

Start College Now – Wisconsin Technical College Program

- Juniors and Seniors - Must have completed 10th grade.
- Cannot be enrolled in both Early College Credit program and Start College Now simultaneously
- Fall and Spring
- Wisconsin Technical Colleges
- Transcribed Courses do not affect eligibility
- No annual or semester limits – however districts may have policy limiting credits to 18
- Inform school board of intent to enroll by March 1st & October 1st, register with IHE according to their guidelines
- District Denial of High School Credit or we offer comparable course or student has record of disciplinary challenges – Note: Student may still take the course at their own expense if these criteria apply.
- District Responsible for 100% of cost
- Student is responsible for transportation to campus

Early College Credit Program

- 9-12 Grade Students
- Cannot be enrolled in both Early College Credit program and Start College Now simultaneously
- Fall, Spring and Summer
- UW Colleges and some Private Universities
- Transcribed Courses does not affect eligibility
- 18 Total College Credits between ECCP and SCN – 18 is the minimum a district must offer
- Inform school board of intent to enroll by March 1st & October 1st, register with IHE according to their guidelines. No deadline for summer courses.
- District Denial of High School Credit or we offer comparable course – District is still responsible for 25% of tuition
- Cost – If course is recognized as high school credit - District 75%, State 25%. If course is not HS credit – District 25%, Student 25% State 50% (State budgeted 1,753,500 when it's gone.... If costs would be an undue financial burden according to DPI, the school must pay the student's fee)
- Student is responsible for transportation to campus, if needed.
- IHE Charges
 - 4 year UW Campus – 1/3 of the "normal" undergraduate credit cost
 - 2 Year UW Campus – ½ the "normal" undergraduate credit cost
 - Private IHE – 1/3 of the cost of "normal" undergraduate costs

Date: December 4, 2017
To: District Administrators
From: Mike Thompson, PhD, Deputy State Superintendent
Subject: State Aid for School Districts under the Early College Credit Program

The Department of Public Instruction (the department) has recently received several inquiries from school districts about the costs for which schools will be responsible under the new Early College Credit Program (ECCP), as created by 2017 Act 59 (the 2017-19 biennial budget). This memo clarifies the provisions around the cost sharing mechanism and the state aid that will be available to school districts and participating private schools for students participating in the ECCP. In addition, this information is included in the department's summary of the budget bill, which you can access at https://dpi.wi.gov/sites/default/files/imce/policy-budget/pdf/Act%2059%202017-19%20CONDENSED%20Budget%20Summary_Nov%209.pdf (See "Early College Credit Program, beginning on page 6, and in Appendix B, page 23.)

COST SHARING MODEL

Effective for the 2018-19 school year, the Youth Options and Course Options programs will be replaced with the Early College Credit Program (ECCP). A student in grades 9 through 12 attending a public school or a private school in the state will be permitted to enroll in a UW System institution, or a private, non-profit institution of higher education, to take one or more nonsectarian courses, for which the student may earn high school credit, post-secondary credit, or both. (The technical colleges are not included in the new ECCP; however, high school students will continue to be able to enroll in courses offered by a technical college.)

Under the ECCP, the costs of courses is shared among the institution of higher education (IHE), the school district or private school, the state, and in some cases, the student's family.

- The IHE shares in the cost by virtue of an allowable tuition charge.
- School districts and private schools will be responsible for making payment directly to the IHE within 30 days of the end of the semester, but will be eligible to receive state aid (reimbursement of expenditures) to offset its costs.
- Additionally, if the student is receiving *just* post-secondary credit for a course, the student's family is responsible for paying 25 percent of the allowable tuition charge, unless that payment would pose an undue financial burden on the student's family (as determined by the department). School boards and governing bodies of private schools will be responsible for establishing policy on the method for collecting the family's share of costs.

Note that a student's family cannot be charged for any portion of the allowable tuition amount if the student is earning high school credit as a result of enrolling in the course (even if the student earns both high school and post-secondary credit). Neither the IHE nor the school district or private school may charge a student any additional costs or fees. However, school boards and governing bodies of private schools are authorized to adopt a policy that limits to 18 (for an individual student) the total number of post-secondary credits for which it will pay under the ECCP (and attendance at a technical college), as is the case under current law.

STATE AID UNDER THE ECCP

As noted above, school districts and private schools will be responsible for making payment to the IHE within 30 days after the end of the semester in which the students were enrolled in a course under the ECCP. Note that the ECCP also permits students to take courses at an IHE in the summer session.

School districts and private schools will also be responsible for reporting to the department regarding costs incurred for courses taken by students under the ECCP, so that the department can calculate state aid. Each school district and private school will receive state aid in accordance with the cost-sharing mechanism provided for under Act 59, described in the table below.

<u>Credit is earned for:</u>	<u>School District</u>	<u>State</u>	<u>Student</u>	<u>IHE</u>
High School (<i>even if also for postsecondary</i>)*	75%	25%^	0%	Cost sharing through limit on allowable tuition charge
Postsecondary <u>only</u> *	25%	50%^	25%^ (<i>only if no undue financial burden</i>)	

*The course must not be comparable to one offered in the school district in which the student is enrolled.

^Via reimbursement to school district as aid disbursed by the department and from the student (where appropriate).

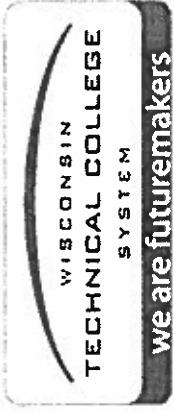
Act 59 provides \$1,753,500, beginning in 2018-19, for payments to school districts and private schools under the ECCP, in the following proportions:

1. For a student who took a course for high school credit (even if also for postsecondary credit), 25 percent of the actual cost of tuition for the course**.
2. For a student who took a course for postsecondary credit only, 50 percent of the actual cost of tuition for the course**.

**Payments will be prorated if the appropriation is insufficient to fully fund all eligible claims for reimbursements submitted by school districts and private schools.

I hope this information is helpful in clarifying questions about the cost structure for the new ECCP. Please contact the Career and Technical Education Team in the department with questions at: dualenrollment@dpi.wi.gov, or at 608-267-3161.

c: Jennifer Kammerud, Policy Initiatives Advisor
 Sharon Wendt, Director, Career and Technical Education



Comparison of Early College Credit Program & Start College Now

Overview

The 2017 Wisconsin Act 59 eliminated the Course Options and Youth Options programs as of 6/30/18. Beginning 7/1/18:

- The Youth Options statute (118.55) was renamed the **Early College Credit Program**, which allows Wisconsin public and private high school students to take one or more courses at an institution of higher education for high school and/or college credit. Under this section, “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 located in the state. For questions about this information, please contact Department of Public Instruction (DPI), Tahira Chaudary (608) 267-3161.
- **Start College Now** (38.12(14)) allows WI public school pupils that have completed 10th grade to have the option to take courses at technical colleges through a separate statute **Start College Now**, 38.12(14). For questions about this information, please contact the [Wisconsin Technical College System \(WTCS\)](#), Ann Westrich (608)-261-4588.

For a more detailed understanding of the changes from Youth Options to Early College Credit Program and Start College Now please review the comparison chart below and the statutes for the Early College Credit Program and Start College Now.

<p>Provision</p>	<p>Early College Credit Program (NEW) Effective 7/1/18</p>	<p>Start College Now (NEW) Effective 7/1/18</p>
<p>Eligible Students</p>	<p>Students attending Wisconsin public and private schools, not concurrently enrolled in Start College Now Program. <u>Wis. Stat. § 118.55(2)(a)</u></p>	<p>Students attending Wisconsin public schools, not concurrently enrolled in Early College Credit Program. <u>Wis. Stat. 38.12(14)(a) and Wis. Stat. § 118.55(2)(a)</u></p>

<p>Eligible Grades</p>	<p>9 - 12</p> <p><u>Wis. Stat. § 118.55(2)(a)</u></p>	<p>11 & 12</p> <p><u>Wis. Stat. 38.12 (14)(a)(1)</u></p>
<p>Eligible Institutions</p>	<p>Collectively referred to as "Institutions of Higher Education" (IHE)</p> <p>Includes UW System institutions, tribally controlled colleges, and private, nonprofit institutions of higher education</p> <p><u>Wis. Stat. § 118.55(1)(b)m</u></p>	<p>Collectively referred to as "Institutions of Higher Education" (IHE)</p> <p>Includes only Wisconsin technical colleges.</p> <p><u>Wis. Stat. 38.12 (14)(a)</u></p>
<p>Inapplicability</p>	<p>Certain courses taught through the UW System and Private and non-profit institutions of higher education are excluded from eligibility. Please see <u>2017 Assembly Bill 805</u> for more information.</p>	
<p>Eligible Semesters</p>	<p>Fall, spring and summer</p> <p><u>Wis. Stat. § 118.55(2)(a)</u></p>	<p>Fall and spring only</p> <p><u>Wis. Stat. 38.12(14)(3)</u></p>
<p>College/Course credit limitation</p>	<p>18 college credits total between ECCP and SCN with corresponding district policy; no annual or semester limits</p> <p>UW System institutions must notify student of whether credits earned are transferable between and within institutions.</p> <p>Note: 18 credits is the minimum amongst the two programs a school district must offer a student during the students eligible time. For ECCP it is grades 9-12, for Start College Now is grades 11-12.</p>	<p>No annual or semester limits, however districts may have policy limiting the total number of credits to 18.</p> <p>Note: 18 credits is the minimum amongst the two programs a school district must offer a student during the students eligible time. For ECCP it is grades 9-12, for Start College Now is grades 11-12.</p>

<p>Application and Notification</p>	<p>Students must submit an application to the IHE in the previous school semester. The student must notify the school board or the governing body of the private school of the student's intent to enroll in an IHE.</p> <p><u>Wis. Stat. § 118.55(2)(a)</u></p>	<p>Student must submit a Start College Now application that notifies the school district ("board") within the identified deadlines to request enrollment at the technical college at which course(s) are being sought.</p> <p><u>Wis. Stat. 38.12(14)(a)(3)</u></p>
<p>Deadline for notification or application</p>	<p>Students must notify district of intent to enroll in Early College Credit Program courses by March 1st (for fall courses) and October 1st (for spring courses). No specification for summer course application deadline</p>	<p>Students must notify district of intent to enroll in Start College Now by March 1st (for fall courses) and October 1st (for spring courses)</p> <p><u>Wis. Stat. 38.12(14)(a)(3)</u></p>
<p>Deadline for notifying student of decision</p>	<p>District must notify student of approval and/or rejection of desired courses before the beginning of the semester in which the pupil will be enrolled</p> <p><u>Wis. Stat. § 118.55(3)(b)</u></p>	<p>District must notify student of approval and/or rejection of desired courses by May 15th for courses to be taken in fall and November 15th for courses to be taken in spring.</p> <p><u>Wis. Stat. 38.12(14)(c)</u></p>
<p>Method of selecting applicants</p>	<p>An IHE must admit a student if there is space available and the student meets the requirements and prerequisites of the course</p> <p><u>Wis. Stat. § 118.55(4)(a) 1. and 2.</u></p>	<p>An IHE may admit a student only if there is space available and the student meets the requirements and prerequisites of the course</p> <p><u>Wis. Stat. 38.12(14)(b)(1)</u></p>

<p>District denial of high school credit for ECCP or Start College Now course</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Doesn't satisfy a high school graduation requirement · District offers comparable course <p><i>Note:</i> <i>see payment section, district is still responsible for 25% of the cost in the event the course is taken for postsecondary credit only</i></p> <p><u>Wis Stat. § 118.55(3)(b)</u></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Doesn't satisfy a high school graduation requirement · District offers comparable course · Student applicant has record of disciplinary challenges. <p><i>Note:</i> <i>Student may still take the requested course if student meets enrollment and course pre-requisites as a regular WTCS student, outside of Start College Now. If so, student will have to pay all costs and, if determined to not satisfy a high school graduation requirement, only receive college credit</i></p> <p><u>Wis. Stat. 38.12(14)(c)</u></p>
<p>Appeal considerations</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Meets graduation requirements · District offers comparable course · Filed within 30 days of receiving decision <p><u>Wis. Stat. § 118.55(3)(b)</u></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Meets graduation requirements · District offers comparable course · Filed within 30 days of receiving decision <p><u>Wis. Stat. 38.12(14)(c)</u></p>
<p>Responsibility for paying cost of approved course</p>	<p>Student's district of full-time attendance, state, IHE, and pupil (if applicable)</p> <p><u>Wis. Stat. § 118.55(5)</u></p>	<p>Student's district of full-time attendance.</p> <p><u>Wis Stat. 38.12(14)(d)</u></p>

<p>Cost/course</p>	<p><u>High School Credit Only OR High School AND Postsecondary Credit</u> <i>if the District does not offer a comparable course</i></p> <p>School District – 75%</p> <p>State – 25% (The DPI shall reimburse the school board of the school district the amount received from the department of workforce development under this section)</p> <p>Pupil – 0%</p>	<p>Pupil's school district is responsible for all portions of tuition, fees and books per pupil attending WTCS, pupil is not responsible for any portion of the above.</p> <p><u>Wis. Stat. 38.12(14)(f)</u></p>
	<p><u>Postsecondary Credit Only</u></p> <p><i>if the District does not offer a comparable course</i></p> <p>School District - 25%</p> <p>State – 50% (The DPI shall reimburse the school board of the school district the amount received from the department of workforce development under this section)</p> <p>Pupil – 25% (the school board/private school must waive and pay the pupil's share of the tuition charge if it is determined that it would pose an undue financial burden to the student and their family, as determined by DPI administrative rule.)</p> <p>Notes:</p> <p><u>IHE cost sharing through limit on allowable tuition charge</u></p>	

	<p>The tuition charged for each credit assigned to the course may not exceed the following:</p> <p>For an institution within the UW System or a tribally controlled college (other than UW college campus), cost is 1/3 of the amount that would be charged for each credit assigned to the course to an individual who is a Wisconsin resident and who is enrolled as an undergraduate student.</p> <p>For a UW college campus (two-year campus), cost is 1/2 of the amount that would be charged for each credit assigned to the course to an individual who is a Wisconsin resident and who is enrolled as an undergraduate student.</p> <p>For a private, nonprofit institution of higher education, cost is 1/3 of the amount that would be charged for each credit assigned to a similar course offered by the UW-Madison to an individual who is a Wisconsin resident and is enrolled at the UW-Madison as an undergraduate student.</p> <p><u>Wis. Stat. § 118.55(5)(a)-(e)</u></p>	
<p>Transportation</p>	<p>Student/parent responsible for any transportation costs for attending course(s)</p> <p>Note: funding is available to assist in transportation costs for families in need</p> <p><u>Wis. Stat. § 118.55(7g)</u></p>	<p>Student/parent responsible for any transportation costs for attending course(s)</p> <p><u>Wis. Stat. 38.12(14)(e)</u></p>

2017 Wisconsin Act 59

Summary of Early College Credit Program

Overview

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For a more detailed understanding of the changes from youth options to early college credit, please review the comparison chart below and the revised statute for the Early College Credit Program.

For questions about this information, please contact Jahira Chaudary (608) 267-3161.

Provision	Early College Credit Program (NEW) Effective 7/1/18	Youth Options Effective until 6/30/2018
Eligible Students	Students attending Wisconsin public and private schools <u>Wis. Stat. § 118.55(2)(a)</u>	Students attending Wisconsin public schools

<p>Eligible Grades</p>	<p>9 - 12</p> <p><u>Wis. Stat. § 118.55(2)(a)</u></p>	<p>11 & 12</p>
<p>Eligible Institutions</p>	<p>Collectively referred to as "Institutions of Higher Education" (IHE)</p> <p>Includes UW System institutions, tribally controlled colleges, and private, nonprofit institutions of higher education</p> <p><u>Wis. Stat. § 118.55(1)(bm)</u></p>	<p>Collectively referred to as "Institutions of Higher Education" (IHE)</p> <p>Includes UW System institutions, tribally controlled colleges, private, nonprofit institutions of higher education, and Wisconsin Technical Colleges</p>
<p>Eligible Semesters</p>	<p>Fall, Spring, and Summer</p> <p><u>Wis. Stat. § 118.55(2)(a)</u></p>	<p>Fall and Spring only</p>
<p>College/Course credit limitation</p>	<p>18 college credits total with corresponding district policy; no annual or semester limits</p> <p>UW System institutions must notify student of whether credits earned are transferable between and within institutions.</p> <p><u>Wis. Stat. §§ 118.55(3)(c) and (7t)(a)</u></p>	<p>18 college credits total with corresponding district policy; no annual or semester limits</p>
<p>Application and Notification</p>	<p>Student must submit an application to the IHE in the previous school semester. The student must notify the school board or the governing body of the private school of the student's intent to enroll in an IHE.</p> <p><u>Wis. Stat. § 118.55(2)(a)</u></p>	<p>Student notifies the school district ("board") using DPI developed form and enrolls at college or university at which course(s) are being sought.</p>

<p>Deadline for notification or application</p>	<p>Students must notify district of intent to enroll in Early College Credit Program courses by March 1st (for fall courses) and October 1st (for spring courses). No specification for summer course application deadline</p> <p><u>Wis. Stat. § 118.55(3)(a)</u></p>	<p>Students must notify district of intent to enroll in Youth Options courses by March 1st (for fall courses) and October 1st (for spring courses)</p>
<p>Deadline for notifying student of decision</p>	<p>District must notify student of approval and/or rejection of desired courses before the beginning of the semester in which the pupil will be enrolled</p> <p><u>Wis. Stat. § 118.55(3)(b)</u></p>	<p>District must notify student of approval and/or rejection of desired courses by May 15th for courses to be taken in fall and November 15th for courses to be taken in spring</p> <p>PI 40.04(3)(c)3.</p>
<p>Method of selecting applicants</p>	<p>An IHE must admit a student if there is space available and the student meets the requirements and prerequisites of the course</p> <p><u>Wis. Stat. § 118.55(4)(a)1. and 2.</u></p>	<p>An IHE may admit a student only if there is space available</p>
<p>District denial of high school credit for ECCP course</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Doesn't satisfy a high school graduation requirement District offers comparable course <p>Note: see payment section, district is still responsible for 25% of the cost in the event the course is taken for postsecondary credit only</p> <p><u>Wis Stat. § 118.55(3)(b)</u></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Doesn't satisfy a high school graduation requirement District offers comparable course <p>Note: Student may still take the requested course under Youth Options, but will have to pay all costs and, if determined to not satisfy a high school graduation requirement, only receive college credit</p>

<p>Appeal considerations</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Meets graduation requirements · District offers comparable course · Filed within 30 days of receiving decision <p><u>Wis. Stat. § 118.55(3)(b)</u></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Meets graduation requirements · District offers comparable course · Filed within 30 days of receiving decision
<p>Responsibility for paying cost of approved course</p>	<p>Student's district of full-time attendance, state, IHE, and pupil (if applicable)</p> <p><u>Wis. Stat. § 118.55(5)</u></p>	<p>Student's district of full-time attendance or the pupil (if applicable).</p>
<p>Cost of course</p>	<p><u>High School Credit Only OR High School AND Postsecondary Credit</u> <i>If the District does not offer a comparable course</i> School District - 75% State - 25% (The DPI shall reimburse the school board of the school district the amount received from the department of workforce development under this section) Pupil - 0%</p> <p><u>Postsecondary Credit Only</u> <i>If the District does not offer a comparable course</i> School District - 25% State - 50% (The DPI shall reimburse the school board of the school district the amount received from the department of workforce development under this section) Pupil - 25% (the school board/private school must waive and pay the pupil's share of the tuition charge if it is determined that it would pose an undue financial burden to the student and their family, as determined by DPI administrative rule.)</p> <p>Notes: <u>IHE cost sharing through limit on allowable tuition charge</u></p>	<p><u>High School Credit Only</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · For WTCs and UW-System, actual cost of tuition, fees, books, and other necessary materials directly related to the course. · For private, nonprofit colleges, lesser of the actual cost of tuition fees, books, and other materials directly related to the course or an amount determined according to statutory formula.

	<p>The tuition charged for each credit assigned to the course may not exceed the following:</p> <p>For an institution within the UW System or a tribally controlled college (other than UW college campus), cost is 1/3 of the amount that would be charged for each credit assigned to the course to an individual who is a Wisconsin resident and who is enrolled as an undergraduate student.</p> <p>For a UW college campus (two-year campus), cost is 1/2 of the amount that would be charged for each credit assigned to the course to an individual who is a Wisconsin resident and who is enrolled as an undergraduate student.</p> <p>For a private, nonprofit institution of higher education, cost is 1/3 of the amount that would be charged for each credit assigned to a similar course offered by the UW-Madison to an individual who is a Wisconsin resident and is enrolled at the UW-Madison as an undergraduate student.</p> <p><u>Wis. Stat. § 118.55(5)(a)-(e)</u></p>	
<p>Transportation</p>	<p>Student/parent responsible for any transportation costs for attending course(s)</p> <p>Note: funding is available to assist in transportation costs for families in need</p> <p><u>Wis. Stat. § 118.55(7g)</u></p>	<p>Student/parent responsible for any transportation costs for attending course(s)</p> <p>Note: funding was available to assist in transportation costs for families in need</p>