

YCUSD Early College Program FAQs for 2025-26

1. **Q.** If I am accepted into the Early College program for my freshman year of high school, do I have to apply to be in the program every year?

A. No. Once you are in, you are in the program for the four years of high school.

2. **Q.** Is there a college tuition for Early College courses?

A. No. There is no tuition for high school students who take less than 11.5 units in Fall or Spring semester and less than 8.5 units in the summer.

3. **Q.** Is there a cost for books needed for Early College courses?

A. No. All required Early College course textbooks are purchased by Yuba City Unified School District.

4. **Q.** How will Early College students get their college course textbooks?

A. Early College students will check out required textbooks at their respective high school library.

5. **Q.** Are the college instructors, who teach Early College students, employees of Yuba City Unified School District?

A. No. The college instructors who teach Early College students are employees of Yuba College. Completely independent of Yuba City Unified School District.

6. **Q.** What is “study hall”?

A. Since there are no college classes on Wednesdays and students do not have high school class during period 1 (and 2 for YCHS), 9th graders have to go to period 1 study hall.

7. **Q.** Can Early College freshman get a study Hall Exemption?

A. Early College 9th graders are not eligible to submit a study hall exemption for the fall semester. However, Early College 9th graders are eligible to submit a study hall exemption for the spring semester.

8. **Q.** What are the criteria for a study hall exemption?

A. Grade of “C”, **not** “C-“, or better in all of your high school and college classes combined. No more than 1 C for all high school and college classes combined.

9. **Q.** Can I choose to withdrawal from the Early College program?

A. Yes. Students withdrawal from the Early College program for various reasons (i.e. early high school graduation; poor college grades; courses do not fit the career interest).

10. **Q.** If I withdraw from the Early College Program before the end of my senior year, will I still participate in the Early College recognition events and receive the Early College graduation stole?

A. No. The Early College Program recognition events and the graduation stole is awarded to students who complete the Early College Program through the end of their senior (12th grade) year.

11. **Q.** Who do I call when my son/daughter is going to be absent to a college course?

A. No one. Only students can contact college professors. It is a good practice for students to email their professors about an future absences or absences due to illness. But, parents do need to call the high school.

12. **Q.** Can I take summer college courses?

A. Yes, as long as the college courses are not courses that are part of the Early College 4-year plan. Summer courses will require approval from the Dual Enrollment Coordinator.

13. **Q.** Can I take additional college courses during the fall or spring semester?

A. Yes. Early College students can take additional courses in Fall or Spring semesters. Additional courses will require approval from the Dual Enrollment Coordinator.

14. **Q.** Are my college grades weighted like AP and Honors courses?

A. Yes. College grades are weighted like AP and Honors courses.

15. **Q.** Will the college courses give me high school credit toward high school graduation.
A. Yes. All college courses will be posted on your high school transcript.
16. **Q.** Will I only have one transcript to send to a university when I apply to a 4-year university?
A. No. You will have two transcripts. You will have a high school transcript, which will also include your college courses and you will have a college transcript which will only have your college courses. You will need to send both transcripts to the university you will be attending after high school.
17. **Q.** If I go to YCHS, can I take a pre-period and then go to my college course?
A. Not advisable. More than likely, you will be late to your college class every day.
18. **Q.** Are there any other limitations to being in the program?
A. Yes. There may be some high school elective courses you may not be able to take because the high school elective is offered during your Early College course.
19. **Q.** How do I register for college courses?
A. Students have to submit an online college application to be admitted to Yuba College. The Dual Enrollment Coordinator will enroll Early College students into their college courses.

20. **Q.** If I do not get into the Early College Program, can I still take college classes?

A. Absolutely. Many students take college courses on their own in the summer and during the school year.