

Early College

The Early College of Northwest Ottawa County provides students with the potential to earn both a high school diploma and an associate's degree (or up to 60 college credits) which are transferable to most state colleges and universities. Programs usually require students to attend both high school and Early College for five years instead of the typical four.

The Early College program is a partnership among Muskegon Community College, the OAISD, Allendale HS, Grand Haven HS, Spring Lake HS and Coopersville HS.

- **Qualifications:** Selection is based on an application process. Students apply in the winter of their sophomore year.
- **Credit:** Students take both high school and college courses concurrently. College credits may be transferrable.
- **Course Costs:** Early College and the college credits earned are completely free.
- **Course Location:** College courses will be offered in Coopersville, Grand Haven, and at MCC. All college courses are offered through MCC.
- **Transportation:** Transportation may be provided by the district to some locations. Students should expect to provide their own transportation, especially in the 12th and 13th years.

**THE CHOICE
IS UP TO YOU!**

For additional information or to develop a plan for early college opportunities, please contact your high school counselor and set up a time to meet and discuss.

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Careerline Tech Center

Careerline Tech Center (CTC) provides a variety of careers for student exploration, as well as the potential for earning college credit. CTC programs range from 1–2 years and can be taken during junior and/or senior year. Most students apply in the winter of their sophomore year in order to maximize their CTC options.

Because these programs are aligned with both high school and college courses, CTC offers students a seamless transition from high school to a career technical education program and/or college.

- **Qualifications:** All students are eligible to apply during the winter of their sophomore and/or junior year for the following year.
- **Credit:** All courses count as high school credit. Most offer the option of earning college credit as well, either through articulation or direct credit or both.
- **Course Costs:** There is a fee required for those wishing to earn direct credit for college. Additional course work may be required. College articulation credit is free, but usually non-transferable between colleges.
- **Course Location:** Split time between high school and Careerline Tech Center.
- **Transportation:** Provided by the district.

Advanced Placement (AP)

Advanced Placement (AP) courses allow students the opportunity to take college level courses at their high school. These courses are taught by high school teachers.

The course offerings and requirements for these classes may differ from year-to-year, so please check with your counselor.

- **Qualifications:** Coopersville HS may require students to complete a lower level course with a minimum grade and/or a minimum score on a standardized test in that subject area.
- **Credit:** Courses count as high school credit. To earn college credit for an AP course, students need to earn a minimum score of 3 (or 4) out of 5 on an AP examination. The number and type of college credits granted varies from college to college.
- **Course Costs:** Taking these classes is free; however, there is a fee for taking the AP exam at the end of the course. Students who qualify for free and reduced lunch may apply for a fee reduction.
- **Course Location:** High School.

Articulation

Articulation is an agreement between the high school and the college. The college grants credit for pre-approved courses that are successfully completed at the high school. This credit is listed on the student's college transcript along with title of the college's equivalent course. Articulation credits do not usually transfer from one college to another.

Coopersville High School has articulation agreements with MCC, GRCC, Baker College and Davenport University.

- **Qualifications:** Must earn a grade of B (3.0) or better in high school articulated courses. The high school teacher or counselor signs a form verifying that the student has mastered all requirements for that course.
- **Credit:** Courses count for both high school and college credit. Articulated credit does not usually transfer from one college to another.
- **Course Costs:** There is no cost for articulated credits.
- **Course Location:** High School.

Dual Enrollment

This option allows students in grades 9-12 to take up to 10 college courses at a discounted rate, while they are still in high school. Students are not allowed to take courses currently offered at the high school, unless they first complete the high school's equivalent course. Students cannot dual enroll in physical education, hobby, recreation, or religion courses.

- **Qualifications:** To be eligible to take a dual enrollment course, students must have a minimum GPA and a qualifying score on the ACT, Plan, or Explore tests, or on the Michigan Merit Exam (MME).
- **Credit:** Courses can count for high school credit, college credit, or both – it's up to the student. Discuss this option with a school counselor.
- **Course Costs:** The district will pay for the portion of tuition and fees that is equal to the state foundation allowance for the student. Cost will vary depending on the college the student attends. More expensive colleges will cost the student more out-of-pocket money.
- **Course Location:** College campus or online.
- **Transportation:** Provided by students.