

CPS/MACC EARLY COLLEGE FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

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Question 1: I don't know my high school schedule yet. How do I know what times to schedule my MACC classes?

Answer: High school schedules are not finalized until early August. We will schedule MACC in April as best we can based on other factors listed below and make adjustments once high school schedules are complete.

1. Make sure high school graduation requirements are covered between the high school schedule and the MACC schedule. High school graduation requirements and various 4 year college requirements can be found [here](#) for review. You can view your transcript and next year course requests in Home Access. We will work together to develop a schedule that meets these needs.

2. IMPORTANT MSHSAA ELIGIBILITY INFORMATION:

Early College students will need to be enrolled in 3.0 credits each semester and have earned the required credits to meet the eligibility requirement for the previous semester to maintain MSHSAA eligibility. While enrolled in Early College, credits are calculated using both the MACC and high school schedules. If a student is enrolled in only MACC courses, their MACC converted credits need to equal 3.0 each semester.

You may be signed up for a "wintermester" course with MACC that begins in December and runs through January. Any courses taken during the wintermester do NOT count toward your Fall eligibility credit totals since our semester concludes in December. It will count toward your spring eligibility.

Here are the conversions for college credits to CPS high school credits:

College course earns 1 - 3 credits - High school credit is 0.5

College course earns 4 or more credits - High school credit is 1

Please review your schedules and let me or your school counselor know if you need to add any classes for eligibility. A good rule of thumb, make sure you are enrolled in at least 3.0 credits and don't fail or withdraw from anything. *ALSO, IF YOU ARE RETAKING A MACC COURSE FOR A BETTER GRADE - THAT COURSE DOES NOT EARN YOU ADDITIONAL HIGH SCHOOL CREDIT AND CANNOT BE*

USED TOWARD THE CALCULATION OF YOUR 3.0 CREDITS FOR THE SEMESTER PRIOR AND SEMESTER OF COMPETITION.

3. How do the MACC credits convert to high school credit?

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Visit [here](#) to see the common MACC courses our Early College students have taken and how they will apply to the high school transcript.

4. If you are in a sport or activity that has practice after school and/or leaves in the afternoon for games, matches, or events; you will want to consider morning MACC classes. Marching band students typically have morning practice and class, so you will want to schedule MACC classes in the afternoon.
5. Students who drive will naturally have more flexibility with scheduling MACC course times and can take that into consideration when scheduling.
6. MACC has said they will allow schedule changes through the first week of class.

Question 2: What CPS transportation will be provided?

Answer: Transportation will be provided between the home high school to MACC and back to the home high school. If attending a 9 am class, we will try to transport you from home in order to make the 9 am class on time. Coordination of transportation will happen in the summer once both MACC and CPS schedules are in place.

Question 3: Can an Early College student be in MACC classes only?

Answer: Yes, that is a possibility. Just make sure to keep an eye on graduation requirements and MSHSAA eligibility.

Question 4: If I am an athlete and have a competition on a day when I don't have any classes, do I have to be at school for a certain amount of time? For example, my MACC classes run Monday - Thursday and my competition is on a Friday.

Answer: Attendance for competition days apply if you have classes that day, so using the question above as an example, this student wouldn't have to be at school if they don't have classes to attend.

Question 5: Does MACC accept AP courses? How do I know what they will accept?

Answer: Yes, MACC does accept AP courses with qualifying scores. Go [here](#) for MACC transfer credit information including AP courses and required scores. You will need to have scores sent from College Board to MACC for them to officially apply the credit to your college transcript.

Question 6: I don't have my MACC ID, Login, or Password yet. How do I get that.?

Answer: At the end of your enrollment/advising meeting with MACC, they will give you that information but you can always call MACC at 573-234-1067 for assistance.

Question 7: After advising with MACC, why am I seeing a balance due for the courses?

Answer: CPS will be paying the tuition for the courses. With this being a new program, MACC will make the adjustments and will bill CPS. If you get a bill or have a charge you are unsure about, contact Mr. Biener.

Question 8: Who is paying for textbooks? How do I get my book codes or pick up hard copy books?

Answer: CPS will purchase textbooks before the semester begins. Students will check out the textbooks from MACC Columbia in the LARC downstairs (not the bookstore!) Some classes will have e-books (which can be found in the Canvas shell for the course) and some will have paper textbooks. Check with the LARC before purchasing anything as we will most likely already have it reserved for you (including books or codes for electronic materials). LARC email and contact info can be found by visiting: <https://www.macc.edu/index.php/larc>

Question 9: What is the number of classes per semester I have to take at MACC to be in this program?

Answer: In order to do the Early College program, you will need to take a minimum of 12 credit hours **per semester**. Most students are taking between 12 and 15 credit hours **per semester**.

****There is no minimum for Summer courses.**

Question 10: When applying for the Early College program, one of my ACT scores qualifies but my other score does not. What should I do?

Answer: The Accuplacer test is for students to take if they don't have one or more of the qualifying ACT scores. If one of your ACT scores qualifies, but the other does not, you only have to take the Accuplacer for that non-qualifying subject. Make sure to email jbiener@cpsk12.org copies of all score reports.

Question 11: Do the grades I receive for my MACC classes apply to my high school transcript and GPA and how do I monitor grades?

Answer: At the end of each semester, we will add the MACC classes to your high school transcript with the assigned letter grade. The grades earned will be calculated into your cumulative high school GPA. The MACC courses are weighted. The letter grade MACC assigns is the letter grade that will be placed on the transcript. At this time, there are no IPR's for MACC courses. We follow MACC's grade reporting for courses, so for day to day grade monitoring students (parents via the student) are able to view grades in Canvas.

Question 13: What are the college readiness (ACT/Accuplacer) score requirements and how do I sign up for the Accuplacer test?

Answer: [Early College - College Readiness Standards 2024 - 2025](#)

Question 14: What if I need to drop a MACC course once the year starts? How do I do that? Will I still be able to do the program? Is it all or nothing?:

Answer: If you feel you need to drop a class, first let Mr. Biener know. We want to make sure we have any graduation or MSHSAA requirements taken care of or if we are needing to add a course back at the high school. We require that you take a minimum of 12 credit hours to be in the Early College Program, so we will need to discuss why the course or courses are being dropped and make any necessary plans for the current or next semester. We do need to adhere to MACC's deadlines for dropping a course.

Question 15: What if I don't have my MACC login information, can't get into Canvas, or just need a MACC question answered?

Answer: Visit - <https://www.macc.edu/index.php/services/help-desk>

Question 16: How do I get a MACC ID?

Answer: Visit - <https://www.macc.edu/student-affairs/get-your-macc-student-id/>