

North Providence Public Schools
North Providence High School Early College Access Protocol

Introduction

This protocol accompanies and facilitates North Providence Public Schools’s (the “District”) Early College Access Policy. Students and their families shall be encouraged to pursue approved North Providence Public Schools early college, dual or concurrent enrollment opportunities at any local public or non-public postsecondary institution.

Information

Prior to enrollment the District shall provide the following information to students considering enrollment:

1. Eligibility criteria
2. Conditions warranting removal requirements of the dual and concurrent enrollment course and consequences of failing to complete the course
4. Process for granting dual and concurrent enrollment academic credit
5. Benefits to the student of successfully completing a dual or concurrent enrollment course
6. Available educational support services at the secondary and postsecondary schools
7. Student’s academic, attendance and conduct responsibilities
8. Scheduling and transportation responsibilities
9. Postsecondary institution requirements, course content, grading policies, attendance requirements, course completion requirements, performance standards, graduation requirements and the ability to award degree certificates in RI, if applicable.

NPBS shall distribute written information and hold an informational assembly each fall for students interested in these programs. During the annual scheduling process, students may request further information from their guidance counselor regarding concurrent and dual enrollment options.

Students shall be invited to an end of the year meeting with the high school educator to make

them aware of summer work and general course expectations. The sponsoring postsecondary institutions provide NPHS with confirmed course rosters and final grade records to track student enrollment in and completion of dual/concurrent coursework. Results are printed as part of the standard NPHS student transcripts. Students may request official college transcripts directly from the postsecondary institution. NPHS does not have access to each student's personal college records and therefore cannot provide official college transcripts.

Students interested in Early College Access options should speak to their guidance counselor for additional information, including the name and contact information of the NPHS faculty member who coordinates each program. Information regarding a specific program shall be included in the NPHS Course of Study and made available at the school or online on the school website <http://npsd.k12.ri.us/nphs>. The website shall include academic and financial information governed by the college/university about each program, including guidelines, eligibility, criteria, credit acceptance; and the website for each sponsoring post-secondary institution.

Eligibility

Eligibility criteria for Concurrent Enrollment opportunities:

- Students must maintain a minimum of a "B" average in the course content area
- Teacher and/or District chair recommendation
- Parental approval
- Any other criteria required by the sponsoring postsecondary institution

Eligibility criteria for Dual Enrollment opportunities:

- Complete all NPHS Diploma System course credit requirements with the exception of Twelfth Grade English, the fourth math-related requirement, and Physical Education/Health
- Complete all NPHS Diploma System Performance-Based Graduation Requirements (PBGR's)
- Earn a 2.0 GPA
- Principal and guidance counselor approval
- Parental approval
- Attendance and conduct history will be considered
- Any other criteria required by the sponsoring postsecondary institution

Opportunities available at NPHS

Early Enrollment Program (EEP): Juniors and seniors take honors courses in various subjects at NPHS and earn transferable college credits through Rhode Island College. (Dual Enrollment)

Advanced Placement (AP): Juniors and seniors take AP courses in various subjects at NPHS and complete the College Board standardized final examination. (Opportunity for college credit upon receiving minimum score on AP exams)

Early Credit High School Program: Juniors and seniors take courses at NPHS and earn transferable college credits through the University of Rhode Island (URI Writing). (Concurrent Enrollment)

Law, Public Safety, and Security Project: Students can take courses in science (Forensics) and social studies (Criminal Justice) to earn transferable college credits to Roger Williams University. (Concurrent Enrollment)

Project Running Start: Qualified seniors may complete their final year of high school as a full-time student at Community College of R.I. (Dual Enrollment)

Early Enrollment Program: Qualified seniors may complete their final year of high school as a full-time student at Johnson and Wales University (Dual Enrollment)

Computer Science (CTE Pathway): Students enrolled in the CS Pathway would earn credits for the first two courses in this pathway offered in partnership with the University of RI. (Concurrent Enrollment)

High School Enrichment Program: For enrichment purposes, students can earn six (6) college credits per semester at Community College of R.I. which may be accepted at NPHS for courses that are not available at the high school. High School Administration, guidance, and parental approval required. (Concurrent Enrollment)

Cost

The State of Rhode Island may provide funding for participation at certain public post-secondary institutions. Unless specifically provided for in the District budget, all costs associated with early college, dual, and concurrent enrollment courses are the responsibility of students and their families. The District will ensure the participation of students receiving a free or reduced lunch by providing assistance in identifying funding sources.