



Winters Mill High School

Career & College Ready

PATHWAYS NIGHT 2026

Building the Future with Knowledge and Skills



Why CCR?

CCR (Career & College Readiness) helps students and families know whether a student has developed the skills needed to succeed in entry-level college courses or job training programs by the end of 10th grade or by the time they graduate.

Earning CCR

- Initial CCR is calculated at the end of 10th grade.
- CCR is calculated at the end of each school year for students in grades 10–12.
- Students can earn CCR through multiple ways.
- Once a student earns CCR, they will not lose that designation.

Benefits of CCR

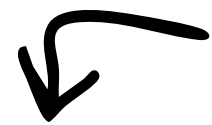
- Students who earn CCR can access:
 - Advanced Placement (AP) courses at no cost.
 - Up to four (4) approved Dual Enrollment (DE) courses at Carroll Community College in grades 11 & 12 at no cost.

CCR Standard – Initial Determination Grade 10

Academic Success & Mastery

Earn a cumulative GPA of 3.0
or higher

(and)



Final grade of
A, B or C in
Algebra I

OR

Score
PROFICIENT
or higher on
Algebra I
MCAP



Proficiency in ELA & Mathematics

Score PROFICIENT or higher on:

ELA
MCAP



ALGEBRA I
MCAP

CCR Standard: Initial Determination

Grade 10

OPTION #1:

GPA: 10th Grade

At the end of 10th grade, cumulative unweighted high school GPA: ≥ 3.00

+

Algebra I Course:
Grade of A/B/C

— OR —

MCAP Algebra I:
Proficient

OPTION #2:

Assessment: 9th-12th Grades

English Proficiency

+

Math Proficiency

MCAP ELA 10:
Proficient

MCAP Algebra I:
Proficient

or

or

SAT: EBRW ≥ 480

SAT: Math ≥ 530

or

or

ACT: English ≥ 18

ACT: Math ≥ 22

or

or

PSAT NMSQT/PSAT 10:
EBRW ≥ 480

PSAT NMSQT/PSAT 10:
Math ≥ 530

Alternate Assessment
DLM ELA: $\geq$ At Target

+

Alternate Assessment
DLM Math: $\geq$ At Target

CCR Designation: Grades 11 & 12



DEMONSTRATING READINESS: 11TH & 12TH GRADE

GPA: 11th/12th Grade

At the end of 11th or 12th grade, one-year unweighted GPA: ≥ 3.00

+

High school level math course: Grade of A/B/C

Career Aptitude

Armed Services Vocational Aptitude (ASVAB): AFQT ≥ 50

— OR —

ACT Workkeys Assessment: Silver/Gold/Platinum

Career & Technical Education

Complete the high school level of a registered apprenticeship

— OR —

Earn a State-Approved Industry Recognized Credential (IRC)

College Courses

Dual Enrollment math course: Grade of A/B/C

+

Dual Enrollment ELA/Science/Social Studies Course: Grade of A/B/C

Advanced Academics Exams

Advanced Placement (AP) Exam in Math: ≥ 3

— OR —

International Baccalaureate (IB) Exam in Math: ≥ 4

+

Advanced Placement (AP) Exam in ELA/Science/Social Studies: ≥ 3

— OR —

International Baccalaureate (IB) Exam in ELA/Science/Social Studies: ≥ 4



Post-CCR Pathways

- ✓ Advanced Placement
- ✓ Career & Technical Education
- ✓ Dual Enrollment & Early College



Advanced Placement

WHAT IS IT?

Advanced Placement courses are college level. These courses are based on curriculum created by the College Board and are designed for an end-of-year assessment in May. Students who achieve a qualifying score (3 or above) may be eligible for course credit in college.



Advanced Placement

AP PATHWAY OPTIONS

OPTION#1: AP Capstone Diploma

Minimum Number of Required AP Courses: 6

Specific Courses Required: AP Seminar, AP Research, 4 Additional AP Courses

Scores Required: 3 or Higher on all 6 AP exams

OPTION#2: Maryland AP

Minimum Number of Required AP Courses: 5

Specific Courses Required: At least 2 Courses in the same Content Area; At least 2 Content Areas included

Scores Required: 3 or Higher on at least 3 AP exams

Additional Requirement to complete Pathway: A score of C or higher in all courses



Grade-Specific AP Courses		Other AP Course Options
9th	AP Government & Politics	<u>No pre-requisite courses:</u> AP Computer Science Principles AP European History AP Human Geography AP Macro or Micro Economics AP Psychology AP Statistics <u>With completed pre-requisites:</u> AP Computer Science A AP Biology AP Calculus AB and/or BC AP Chemistry AP Drawing, 2D Art, or 3D Art AP Environmental Science AP Literature AP Music Theory AP Physics 1, 2, CM, C #&M AP Precalculus AP World Languages
10th	English 10: AP Seminar AP US History	
11th	AP Language & Composition AP World History: Modern	
12th	AP Research	

Advanced Placement

CAREER & TECHNICAL EDUCATION

CTE Pathway Options:

1

CTE Completer Programs

(Available at all comprehensive high schools and the Career & Technology Center)

2

Registered Apprenticeship

3

Youth Apprenticeship



DUAL ENROLLMENT

Students who meet the CCR standard are eligible for:

- 2 courses at Carroll Community College, per Fall & Spring semester
 - Winter & Summer terms are not included
 - Courses must be from the established list
 - courses offered in-person at Carroll Community College
 - Some courses are available in CCPS high schools
- Students must meet the established requirements and pre-requisites.

Students may take additional courses per semester or outside the established windows at student/family expense.



EARLY COLLEGE

Students who meet the CCR standard are eligible for:

- A pathway to an Associate's of Arts and Sciences Degree in General Studies at Carroll Community College:
 - 60 credits
 - Must follow established pathway of specific coursework
 - Established coursework may not be substituted
 - Begins in Fall semester of Grade 11
 - Concludes in the Spring semester of Grade 12
 - All courses are taken at Carroll Community College
 - Must meet eligibility requirements

Students may enroll in a different degree program at student/family expense





Frequently Asked Questions



Q: When is the CCR designation calculated?

A: At the end of each school year.

Q: Can “non-CCR” 11th & 12th grade students access post-CCR coursework and pathways?

A: Yes, a student may take courses/programs available regardless of their CCR status.

Q: Are AP, Dual Enrollment and/or Early College costs covered for non-CCR students?

A: No, students may still participate in AP, Dual Enrollment or Early College programs at their own cost.

Q: Is there a limit to the number of Dual Enrollment courses students can take?

A: Yes, 11th & 12th CCR students can take two (2) courses in fall and spring semesters.



Frequently Asked Questions



Q: Are dual enrollment courses at any college free?

A: No, CCPS only covers approved courses at Carroll Community College.

Q: Can students participate in multiple post-CCR pathways?

A: Yes, CCR students will determine their pathway of interest but may take courses across pathway options.

Q: Can a student earn an associate's degree while still in high school?

A: Yes, the CCPS Early College Program provides students the opportunity to earn an associate's degree.

Q: What happens if a student does not earn CCR at the end of 10th grade?

A: Non-CCR 11th & 12th grade students will have ongoing support to achieve CCR and will be able to access post-CCR courses.



Frequently Asked Questions



Q: Can a non-CCR student participate in Career & Technical Education (CTE) courses and programs?

A: Yes, students who are not CCR can apply and enroll in CTE courses and programs.

Q: Is meeting the CCR requirement a graduation requirement?

*A: No, CCR is not required for graduation. CCR **DOES** open doors to post-CCR pathways, where you can earn college credits, industry recognized credentials, or both – while still in high school. CCR is an important goal to reach as it ensures students have the necessary skills to succeed in post-secondary coursework and essential job skills for the workforce.*