 100*	BIOL - 101	HLTH - 225	COMM - 205
SOC - 101		PSYC - 211	ECON - 100
16 credits	13 credits	16 credits	15 credits

\*Course will meet a high school graduation requirement.

Learn more about the Early College Program reach out to your school counselor and/or an admissions counselor at Carroll Community College.

## Met the CCR Standard and Not Participating in the Early College Program

- Students who have met the CCR standard but are not participating in the Early College program may take up to 4 dual enrollment courses during the school year (2 in the Fall semester and 2 in the Spring semester) from the approved course list (see above) at the expense of CCPS.
- CCPS will not cover the cost of any January/Winter or Summer courses.

## Did not meet the CCR Standard & Dual Enrollment Interest

- Students who have not met the CCR standard may still participate in dual enrollment courses at Carroll Community College, but tuition, materials, and fees will be the responsibility of the student's family.
- CCPS will not cover the cost of any January/Winter or Summer courses.

## Non-Credit Licensure and Certification Programs

Seniors may participate in a Workforce Training Program at Carroll Community College that includes the Dental Assistant Certification Program, Pharmacy Technician Certificate Program, Advanced Welder Certificate Program, or the Automotive Technician Program.

- If interested in the Advanced Welder Certificate Program or the Automotive Technician Program students must apply to Carroll County Career and Technology Center (CCCTC) first before consideration to either program.
- Students must be ready to demonstrate steady attendance as no make-up sessions are available if a class is missed. Most courses are taught in the evening by industry professionals.
- All courses will be offered at Carroll Community College.
- CCPS will cover the cost of tuition, materials, and fees for students in these programs.

## Dual Enrollment Overview

Get a jump start on college and prepare for your first college year while still in high school. Dual Enrollment allows high school students the option to earn high school and college credit at the same time.

### Dual Enrollment Credits and Grades

Approved courses earning college credit will be awarded credit and be reflected on the high school transcript.

- 1-credit and 2-credit college courses earn .5 CCPS credit.
- 3-credit, 4-credit, and 5-credit college courses earn 1 CCPS credit.
- Dual enrollment courses are transcribed with an additional 1.0 weight (5.0 scale).
- Grades will be calculated into the student's high school GPA. Subject-specific credits may count toward high school graduation requirements.
- Students who withdraw from a dual enrollment course after the stated college withdrawal date will receive a "W" on their transcript.

## Eligibility- Extra Curricular Activities- Dual Enrollment Implications & Reminders

- A student becomes ineligible for academic reasons if he/she earns less than a 2.0 weighted GPA for that marking period or receives a grade of "F" for any course in which the student is enrolled during the marking period.
- The final grade earned for dual enrollment will be identified in both the Quarter in which the course is completed and the Final Grade. Quarter grades are used to determine Academic Eligibility and Final grades to determine GPA and Class Rank.
- An indication of Withdrawal Failing (WF) is considered an "F" for the specific marking period in which it is received.
- An Incomplete (I) is considered an "F" until the work is satisfactorily completed.
- All courses, regardless of credits attempted, are calculated the same to determine academic eligibility at the end of each marking period.
- Students must maintain Full Time Enrollment Status to maintain Eligibility.
- A student who withdraws after the college withdrawal date will receive a W. Students who withdraw from dual enrollment courses may fall below the minimum credit requirement threshold to maintain full time status.
- The student must be enrolled in at least 3 courses, 2 of which must be credit-bearing.

**NOTE:** *Administrative Regulation JPA 2 of 2, High School Eligibility- Extra Curricular Activities*

## Dual Enrollment and Graduation Requirements

Dual enrollment courses at Carroll Community College have been reviewed and several courses have been approved to meet a graduation requirement in the core content areas. To learn more about the courses that can meet a graduation requirement at Carroll Community College, communicate with your school counselor.

An 11th and 12th grade student can request a Carroll Community College dual enrollment course to fulfill a graduation requirement. 9th and 10th grade students can only take dual enrollment for elective credits.

Note: Dual enrollment courses at post-secondary institutions other than Carroll Community College have not been approved to meet a CCPS graduation requirement. Credits earned at other post-secondary institutions may be eligible for elective credit.

## Online Dual Enrollment

Students are free to schedule online dual enrollment courses during their school day. Ideally these classes are scheduled during Mod one and four so that students can work on their coursework from home or Carroll Community College. When online courses are scheduled during mods two or three, the school will make every effort to ensure that students will have a seat in their learning lab or media center. \*Before scheduling online dual enrollment courses during the school day, students should confirm availability of a seat for them in their school. Students who schedule three or four online dual enrollment courses during the school day should not expect to be granted a seat in their school. If a student believes they have a hardship or unique reason to request a seat they should schedule a meeting with the assistant principal responsible for dual enrollment before scheduling their dual enrollment courses to discuss their request.

## Communication From Instructors for Dual Enrollment Courses

Carroll Community College & CCPS instructors who teach high school students can and are encouraged to communicate poor attendance, and low grades in dual enrollment course(s) directly with the student, using the college starfish platform. In addition, they may communicate directly to a high school counselor. All dually enrolled students are eligible for tutoring for all subjects; drop in, by appointment and online at no extra charge. <https://www.carrollcc.edu/resources/advising-class-support/tutoring/>

**Note:** *Carroll Community College will share students' enrollment status and grades with the home school counselor and other school personnel as appropriate.*

## Dual Enrollment – Criteria for Registration

### *Eleventh – Twelfth Grade Students*

If a student would like to enroll in a dual enrollment course and/or program at a local college during their junior or senior year, they must meet the following requirements, regardless if a student is deemed College and Career Ready (CCR).

- 2.6 unweighted GPA required for ALL courses on Carroll Community College campus AND math courses at CCPS locations.
- 2.5 unweighted GPA for non-math general education courses at CCPS locations.

NOTE: There may be alternative ways to enroll in a dual enrollment course e.g., placement test. [Course Placement & Eligibility - Carroll Community College \(carrollcc.edu\)](#)

### *Early College/GT (ninth, tenth grade, and younger)*

Admission for ninth to tenth grade students will be considered on a case-by-case basis. Students will have an opportunity to receive dual credit for their college course. The course will be included on their transcript. An earned grade will be calculated into the student's high school GPA.

- Must have a recommendation from a school counselor and principal **plus** placement into ENGL-101 is required; and only if applicable, placement into college level math per the Carroll Community College mathematics department's placement measures.
- Per Carroll Community College: A ninth and tenth grade student's GPA cannot be used for dual enrollment course placement.
- Ninth and tenth grade students may not take dual enrollment courses during the 4-mod school day. They may enroll in an online, evening or summer dual enrollment course. Note: There are NO financial discounts for summer courses.
- Identified gifted and talented middle school students must complete a pre-approval form before beginning registration. The form may be obtained from a gifted and talented teacher or the school counselor.

## CCPS' Middle School College Enrichment Program

CCPS students who are under 16 years of age and identified as gifted and talented may apply to take college courses through Carroll Community College. This is not a CCPS program; however, these college classes can be counted as **elective credit** on the student's high school transcript with a pre-approval form. College level classes taken prior to the junior year (11th grade) of high school do not count as MSDE graduation requirements. College courses taken by middle school students cannot occur during the school day; students may take classes for enrichment outside of school hours or during the summer.

### *DUAL ENROLLMENT REGISTRATION STEPS*

**CCPS - Credit Dual Enrollment** (for new, returning, and CCPS students)

[Dual Enrollment - Carroll Community College](#) (carrollcc.edu)

**\*\*Student must apply to CCC online - [www.carrollcc.edu/applynow](http://www.carrollcc.edu/applynow) - BEFORE dually enrolling and registering at the college.**

[Click here](#) to complete an Early College Program Request Form.

[Click here](#) to complete a Dual Enrollment Request Form (all Dual Enrollment except for Early College Program)