

Why Would You Want To Start College Early?

- To explore possible technical careers or college majors at little or no cost
- To save money
- To see how college is different from high school
- To discover if you are READY for college.
- To graduate from college early
- To enhance your senior year after meeting high school graduation requirements.
- Research suggests high school students taking college classes are more likely to attend college, stay in college and graduate at the same rate as AP students.

The Law

As a Wyoming high school student you can begin your college or career early. Senate Enrolled Act 52 expresses the legislative intent that all Wyoming high school students will have the opportunity to complete 12 college hours prior to high school graduation.

How Do I Get Started?

Discuss the possibility with your guidance counselor and parents:

1. Make an appointment with your high school counselor. S/he will
 - Tell you what high school and college requirements you need to meet.
 - Tell you what college courses are available,
 - Check to see if you meet college prerequisites
 - Advise you of the cost—if there is any.
2. Talk to your parents. Do they think you have the background knowledge, work ethic and student skills to be successful?

What Will It Cost?

There are two types of college credit courses available to you:

Concurrent credit courses should have no cost to you

Cost for **dual** credit courses depends on the district your school is in. Some districts provide the class free of charge using BOCES grants or its foundation block grant. Some districts cannot provide these courses for free.

Check with your counselor.

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How Can I Tell If I'm Ready For College?

Will I have the **time** to devote to a college class?

- College courses will take more time than high school courses.
- Do I have good time management skills to devote to this class?
- Attendance is necessary. Deadlines are solid.

Do I have a **support system** to help me when the class becomes difficult?

Am I ready to have this **grade** permanently on my **college** transcript?

Is there a **high school class** that would better prepare me for starting college or a career?

Is there a **college** class that I'm interested in taking?

Would my high school content teacher recommend me to take a college class?

If you are ready, you should

- Take the placement tests to gauge your academic ability.
- Check with the college you plan to attend after high school to see if the college accepts dual and concurrent class work?



What Does College In High School Look Like?

Dual Enrollment:

Dual Enrollment has the student taking a college class directly with the college. Your teacher will be a college instructor. Instruction will be at "college speed." The student will have to attend on the college campus, or online or at a college outreach site.

Advantages of Dual Classes

The student will be in a total college environment.

Dual Students adapt to successful college behaviors faster than concurrent students.

Dual students are more likely to graduate from college.

Concurrent Enrollment:

Concurrent enrollment has approved high school teachers teaching college curriculum in the high school classroom. The student receives both high school and college credit.

Advantages of Concurrent Classes

You don't have to leave the building to attend class.

Your instructor is a person you know.

Often a college semester class is taught over a school year giving the student a slower start to adjust to college standards.

Students have the support services of the high school and the college.