

Career Focused Pathways

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Agenda for Tonight

- What is Early College?
- What are the different ways that AHS offers students college credit while still in high school?
- What are Career Focused Pathways?
- What are the benefits of this opportunity?
- How much does it cost?
- How do I apply?
- What are the next steps?
- Questions

What is Early College?

- An opportunity to take college courses while still in high school.
- Commonly used terms include Dual Enrollment, Contract courses, cohort classes.
- College courses can be taken at AHS or on a college campus
- Tonight's Early College opportunities involve juniors and seniors taking college courses on the Northern Essex Haverhill Campus.

What are the different ways that AHS offers students college credit while still in high school?

- Select courses are offered at Amesbury High School, using our teachers, who have been approved as adjunct college professors.
 - Currently we are able to offer two different English classes and two different history classes using our own teachers.
- Contract Courses offered to seniors by NECC where NECC professors come to Amesbury High School and teach a course to our students.
 - Composition I and Composition II
 - In the past have offered Criminal Justice, Sociology, and Psychology.
- Courses offered on the NECC Haverhill campus by NECC professors. NECC has created a high school block on their campus from 12:30 pm to 1:45 pm

What are career focused pathways?

- College courses that have been mapped out to include courses within the Mass Transfer Block that will move students forward in coursework relative to their area of interest.
- The six different pathways include:
 - STEM
 - Business
 - Liberal Arts
 - Education
 - Criminal Justice
 - Healthcare
- Undecided students can also participate in an **exploratory** pathway

What are some courses that are offered in these pathways?

FALL							
Course #	Course name	STEM	Business	Lib Arts	ED	CJ	Healthcare
ENG 101	English Comp I	X	X	X	X	X	X
REA 101	<i>Critical College Reading *</i>						
MAT 115	Applied Math *	X	X	X		X	
MAT251	Calculus I *	X	X	X		X	X
MAT 130	Precalc Bus *		X	X		X	X
MAT 118	Mathematical Ideas I				X		X
MAT125	Statistics *		X	X		X	X
ECO 201	Micro Economics		X	X			
PSY 101	Intro Psychology	X	X	X	X	X	X
LIT 271	World Lit I	X	X	X	X	X	X
HIS 101	US History I	X	X	X			
CIS110	Computer Applications *	X	X	X	X	X	X
BIO101/BIO 102	Human Bio & Lab *	X	X	X	X	X	X
CHM121	Gen Chem *	X	X	X			X
ASL 101	Elem Amer Sign Lang I	X	X	X	X	X	X
SOC 104	Intro to Criminology	X	X	X		X	
COM 111	Public Speaking		X	X	X	X	

What are the benefits of this opportunity? Why should I consider this?

- Provides exposure to a career focused pathway to help a student discover if he/she is really interested in that area.
- Earn college credit at a reduced rate while still in high school (\$110 per credit - most courses are 3 credits and cost \$330)
- Experience learning in a college setting.
- Gain experience with using the support systems in place on a college campus.
- When applying to colleges, any college course is recalculated by the college with the same weight as an AP course.
- Extensive list of colleges accept college credits earned in high school as at least elective credits.
 - This allows students to take courses in their major earlier in their college experience.
 - Merrimack and UNH
- Students have full access to NECC facilities and resources
- NECC rate extends to courses outside of the Pathways program (through summer after senior year)

How much does it cost?

- \$110 per credit
- The cost of an Associate Degree (60 credits) during high school years would be \$6,600.
- **Estimated** cost of books - \$150 per semester
- Many of our Early College Students have started college as a sophomore in terms of credits.

Logistics, application process, and next steps?

- Courses can be taken during Fall Semester, Spring Semester, and Summer I Session (May - juniors only)
- Students can earn up to 15 credits per year (six credits each in Fall and Spring and three credits in Summer I).
- Courses run from 12:30 - 1:45 Monday through Friday. There will be four days of classes and one day of student support. Individual arrangements will be made for students on the non class day.
- With our new six block schedule, students will have the opportunity to leave after fourth block/lunch to attend courses at NECC - Haverhill.
- Students in these courses will be with other high school students from neighboring schools - Newburyport, Pentucket, Triton, Haverhill
- Students are NOT locked into a pathway or taking courses in all three sessions.
- Students will be *in session* at NECC during February and April vacations and stay at AHS during March NECC spring break.

Logistics, application process and next steps?

- **Informational Meetings**
 - Student meeting during FLEX on 3/12
 - Notify Ms. Saurman of potential interest by 3/16
 - Ms. Saurman will meet with all interested students during FLEX on 3/17
 - Set up meetings with individual parents and students to complete AHS paperwork for the Pathway Program
- **Apply**
 - Fill out Early College application and return to Ms. Saurman by 3/20. Note: Completing the application is non-binding.
- **Assess**
 - If students have not taken and passed the Accuplacer in Reading and Writing, arrangements will be made for that to happen
 - Students can test individually at the NECC Haverhill campus OR
 - Amesbury will arrange group testing at AHS
- **Enroll**
 - Registration for AHS courses
 - Will take place in early April
 - Registration for NECC courses
 - Will take place beginning in April

FAQs

- Can I take courses required for graduation on the NECC campus?
- Can I take credits required for graduation on the NECC campus?
- How will my student get from Amesbury High School to the NECC Haverhill campus?
- What are the expectations for my student when the college and high school vacations do not line up?
- What if our family cannot afford courses?

Questions?