

Dual Enrollment Opportunities for MPS Students 2025-26

Dual enrollment/dual credit is when high school students earn both college and high school credit at the same time through a single class. The credit can be for a graduation requirement or an elective credit. Dual enrollment is recognized by the U.S. Department of Education What Works Clearinghouse as having positive effects on the completion of high school, college access and enrollment, credit accumulation, and students’ degree attainment.

Transcribed Credit	Early College Credit Program Start College Now	M ³ College Connections	Contracted Courses (At High School)
A course taught by a certified MPS high school teacher that counts as both a high school and college course. Primarily done through Milwaukee Area Technical College (MATC) but also can be a UW System university such as UW–Milwaukee. Teachers must qualify to teach the course and complete the required paperwork for the course to count as a college course. Students must register with the college/ university (MATC/UWM). Courses are right at the high school and meet the same amount of time as other high school classes. Primarily seniors and juniors but could include sophomores. Examples include: ● Creative Writing ● Precalculus ● Introduction to Computer Programming ● Introduction to Children’s and Young Adult Literature ● Introduction to Engineering ● Marketing Techniques <i>Note: Not all courses are offered at every MPS high school</i>	Early College Credit Program (ECCP) and Start College Now (SCN) were formerly known as Youth Options (YO). These state programs allow individual students to take college courses at a four-year or technical college. Students must be accepted by the college, and the school district pays tuition. Students are limited to no more than 18 credits through this program. Students take the courses on campus or online and are in regular college classes along with college students. Students are responsible for traveling to and from the college campus. Open to all high school grades. Students must apply early: ● October 1 – to take college classes in the spring semester ● March 1 – to take college classes in the fall semester ● February 1 – to take college classes in the summer	A cohort of students take college courses through MATC and UWM that count for both college credit and toward the MPS graduation requirements. May use a corequisite model for students to cover both the college remedial and credit-bearing course content to increase success. Students remain attached to their home school and take all their courses on campus. Students are responsible for travelling to and from the college campus (bus passes provided). Students take mostly preselected courses with other MPS students. This program has a coordinator providing support to the students and families. Open to sophomores, juniors, and seniors based on pathway. Pathways include: ● General (courses at UWM and MATC) ● Healthcare (courses at MATC only) ● Education (apprenticeship at an MPS elementary school)	College courses from UWM or MATC that are co-taught by both an MATC/UWM and an MPS instructor. Courses are right at the high school. The MATC/UWM instructor typically co-teaches in the spring semester with the MPS instructor who provides instruction and support for students on the days the college instructor is not there. Students must register with the college/university (MATC/UWM). Courses are right at the high school and meet the same amount of time as other high school classes. Primarily for seniors and some juniors that qualify. HVAC starts with sophomores. Possible content areas include: ● Information Technology ● Hospitality and Tourism ● Architecture and Constructions ● Advanced Manufacturing ● Healthcare <i>Note: Not all courses are offered at every MPS high school</i>

Other Ways to Earn College Credit in MPS

Advanced Placement (AP) and International Baccalaureate (IB): Students may earn potential college credits upon reaching a specific minimum score on the exam administered by the College Board (AP) or International Baccalaureate (IB). Students must enroll into a postsecondary institution that awards credit for AP or IB exams to receive college credit for the exams passed with the specific minimum score.