

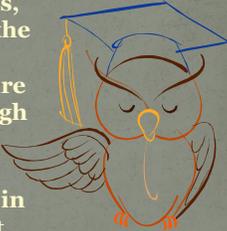
**Early College:
Bridging the Gap between High School
and College**



**Amesbury High School
&
Northern Essex Community College**

What is The Early College Program?

- It affords sophomores, juniors, and seniors the opportunity to take college courses that are integrated into the high school curriculum.
- This program gives students a head start in earning college credit.



Why Early College?

- Moving into 21st century education and global learning
- Individualized learning styles are maximized
- Increased access to college coursework
- College knowledge/literacy



Can Sophomores do this?

- Absolutely!
- Guidance and Advising
- Supportive Parents
- Supportive Faculty



Curriculum

Mass Transfer Block

<i>English Composition/Writing</i>	<i>6 credit hours</i>
<i>Behavioral and/or Social Sciences</i>	<i>9 credit hours</i>
<i>Humanities and/or Fine Arts</i>	<i>9 credit hours</i>
<i>Natural or Physical Science</i>	<i>7 credit hours</i>
<i>Mathematics/Quantitative Reasoning</i>	<i>3 credit hours</i>
<i>Total</i>	<i>34 credit hours</i>

The courses that will each earn 3 college credits

- American Literature I
- United States History I
- College Success Seminar



Sample of a 10th Grade Schedule

-	Quarter 1	Quarter 2	Quarter 3	Quarter 4
A Block	Band/ Chorus	Band/ Chorus	Band/ Chorus	Band/ Chorus
Block 1	Integrated Geometry IIA	Integrated Geometry IIB	Health	Integrated Geometry IIC
Block 2	American Studies I/ Early College	American Studies I/ Early College	American Studies I/ Early College	American Studies I/ Early College
Block 3	Physical Education	Ceramics	Digital Imaging I	Guitar I
Block 4	Chemistry A	Chemistry B	Spanish II	Spanish II

How is The Early College Program funded?

- The cost of a three credit course at Northern Essex Community College is approximately \$655.00.

\$1965.00	3 College Courses
0	Textbooks
- \$ 1165.00	The Partnership Contributes
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\$ 800.00	The Cost for Early College

Northern Essex Community College Payment Plan

- \$400.00 will be due in July
- Parents and students will have the option of paying the remaining \$400.00 in August
- Payment must be complete to participate in the program



An Estimated Cost Comparison of Colleges

College	The cost of one college course (3 credits)
Northern Essex Community College	\$655.00
Salem State University	\$1,365.00
University of Massachusetts Dartmouth	\$2,920.25
Boston University	\$9,484.44

Criteria to participate in The Early College Program

- All students have taken the Accuplacer through Northern Essex College in conjunction with a local writing assessment
- Students must be entering grade 10
- Students must have earned credits in both World History and Grade 9 English



College Success

- Part of the NECC Community, On-campus Resources
 - Events
 - Sports
 - Activities
- Building an academic transcript - Grades, Invoice
 - Grade Point Average
 - Transferability of courses
 - Financial Aid
 - Massachusetts Public Higher Education System



How to get started

- Completion of Accuplacer and WAT
- Register in June through Northern Essex Community College representatives in the Guidance Center
- Please talk to students currently enrolled in Early College
- Talk to your current teachers and guidance counselor

Please fill out the Information Card that is attached to the copy of this Power Point



Questions

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