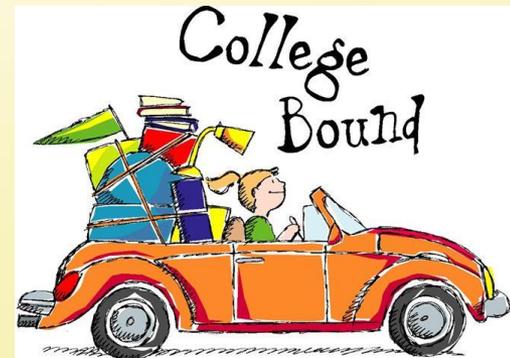


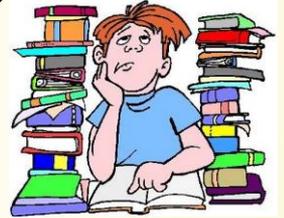
What is Early College?

An opportunity to graduate from high school with a HS diploma AND up to 21 or more transferable college credits.

- Transferable to all Virginia public colleges and most privates
- 21 credits is more than one college semester, approximately 7 courses



How does Early College differ from Advanced Placement (AP)?



Advanced Placement

- Designed to give experience of an intro-level college class while in high school
- Able to utilize high school resources
- Academic rigor
- College credit received with a passing score on the AP exam

Early College

- Students apply and are enrolled in college
- Students will take courses on the high school campus and on the college campus
- Academic rigor
- After the successful completion of the course, students will receive college credit

How does it work?



- Students take two English courses the fall of their senior year: ENG 111 and ENG 112 in a 9 week format.
- Students who pass ENG 111 and ENG 112 may then enroll in the on-campus portion, taking up to five courses on the Thomas Nelson campus.
- Students are mixed in with traditional college students
- Students have all the rights and responsibilities of traditional college students because they ARE college students.

What can students expect?

- Personal advising
- Priority scheduling
- Orientation programs
- Campus Tours
- Access to all resources
- Rigorous college courses
- Transfer Fairs



What types of courses can students take?



- All students will enroll in a Student Development Course (SDV 100) during the Spring semester.
- May choose from a number of transferrable and non-transferrable courses
- We urge students to begin researching possible majors or areas of interest
- Students who plan to transfer credits should reach out to the college(s) of their choice to see what will be required
www.vccs.edu/students/transfers

What about high school activities?

- Flexible scheduling allows students to be active at their home high school
- High School liaison to keep students informed on campus activities
- Graduate with your class
- Go to Prom
- All the fun of senior year, and college too!



Why is it a good deal?

- Makes a strong academic record stronger.
- Shows the ability to do college level work
- Provides room for experimentation later in college career
- Potential for graduating from college early
- Participate in a collegiate experience on campus
- Make new friends and meet new people
- Financial savings



Is there a down side?

- This is college, NOT college prep.
- Messing up is permanent.
- College is different than high school (FERPA)
- There is no extra credit.
- Professors expect you to be responsible; no reminders.
- If it's on the syllabus, you have to know it.



What other questions do you have?

If you have further questions:

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