



An accelerated, structured college pathway for motivated students

Information for prospective students and families



What is the Early College Program?

- This program begins in the **9th grade**.
- During 9th, 10th & 11th grade, students will take a defined list of college credits in combination with their high school classes.
- Senior year, students will be enrolled full-time at SJR State.
- Graduate high school with strong college momentum

How the Program Works

- Grades 9–11: High school coursework combined with scheduled college classes
- Summer courses may be online or on campus
- Grade 12: **Full-time** enrollment at SJR State

Who Thrives in Early College

- Strong academic foundation
- Independent time management
- Self-advocacy and communication skills
- Emotional and social maturity

Eligibility Overview

- Dual Enrollment in Florida requires a minimum 3.0 unweighted high school GPA
- Current 8th grade students may apply for the Early College Program
 - *Must have a high school GPA.*
- No Level 1 or 2 FAST scores (ELA or Math)
- Passing 8th grade coursework
- Eligible high school math enrollment

Test Scores -College Ready

Test & Course Placement	ACT	CLT	PERT	Digital PSAT	PSAT	Digital SAT	SAT
ENC1101	19 Reading, 17 Writing (English)	38 Sum Verbal Reasoning & Grammar/Writing	106 Reading, 103 Writing	490+ EBRW	24 Reading, 25 Writing	490 EBRW	24 Reading, 25 Writing
MAT1033	19-20 Math	16-18 Math	114 Math	480 Math	24 Math	480 Math	24 Math
MAC1105, STA2023	21-26 Math	19-40 Math	123-150 Math	530 Math	26.5 Math	490- 560 Math	25-28 Math
MAC1147, MAC2233	27+ Math					570- 600 Math	29-30 Math
MAC2311	30+ Math					610+ Math	31+ Math

Test Scores

ALL DE Programs

Students must be engaged in college preparatory curriculum throughout high school and showing signs of increased college readiness to continue to participate each year.

By the 11th grade year, students must have college ready test scores in math, reading, and writing to take college-level math and English courses. Students who do not receive a college ready test score before the deadline set by the high school, may be removed from the collegiate high school program.

Students should be utilizing the EdReady program given to them in the 9th grade to have a better chance of achieving a college ready test score prior to the 11th grade.

Dual Enrollment Pathways

- **Early College:** Cohort-based, structured AA pathway
- **Traditional Dual Enrollment:** Flexible course selection
- **Early Admissions:** Full-time college enrollment in grades 11–12

A True College Experience

- College-Level coursework, grading and expectations
- Permanent college transcript
- Professors communicate directly with students
- College policies, procedures, calendar, expectations applies

High School vs. College Expectations

- Students manage deadlines independently
- Communications occurs via college email and Canvas
- Parents do not contact instructors
- Accountability: Due dates, attendance policy etc.
- Rigor, responsibility, organization and communication are essential

Calendar Contrasts: High School vs. College and Navigating Instructor Communication

- The college calendar is sometimes not the same as the high school calendar. If you are taking a class on our campus or online, you will be expected to attend class regardless of your high school being closed.
- It is the student's responsibility to contact the professor if you are having difficulty in the course or to notify the instructor of an absence. Students must communicate with their instructors; many instructors will not respond to parents. You must use your SJR State Vikings email.

Student Support Services

- Dual Enrollment & Academic Advisors
- Academic Support Center and Library
- Disability Services (student-initiated)
- Dual Enrollment Office for all questions and support

Life Skills Developed

- Independence and confidence
- Professional Communication
- College-level accountability
- Preparation for university and career success

Early College Program (ECP) v Dual Enrollment (DE)

- Early College Program:
 - Scripted path for coursework to result in an Associate in Arts (AA)
 - Periodic touchpoints with high school counselor as well as a college advisor
 - Can meet with a SJRSC Advisor at any time
 - Senior year of high school-full time off campus
- Traditional Dual Enrollment:
 - Students select appropriate course(s) with high school counselor approval
 - Can meet with a SJRSC Advisor at any time
 - Senior year of high school- varying amount of time off campus

You create your success with your habits.

Dual Enrollment Financial Benefits

Dual enrollment students and parents are statutorily exempt from all tuition, textbook, and fees.

2025-2026 SJR State In-State Tuition \$108/credit hour

\$108/Credit Hour X 60 Credits = **\$6,480**

Approximate Textbook cost for 60 credits = **\$2,840**

Total Tuition & Textbook Savings Per Student: \$9,320



Dual Enrollment Success Data

SJR State Dual Enrollment Student Course Success Rate 2022-2023	
Classes at the High School Site	98.56% Success
Classes at SJR State's Campus	92.85% Success
Online SJR State Classes	85.36% Success
All SJR State Locations	96.83% Success

Success is defined as achieving a grade of A, B, or C divided by total number of students enrolled in course.

Source: Internal SJR State data

Graduation at the Intersection

- Upon completing the Associate in Arts degree requirements in your senior year, you'll have the unique opportunity to partake in two graduation ceremonies. This allows you to receive both your high school diploma and Associate in Arts degree. For both ceremonies, you may wear a stole—specifically designed for Early College Program graduates.



Early College Program - Admissions Process

- All eligible 8th grade students must apply to be in the Early College Program lottery through the SJCSD Program of Interest Application System prior to **January 26 by 5:00 pm**. Sixty students will be accepted per high school. If the number of eligible students who apply exceeds the number of seats allocated for the program, a lottery will be applied for the final selection. **The Programs of Interest system is open January 5, 2025 – January 26, 2026 (closing at 5:00pm).**
- Acceptance or denial notification of the results will be available in student HAC accounts.
- See the Registration Timeline <https://cte.stjohns.k12.fl.us/timeline/>
- Program of Interest Guide (PDF) [Programs of Interest](#)
- Applying for Programs of Interest <https://cte.stjohns.k12.fl.us/apply/>



Common Programs of Interest Application Errors

- Multiple 1st Choice Options
- Applications for a duplicate program at zoned school
- More than three selections chosen
- Duplicate Academy Selections

The lottery cannot run if there are any errors with a student application.

Early College Program Lottery Application Process, through the SJCSD Program of Interest Application Process

The student MUST use their own student HAC account – not the parent/guardian's account to apply.

1. Log into the Home Access Center
2. Select the **Classes** icon
3. Select the **Requests** tab
4. Click the **Edit** button to the right of the Academy/Programs of Interest Application.
5. When you select the Edit button, you will be presented with a list of options.

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Early College Program Lottery Application Process, through the SJCS D Programs of Interest Application Process

6. Each option is shown with a 1, 2, or 3 in the description.

- For example:
 - “PMHS Early College Program-1st choice” indicates a FIRST CHOICE
 - You may pick up to 3 **different** choices at one or more schools
- If you would like to apply to an academy at a school that offers the Early College Program, please keep this in mind as you rank your preference.
- You **may** request to be considered for Programs of Interest located in different schools. However, you will only be selected for placement in a single school, in order of your choices. *As a reminder, the parents/guardians of students attending an out-of-zone school are required to provide transportation for the student to and from the out-of-zone school.*
- Click the **Save** button to save your preferences. Your selections will be shown on the Requests tab.

Questions & More Information

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