

DRAFT Early College Credit Options 101

There are multiple ways high school students can earn early college credit. In the designing an early college partnership, each partner should consider their individual institution's human capacity, facilities and academic strengths to determine which early college credit option should be leveraged for each course or course equivalency in the design of the early college model. Partners should also consider assessing the educational backgrounds of the high school teachers and the likelihood of their targeted student populations to meet the existing student eligibility requirements for the desired early college credit option.

Early college credit type	Instructor requirement	Student eligibility	Funding source	Eligible for faculty credit residency
Advanced Placement	Meet K-12 licensure requirements in field. Attend Advanced Placement trainings and professional development.	District determined. Student must take and score high enough on the Advance Placement exam to earn college credit.	Student covers the exam cost unless eligible for free and reduced lunch. MDE can cover exam costs for free and reduced lunch.	No
Articulated high school to college courses	Meet K-12 licensure requirements in field and any specified in the articulation agreement.	Determined by the articulation agreement.	District covers cost and student only receives credit if they enroll in the college or colleges that sponsored the articulation agreement.	No
Concurrent Enrollment	High school teacher must meet the same credentialing requirements as the college faculty. Usually a master's degree in field of instruction or a master's degree plus 16 graduate credits in field of instruction.	Student must meet PSEO eligibility including: class rank, percentile on a nationally standardized, norm-referenced test and have met the prerequisite placement level established by the college for the course wishing to enroll in.	District and college contractual agreement. District covers the cost of the college mentor. Student per pupil funding stays at the district.	No.
International Baccalaureate	Meet K-12 licensure requirements in field. Attend International Baccalaureate trainings and professional	District determined. Student must take and score high enough on the Advance Placement exam to earn	Student covers the exam cost unless eligible for free and reduced lunch. MDE can cover exam costs for free and reduced	No

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PSEO-Post Secondary Education Options	Usually a master's degree in field of instruction or a master's degree plus 16 graduate credits in the field of instruction.	Student must meet PSEO eligibility including: class rank, percentile on a nationally standardized, norm-referenced test, and have met the prerequisite placement level established by the college for the course wishing to enroll in.	Student per pupil funding goes to the post-secondary institution	Yes