

Dual Credit Night FAQ

October 18th, 2018 at 6:00 pm

What are the next steps in this process if my child is interested?

Students will learn about the Dual Credit options when their counselor visits their classroom to discuss course offerings during the 23rd - the 30th of October. For those students interested in applying for the program they should follow these steps:

- Attend an informational meeting on November 2nd in the CHS Auditorium during 1st period.
- Inform their counselor of their interest during their one on one meeting to finalize course selection between November 5th - 19th.
- Officially apply for ECC online AFTER their meeting with their counselor but before December 5th.
- Take any and all placement tests required for your program before December 21st. (CHS and ECC are collaborating to try to bring the testing center from ECC to the CHS campus to allow the placement testing process to be easier.)

What costs will the student/families be responsible for paying?

Full Time Programs: The district is currently working in collaboration with surrounding districts to define a fee structure for our full time dual credit students.

Part Time Programs: At this time, we currently offer to pay the full tuition for our part time CTE or part time general education programs. The students in either of these programs are required to purchase their own textbooks and supplies. As conversations continue with the surrounding districts, we will update families that express interest in the program.

Will transportation be provided to the Dual Credit students?

No. Students must have a 2.5 GPA to drive to CHS therefore they need that to drive to ECC.

Who can we talk to if we have follow up questions?

Your son/daughter's school counselor at CHS.

What will the semester schedule be like?

Students that attend ECC will have to follow two school calendars. The CHS calendar will be followed for their time spent in classes at CHS and the ECC calendar will be followed for their time spent in classes at ECC. If ECC is in session and CHS is not in session, students will still be required to attend their ECC classes. The same is true in the reverse. If CHS is in session but ECC is not in session, students will still be required to attend their CHS classes.

Will students be allowed to participate in athletics/activities at the high school?

Many of the ECC Dual Credit options end at 3:15 pm. This becomes an issue when the students play a sport and need to be on a bus at a certain time. The attendance policies for the ECC classes do not allow for a student to consistently leave early to catch a bus. That being said, there are some select opportunities where a student may be able to take a course at ECC in the middle of the day and return back to CHS for the remainder of their school day. This option would apply to select individual general education courses held at ECC's Burlington campus. All full time programs and ALL CTE part time programs require the students to be in class until 3:15 pm. This is something that ECC and CHS are working on together to try to adjust to open up additional possibilities for our student athletes.

When is the deadline to change course selections?

Students can change their course selections until December 19th. After December 19th, students will be required to wait until their schedule is sent out in the spring to request a schedule change. At that point, students will be subject to the courses with seats available. All schedule changes will need to be requested by April 29th.

How will CHS be notified of midterm and final grades from ECC?

When CHS students sign up to take a course at ECC they sign an agreement granting permission for ECC to communicate grades to CHS. The grades are sent to all counselors at CHS and the registrar at CHS. The final grade is manually added to a student's transcript.

[How do I find out which programs are offered through CHS?](#)

All program offerings can be found on the CHS website by clicking on "For Parents" - "Student Services Department" - "2019 - 2020 ECC Dual Credit Course Guide". This has a list of all of our full time, part time CTE programs, and part time general education programs.

[What is the difference between AP classes and Dual Credit classes?](#)

AP classes and Dual Credit classes both provide students with an opportunity to access college level coursework while in High School. AP classes are held at CHS and taught by CHS staff. Dual Credit classes are held at ECC and are taught by certified ECC staff. (District 301 is looking at opportunities for these classes to be held at CHS and taught by CHS staff that meet the requirements that ECC faculty must meet). Students taking an AP class have the opportunity to take it throughout their typical school day and can maintain a 7 credit course load for the year. Students taking Dual Credit classes take it at the end of their day and typically maintain a 6 credit course load due to travel time needed. (If CHS is able to teach the class at CHS this would allow students to maintain 7 credits but at this time District 301 is just looking into this as an option.) Students taking AP classes must take the AP test to access college credit and students taking Dual Credit courses automatically are given college credit via an ECC transcript. All colleges accept both types of credits but each college accepts the specific credits differently and it would be up to the student, counselor, and parents to determine what option is best for the individual student. AP classes provide CHS students with a weighted grade while Dual Credit classes do not offer the weighted grade.

[Does CHS have any additional requirements for a student to attend an ECC program?](#)

Full time student: CHS students will need to fulfill all placement criteria that ECC has in place and CHS will require that all students interested in the full time ECC program go through an interview process. The interview process will consist of two rounds. Round 1 will be an interview with 2 or more school counselors at CHS and Round 2 will be an interview with the parent, student, counselors, and the Assistant Principal of Student Services. Following the two rounds, a determination will be made as to whether or not the student is ready for this type of rigorous program.

Part time student: CHS students will need to fulfill all placement criteria that ECC has in place and if the GPA criteria for the course is 2.0 through ECC, the student will still need a 2.5 GPA in order to drive to and from the program per CHS's parking pass policy.

[When do I connect with someone at CHS if I am in a full time program?](#)

CHS will require that students in the full time program at ECC report to CHS one Friday per month to report out on their progress and check in with a CHS counselor. This will also be an opportunity for our full time dual credit students to pick up any important information in the office, ask any questions at the office, etc.

[How do I know if the full time program is a good fit for my student?](#)

A rich conversation involving the CHS counselor, parent, and student must be had to determine the students level of commitment and understanding of the college coursework they are considering signing up for. Additionally, students must be prepared to distance themselves from the typical senior year lifestyle as students in the full time program do not come to CHS often. They may come a handful of times each quarter but do not eat lunch with their same aged peers and will not be able to participate in many sports, clubs, and/or activities due to many classes ending at 3:15.

[What is the difference between Full time, Part time gen ed, Part time CTE](#)

For the most part, part time programs are offered at the main campus in Elgin. Students would attend CHS in the morning and then go to ECC in the afternoon. There may be a few situations where the schedule may be slightly different. Many of these programs end at 3:15.

The full time programs are offered at the Burlington campus (except Science and PE courses). Students in the full time program will not attend CHS on a daily basis. However, they will be required to attend CHS on certain Friday's throughout the year.

Can I, as a parent, communicate with the ECC teacher about my child?

Parents will not be able to communicate directly with ECC staff. If a parent has a concern about an ECC class they would reach out to the CHS counselor. The CHS counselor would then reach out to ECC's staff to seek the answer and then the CHS counselor will get back to the parent. The FERPA law states that ECC staff does not have to give information to anyone other than the student but the CHS counselor will attempt to gain any and all information that is provided.

What time do the part time programs typically begin?

The part time CTE programs typically begin at 12:30 at the Elgin campus and the part time general education programs typically begin at 2:00 at the Elgin campus. That being said, there are some programs that start later or begin earlier. Reach out to your school counselor and they will reach out to ECC to get the specific information for the program you are interested in.

Are we looking to expand the two year full time program to other Associate degrees other than Fire Science?

At this time, the Fire Science program is the only program we have that will result in an Associate's degree after two years. We do, however, offer a one year program that will allow students to jump start their college career where they will obtain many of their general education courses but they will not end with a degree. We are always looking at how we can expand our options for our students but we take every decision seriously and want to make sure we are putting programs in place that we believe are solid and will set our students up for future success.

If my student is a full time student would he/she need to purchase a parking pass at CHS if they only are required to come in a few times per quarter?

If students participate in the full time ECC program they would only need to drive to CHS a few times each quarter to meet with their counselor. Therefore, they would not need to purchase a parking pass. However, they would need to be told where to park in advance of their visit. This location is yet to be determined.

What if my student fails the course or needs to withdraw?

If a student fails a class at ECC they would be required to pay the tuition for the class in which they failed. If a student needs to withdraw from a class (either voluntarily or involuntarily) at ECC they would be required to pay the tuition for the class in which they are being withdrawn from. If they withdraw early enough, they may only be required to pay a portion of the tuition as ECC sets dates for when a partial refund would be given to the school and when no refund would be given to the school. A student in this situation would need to pay their tuition payment directly to CHS because District 301 does pay the initial tuition for part time programs.

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