



CAREER AND COLLEGE PROMISE (CCP)

9th and 10th Grader College Transfer Pathway Participation

IMPLEMENTATION FAQ FOR NC PUBLIC SCHOOLS

How are we able to expand the CCP College Transfer Pathway to 9th and 10th graders?

This opportunity is based on recent legislation *NCGS 115D-20(4.a.3.II)*, *Session Law 2019-185*, *Senate Bill 366*.

Do all public high schools and colleges have to offer this opportunity?

No. The legislation permits this opportunity but does not require this program. This is a local decision and depends on collaboration with district/high school and community college to determine the appropriateness and feasibility of this program based on school, college and student needs. Both the college and district/school need to decide together if they want to offer this opportunity. One organization cannot decide to offer this opportunity alone.

Is this program designed for all 9th and 10th graders?

No. This program is designed for students on accelerated pathways who meet the requirements and have a clear vision for their post-secondary plans.

What requirements must be met for a student to be eligible?

A student must meet all the requirements based on the legislation:

- Be a high school freshman or sophomore,
- Demonstrate college readiness per NCCCS guidelines,
- Be identified as Academically Gifted in Math (AM) and Academically Gifted in Reading (AR), Academically Gifted (AG), or Academically and Intellectually Gifted (AIG) per Local AIG Plan*,
- Demonstrate maturity to justify college admission evidenced by signatures and a rationale of the community college president or designee, student's high school principal or designee, and AIG Coordinator*,
- Participate in academic advising with the high school/district and college, and
- Provide parental consent for participation.

At what time does a student become eligible?

A student becomes eligible to enroll in CCP courses after a student meets all eligibility requirements. This can be as early as the freshman year of high school if enrollment into the program is completed by the first day of the college term and eligibility requirements are met.

Which AIG identification does a student need to have to be eligible for this opportunity?

A student must be identified at least as academically gifted in math and reading. AR and AM, AG, or AIG based on identification criteria aligned to the district/charter Local AIG Plan. Per NCDPI, academically gifted in reading satisfies as English for the college purposes.

Is there a standard document for eligibility verification?

Yes. NCDPI and the NCCCS collaboratively developed a standard verification form for this new opportunity. It is not required at this time, but it is recommended to ensure effective implementation. Eligibility requires the collaboration and approval of school and district level personnel as well as college administration.



How are community college courses delivered?

Community college courses are delivered in a variety of ways based on the college offerings.

Are students expected to complete a CCP pathway?

Yes, however there is no mandate to complete the path. CCP is not a program for exploration for careers or for completing a schedule for one course. It is designed in legislation for completion of pathways aligned to post-secondary plans.

If a student is eligible for CCP, can the student take any community college course?

No. The student must enroll in courses in their chosen pathway.

Who monitors the pathway enrollment?

The community college and LEA monitor pathway enrollment.

Is there a cost to the student?

The program is provided tuition-free for the student. Colleges/High Schools/Districts may or may not cover the costs of fees, books and/or other supplies. All associated fees are to be clearly communicated with the students/families and would be best addressed in an MOU.

How is college readiness determined?

See NC Community College System Office requirements. See Attachment A in the CCP Operating Procedures.

Can a rising freshman enroll in CCP?

A student must be classified as eligible by the beginning of the college term. A student must be promoted to 9th grade on the beginning of the first day of the college term and meet all the other criteria.

NOTES:

*This is considered Option 1 by the State Board of Community Colleges. All LEAs and Charter Schools with Local AIG Plans have District/Charter AIG Coordinators and follow Option 1.

If a Charter School does not have an official Local AIG Plan, the student verification will follow the State Board of Community Colleges rules for Option 2. The costs for all associated assessments in Option 2 are not the responsibility of the college. Option 2 requirements are: Be identified as academically or intellectually gifted in English, reading and math on an aptitude and achievement test as evidenced by a score in the range between the 92nd percentile and the 99th percentile on an aptitude and an achievement test included in the Mental Measurements Yearbook published by the Buros Institute of Mental Measurement.