

Early College  
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What are we?

A small learning community that strives to create a **family-like environment** where students are developed to be **self-advocates, independent learners, cooperative group members, and college level thinkers** who effectively communicate with their peers and instructors all while striving to earn 30-60+ college credits.



# Why EC?

- x Small learning community and family-like atmosphere
- x Opportunity to earn 30-60 hours of dual credit
  - x Lighter college load/semester abroad
  - x Earlier graduation from college/double major
  - x Associate degree into the workforce or military
- x Students leave CGHS ready for the rigor and experience of college courses.



## Small Learning Community

- Each grade level has approximately 125 -155 students.
- Family-like atmosphere
- Similar to teaming in middle school, EC students are with the same cohort over their high school courses--having several core classes together.
- Many classes have a cross curricular emphasis.
- The majority of these core courses are in the EC area, so students maintain close relationships with all their core teachers.

So what does  
that mean?

What is EC?

# Uniquely EC

- EC STaRs
  - EC leadership ambassador STaR
- Two counselors
  - Freshman
  - 10-12
- Tutors
  - Math/English (dual-credit classes)
- Our Community
  - Programming Events (beginning of year kickoff; senior signing day; EC senior celebration, etc.)
  - Holiday Helpers
  - Classrooms near each other
  - Team of teachers



## *College Credits... What do I need to know?*

- College require 30+ hours of “general education requirements”
- EC@CG partners with Vincennes University to offer these college classes at the high school.
- These classes are taught by our teachers or a VU professor online.
- These courses are \$25-\$75 per credit hour, compared to \$200-\$400 offered at local colleges and universities.
  - Last year our students saved over \$1.3 million.
- Most dual credit courses begin students junior and senior year (similar to AP).
- Most dual credit courses are weighted.



# College Credits... What do I need to know?

## How does my child earn the credit?

- Students must first qualify for the course by meeting the prerequisite grade requirement and over cumulative GPA requirement.
- Students must earn a “C” or better in the course.
- The grade is a part of the high school transcript.

## Where do the credits transfer?

- Classes are transferable to public institutions in and out of Indiana.
  - IU, Ball State, IUPUI, Purdue, USI, UIndy, UK, Connecticut, South Carolina, etc.
- We have also had success with small, private schools
  - Liberty, FC, Anderson, Lipscomb, Hanover, etc.

## What if my child needs extra support for these college courses?

- VU provides a math and English tutor.
- Tutors are housed at CG and work 25 hours a week.
- Most courses aren't taken until Junior/Senior year.

## *What are the possible pathways my student can pursue if in EC?*

### Indiana College Core (ICC)/Core 30 (30 hours of college credit)

- Students take specific courses over four years to complete the 30 hour block
- If students earn all 30 hours with a “C” or better, they complete the ICC.
- This can be equivalent to their freshman year of college.
  - Speech, English Comp, World Language, History, Sociology, Psychology, Fine Arts, Science, Math

### Associate’s Degree (60 hours of college credit)

1. General Studies (emphasis on English and history courses)
2. General studies with an emphasis on Information Technology or Business

### Perspective: Graduating class of 2022

- 76 ICC
- 43 Associates Degree
- ALL students earned between 20-73 college credits



## Common Misconceptions

My student will attend a 4 yr school, so EC won't help them.

My student doesn't plan to attend VU, so EC won't help them.

- 94% of the EC graduating class of 2022 went on to a 4 year school
  - 74 In-State 4 yr Public
  - 26 In-State 4 yr Private
  - 10 Out of State 4 yr Public
  - 7 Out of State 4 yr Private
  - 2 In-State 2 year Public
  - 2 Military
  - 2 Apprenticeship
  - 1 Workforce

++Majoring in...

- nursing (direct admits into nursing);
- Business/Finance (DA to Kelly);
- biology, engineering, education, psychology, informatics, etc.

# Sample freshman EC track

1. EC English
2. EC Biology / EC Honors Bio\*/ H Chem\*/Physics\*
3. EC Geography
4. EC math / honors math\*
5. VU Keystone\*\*/PE
6. World Language
7. Elective
8. Study Hall

Students will be recommended for honors math and science courses based on the following:

- X Lexile
- X Current Success (grades)
- X ILearn
- X NWEA

\* Indicates Weighted Course

\*\*Indicates dual credit



↔ As EC students work to prepare for college courses, their Eng 9 course is accelerated (compared to non-EC English).

## Application Process:

- Apply online through the high school's webpage and EC webpage or
  - <https://tinyurl.com/EC2027>
  - Closes 2/17 at 3pm
  - 2/24 decisions emailed
- Application Criteria includes:
  - NWEA scores
  - ILearn scores
  - Grades
  - Citizenship & Attendance
  - Application information
- Students need to be at or above grade-level academically to be successful in the EC program.

How does my child "get into" the Early College program?

## Let's hear from our students.

- x Describe your EC classes.
- x Describe the EC community.
- x Amount of work?
- x What activities are you involved in and how do you manage it with your school work?
- x Future plans and how EC has helped?

