

Q and A: 2014-2015 Early College Program at Essex County College

How to apply?

Students must meet with their guidance counselor, obtain an application and return it to the guidance center (Main Floor of HS) by December 8. Students are required to have a 3.0 GPA, SAT: 540 in Critical Reading, 550 in Mathematics; ACT: 24 in English, 23 in Mathematics, and participate in the Career Internship Program (Senior Option).

What courses are available?

All courses are available, but there are prerequisites for some courses. Students are required to take at least two academic courses. MHS ECC Coordinator, Guidance Counselor and ECC Staff will help you determine your schedule. (Academic = English, Mathematics, Science, Social Studies)

How is Credit Awarded?

MHS credit awarded is equal to the college credit earned. *Example: if the course is set up to award 3.0 credits at Essex County, and the student receives a B in that course, then we will award the same credit and grade at Montclair High School.*

Will I earn credit for courses I am currently enrolled in at MHS?

Yes, if you are accepted into the Early College Program, you will earn 2.5 credits for all semester 1 and full year courses enrolled in at Montclair High School. You will earn 1.25 for quarter courses currently enrolled in at Montclair High School.

Am I responsible for taking the mid-term exam for courses I'm currently enrolled in?

No, if you are accepted into the Early College Program, you are exempt from taking your mid-term exams.

Will these courses transfer to another college?

Credits will be accepted at all New Jersey state universities or colleges; all other credits are accepted at the discretion of the receiving institution.

Will the courses count in my GPA?

Yes, your courses will count as Honors course.

Do I need to notify the college I plan to attend in Fall 2015 that I will be participating in the Early College Program?

Yes, you need to notify the college that you will be dropping your current schedule at Montclair HS and taking college level courses at Essex County College. In addition, you **must** provide a copy of your email notification to your guidance counselor **before** January 7.

What other steps must I do to participate in the program?

If accepted to the program, you must:

- turn in ALL of your text books to your team office; return ALL athletic equipment to athletic office
- supply the Montclair HS ECC Coordinator with both student and parent(s) cell phone numbers
- attend monthly ECC meetings at Montclair High School