

Thomas Academy College and Career Promise

Eligibility and Drop Policy

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Career and College Promise

The Career and College Promise program is designed to offer qualified high school students structured dual enrollment opportunities that provide both entry-level job skills as well as pathways leading to a certificate, diploma or degree.

The board, in collaboration with local community colleges, may provide for dual enrollment of a qualified high school student in community college courses through (1) a Career and Technical Education Pathway leading to a job credential, certificate or diploma aligned with one or more high school Career Clusters or (2) a College Transfer Pathway leading to college transfer credits.

The board may also partner with institutions of higher education to establish cooperative innovative high school programs that enable a student to concurrently obtain a high school diploma and (1) begin or complete an associate degree program, (2) master a certificate or vocational program or (3) earn up to two years of college credit within five years. Students are eligible for these programs beginning in eleventh grade.

The superintendent shall develop procedures consistent with this policy, state law and State Board policies.

I. ENROLLMENT IN CAREER AND COLLEGE PROMISE

Career and College Promise is the result of a partnership between the North Carolina State Board of Education, the North Carolina Community College System, the University of North Carolina system, and many of North Carolina's independent colleges and universities. Rules governing Career and College Promise are established by those entities. This regulation provides general information about Career and College Promise. For more specific information, students and parents should consult the prospective community college and/or the student's school counselor.

A. Career and College Promise Description

Career and College Promise provides structured opportunities for eligible high school students to dually enroll in community college courses and earn college credit, tuition free, while still in high school. Academic credits earned through Career and College Promise enable students to accelerate the completion of a postsecondary credential, such as a certificate, diploma, or degree that leads to college transfer or provides entry-level job skills. Students may choose from the following types of options or “pathways”: College Transfer Pathways leading to a minimum of 30 hours of college transfer credit; Career Technical Education Pathways leading to a job credential, certificate, or diploma; or the Cooperative Innovative High School Pathway, which enables a student to begin earning tuition-free college credits as a high school freshman.

B. College Transfer Pathways

1. Description

The Career and College Promise College Transfer Pathways are designed for students who wish to begin earning credit towards a two-year associate degree and a four-year baccalaureate degree. These pathways are a structured set of general education courses designed to, upon successful completion, transfer to any North Carolina public university or participating private college or university. The College Transfer Pathways require the completion of at least 30 semester hours of transfer courses.

Students may choose either the Associate in Arts College Transfer Pathway (for students who wish to begin study toward the Associate in Arts degree and a baccalaureate degree in a non-STEM major) or the Associate in Science College Transfer Pathway (for students who wish to begin study toward the Associate in Science degree and a baccalaureate degree in a STEM or technical major).

2. Eligibility

To be eligible for initial enrollment in a College Transfer Pathway, the student must:

- be a high school junior or senior;
- have a weighted 3.0 grade point average on high school courses; or
- demonstrate college readiness in English/writing, reading, and mathematics on an approved assessment or placement test.

To remain eligible for continued enrollment in a College Transfer Pathway, the student must:

- maintain a 2.0 or higher grade point average on college coursework after completing two courses; and
- be progressing toward high school graduation, as determined by the student's principal.

A student who falls below a 2.0 grade point average is subject to the community college's policy for satisfactory academic progress.

Students participating in a College Transfer Pathway must meet college course pre-requisite requirements established by the community college and comply with any other rules or requirements of the community college applicable to students participating in Career and College Promise.

C. Career Technical Education Pathways

1. For Juniors and Seniors

The Career Technical Education Pathway for high school juniors and seniors leads to a certificate or diploma aligned with a high school career cluster.

To be eligible for initial enrollment in a Career Technical Education Pathway, a high school junior or senior must meet the following criteria:

- have a weighted 3.0 grade point average OR be recommended by the principal or designee; and
- meet the course prerequisites for the career pathway if applicable

To remain eligible for continued enrollment in the Career Technical Education Pathway, the student must:

- maintain a 2.0 or higher grade point average on college coursework after completing two courses; and
- be progressing toward high school graduation, as determined by the student's principal.

A student who falls below a 2.0 grade point average after completing two college courses will be subject to the community college's policy for satisfactory academic progress.

II. CALCULATION OF GRADE POINT AVERAGE

The grades for any courses approved for high school credit will be calculated into the student's grade point average in accordance with State Board of Education Policy [GCS-L-004](#).

III. COSTS FOR CCP

The State of NC pays the tuition costs for all eligible CCP students. Thomas Academy will pay the required fees (currently \$31 per registered student) and the cost of required books and codes. SCC also partners with Thomas Academy and provides free hot spots for CCP students who lack internet access at their home.

IV. WITHDRAWAL FROM AN SCC COURSE

Students who wish to withdraw from an SCC course must do so in writing before the college drop period. The student will earn a W on their SCC transcript. Students can withdraw from their SCC course before day 10 without affecting their high school transcript. If a student withdraws from an SCC course after the first 10 days of the course, the student will earn a 59 on their high school transcript. Students who drop a course(s) will be on a probationary period for 1 semester and will not be allowed to enroll in CCP courses for the following semester.

Students are allowed one semester grace period of dropping a class. In the first semester a student drops an SCC course, they will receive a WF on their HS transcript. A WF- Withdrawn Failing does not count in GPA students receive no GPA Points and no graduation credit. In any other semester following their first SCC class dropped, students will receive a 59 on their transcript for any SCC course dropped. A grade of 59 will count as a failing grade and will negatively impact their GPA. The student will not receive course credit for a grade of 59.

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