



## EARLY COLLEGE FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

- 1) What is Early College? *Early College (EC) is a program that enables high school students to take college courses through Honolulu Community College and earn college credit while still in high school.*
- 2) Is EC easy? *NO! Taking EC requires commitment, discipline and hard work. You will be taking **actual college courses taught by a college instructor!** Students who sign up for EC and are not serious about working hard actually are hurting themselves because they end up having a bad (or failing) grade, which goes onto your FHS and college transcripts.*
- 3) Do students earn high school credit? *YES! In addition to earning college credit, students earn a high school credit for any EC course that they pass.*
- 4) When can a student begin taking EC classes at FHS? *Students can begin taking EC courses in the Spring semester of their 9<sup>th</sup> grade year.*
- 5) Is there a limit as to how many EC classes a student can take? *A first time EC student should take one (1) course to see how he/she does in the program. In subsequent semesters, a student can take more than one in a semester (only if the work load is manageable)*
- 6) How often are courses offered? *A new set of courses is offered every semester, including summers. If a student passed one EC course each semester for one year (including summer), they would have completed 3 college courses (Fall, Spring, Summer)*
- 7) Which college courses are offered? *FHS offers a wide variety of courses including general education courses and more topic-specific type courses.*
- 8) Are courses graded on a 5 point scale? *Certain EC courses are graded on a 5 point scale (not all EC courses are)*
- 9) Are EC courses free to the student? *YES! Currently, EC courses are free to the student.*
- 10) Do the grades earned in EC count towards your FHS GPA? *YES! All EC grades earned will show on your high school transcript and be incorporated into your cumulative high school GPA. In addition, EC students will begin their college transcript and college GPA once they start taking EC courses.*
- 11) How are courses offered? *Currently, courses are offered either in-person or online. This is so we can offer more options to accommodate students' schedules.*
- 12) Are the college credits earned in EC transferable to other colleges? ***YES! Credits earned through EC are transferable to the vast majority of colleges that our FHS graduates attend (including UH Manoa, and mainland four-year universities)***
- 13) How do I apply for EC? *The application process begins in February (for Summer and Fall terms) and in September (for Spring term). **Check your FHS email everyday for updates/important information regarding the application process.***
- 14) Who do I contact if I have any questions regarding EC? *Contact the EC Coordinator, Mr. Honda if you have any questions regarding EC. He is located in A-273. His email is [reganh@farringtonhighschool.org](mailto:reganh@farringtonhighschool.org). **He has been FHS' College Counselor for 15 years and works directly with College Admissions representatives!***



