What can be the drawbacks of my child in college?

Your child is establishing a college transcript. A low grade or failed class will make it difficult to gain financial aid and acceptance into college in the future.

Your child may have to give up some high school activities because of their college responsibilities. If your child has a major college test on the same night as the high school awards banquet, what event would you advise your child to attend?

As a parent, your ability to access your child’s records, grades and instructors is limited by federal law (FERPA). Unless your child has given Western written permission for you to access his/her information, the college cannot give you any information.

How can parents help ensure student’s success?

Help student form an effective support group when life/classes get tough.

Ensure that student has supplies including textbooks in a timely manner.

Remind student to stay in touch with Western through Mustang Cruiser. The college will post important information and provide services such as:

- Class start and end dates
- Drop dates for classes
- Final schedule
- Grades
- Campus calendar
- Access to on-line classes
- Access to library services
- Access to student services

Make sure your child’s life has balance. If students try to maintain a high school schedule, a work schedule, an activities schedule, an active social life, family commitments and college classes. Common sense says something has to give.

Congratulations Parents!!!

Your Child is a Student of Western Wyoming Community College!!!

(and he/she hasn’t even finished High School)
Why would my child want to start college early? (Besides getting a head start on college)

- To enhance his/her high school career opportunities
- To discover the difference between high school and college classes
- To explore college majors or technical careers early
- To ensure college readiness
- To earn FREE college credits
- Students can utilize support systems of both schools
- Students can take college courses over two high school semesters or take the course delivered at college speed in one semester.
- Western and its service area high schools benefit from small class size and strong institutional resources

High School students take college courses three different ways.

Dual Enrollment: Students take classes directly from the college on campus, at an outreach center or online. Each district approves college classes where the student earns both high school and college credit. Payment for these classes depends on funding at the local level.

Concurrent Classes: These college classes are taught by an approved high school teacher during the high school day. The student receives both high school and college credit. These classes are free to the student.

Jump Start: High school students take classes directly from the college. The cost of the class is paid by the student and the student will only receive college credit.

Should I be happy my Child is in Western/college classes?

We hope so.

Students who take college classes in high school are more likely to:

- Go to college after high school
- Stay in college once they get there
- Graduate from college
- May graduate from college sooner
- College costs students and their parents less

Western is a fully accredited college. Western credits will transfer automatically to the other six Wyoming community colleges and UW. Western has transfer agreements with most regional four-year universities.