Early College Credit Program (ECCP) & Start College Now (SCN) Annual Notification

Dear Parents, Guardians, & Students,

The Early College Credit Program (ECCP) allows all high school students who meet certain requirements to take one or more courses at an institution of higher education for high school and/or college credit. Under ECCP, "Institution of higher education" means an institution within the University of Wisconsin system, a tribally-controlled college, or a private, nonprofit institution of higher education within Wisconsin.

The Start College Now (SCN) Program allows students who have completed 10th grade and meet certain requirements to take one or more courses at a Wisconsin technical college for high school and/or college credit.

High school students apply for ECCP by completing an application prior to <u>October 1</u> for spring semester classes, <u>February 1</u> for summer classes, or <u>March 1</u> for fall classes. Students apply for SCN by completing an application prior to <u>October 1</u> for spring semester classes and <u>March 1</u> for fall classes. Applications can be picked up and returned to the Counseling Office.

Please see the below for additional details. Contact Kara Amundson at kamundson@cedarburg.k12.wi.us or 262.376.6142 with questions regarding the Early College Credit Program or Start College Now.

While these programs are for current high school students, state law requires that districts provide information about these two programs to all students in grades 8 - 11 by October 1 each year. Cedarburg School District has two policies addressing ECCP and SCN: *Board Policy 2271* - *Early College Credit Program and Board Policy 2271.01* - *Start College Now.*

Sincerely,

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Provision	Early College Credit Program	Start College Now Program
Eligible Students	• Students attending Wisconsin public and private schools, not concurrently enrolled in the Start College Now Program. *Students are not able to enroll in both ECCP and SCN in the same semester.*	• Students attending Wisconsin public schools, not concurrently enrolled in the Early College Credit Program. *Students are not able to enroll in both ECCP and SCN in the same semester.*
Eligible Grades and Institutions	• Allows students in grades 9 - 12 to take courses at an institution of higher education for high school and/or college credit.	• Allows 11th and 12th grade students to take courses at Wisconsin Technical Colleges.

Deadline to submit Notification of Intent form to the District.	• Students must submit the ECCP Notification of Intent form to the District by:
	   ○ March 1st (for fall courses)
	   ○ October 1st (for spring courses)
	   ○ February 1st (for summer courses)
		• Students must submit the SCN Notification of Intent form to the District by:
		
		   ○ March 1st (for fall courses)
		   ○ October 1st (for spring courses)

Review of Requested Course(s)	• The District determines course comparability, fulfillment of graduation requirements, and the number of high school credits earned, if any.	• The District determines if a course in which the pupil will be enrolled does not meet the high school graduation requirements and whether the course is comparable to a course offered in the school district.
Deadline for Notifying Student of District's Decision	• District must notify students of approval and/or rejection of desired courses before the beginning of the semester in which the pupil will be enrolled.	• District must notify students of approval and/or rejection at least 30 days prior to the semester in which the student would be enrolled.
Transportation	• Student/parent responsible for any transportation costs for attending course(s) *Note: funding is available to assist in transportation costs for families in need.*	• Student/parent responsible for any transportation costs for attending course(s)

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Cost of Course	Fees & Books	• The district covers fees, books, and materials for non-comparable courses taken for high school credit. Any fees associated with personal items (background check, clothing, name badges, medical testing) are the responsibility of the family.	Cost of Course	Tuition, Fees, & Books	• The district covers fees, books, and materials for non-comparable courses taken for high school credit. Any fees associated with personal items (background check, clothing, name badges, medical testing) are the responsibility of the family.
	High School Credit Only (Fulfills Graduation Requirement)	• No tuition charged to students for non-comparable courses.		Dual Credit (High School & College Credit)	
	High School & College Credit (Fulfills Graduation Requirement)	• No tuition charge to students for non-comparable courses.		Course Meets Graduation Requirements	
	College Credit Only & Does not Fulfill Graduation Requirement	• Student is responsible for 25% of the tuition for non-comparable courses.			
	Failing a Course	• If a student fails a course, the district will request reimbursement.		Failing a Course	• If a student fails a course, the district will request reimbursement.
	District Offers a Comparable Course	• Students are responsible for 100% of the costs if courses are taken for high school credit and are comparable to district courses.		District Offers a Comparable Course	• Students are responsible for 100% of the costs if courses are taken for high school credit and are comparable to district courses.

How do I apply?

Talk with your high school counselor to see if it's a good fit for you. They will consider how the class aligns with academic plans and whether you meet the prerequisite(s) for taking a college level class. You can obtain an ECCP participation form from them as well.