

Classes offered outside of Portage

High School:

Portage High School offers different classes through 4 different programs. This document is to help you navigate through the different programs, application forms and deadlines.

Please read through the section of the document completely to receive the most up to date directions and guidelines.

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Early College Credit Program (ECCP)

Students in grades 9-12 attending a private or public high school are permitted to enroll in a UW College System institution, or a private non profit institute of higher education, through the Early College Credit Program (ECCP) to take one or more secular courses for which the student may earn high school credit, post-secondary credit, or both. Under the ECCP, the costs of courses are shared among the institute of higher education, the school district, the state, and in some cases, the student's family. **The following deadlines are rigid and late applications will not be accepted: February 1st for summer courses, March 1st for fall courses, and October 1st for spring courses.**

Eligibility Requirements: (UW Baraboo Example)

1. Successful completion of one year of geometry with a grade of "C" or better and one of the following: Minimum cumulative high school grade point average of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale, ACT composite score of 22 or SAT of 1110, or Class rank of top 50 percent (seniors), or top 10 percent (juniors/sophomores).
2. **Students with an academic dishonesty violation in the last calendar year are not eligible for this program.**
3. Students are responsible for transportation to and from campus.

Levels of Reimbursement

Before selecting classes, please review the levels of reimbursement:

1. If the school district offers a comparable course:
 - a. ECCP application can be denied, this means the student will pay 100% of the normal rate tuition. This would no longer be considered ECCP, but the student and school still have to use the ECCP Participation form.
2. If there is no comparable course offered **AND** it fulfills a graduation requirement:
 - a. The student can earn high school and college credit. District pays 75%, State 25%, Student 0% of the tuition.
3. If there is no comparable course **AND** does **NOT** fulfill a graduation requirement:
 - a. The student will earn college credit only. District pays 25%, State 0%, Student 25% of the reduced rate.

ECCP Application Process (UW Baraboo Example)

1. Filling out the application

The first step in beginning the application process is to fill out the application. You can pick one up from your school counselor or it can be found at the 'High School Special Student' page on the UW- Platteville: Baraboo website under Step 2.

2. Selecting courses

Students should reference the recommended courses for the ECCP under 'High School Special Students' searchable on the UW-Platteville: Baraboo website. It is recommended that students only select courses that they have met the prerequisites for. Please remember the levels of reimbursement when it comes to selecting your courses.

3. Turn in your application for district approval

The application must be filled out completely and turned into your school counselor by February 1st for summer courses, March 1st for fall courses, and October 1st for spring courses. These deadlines are absolute and we will not accept late applications.

4. Apply to UW-Platteville: Baraboo

Create a UW System account and apply as a special student to UW-Platteville: Baraboo. Request your transcripts from your school counselor. You will have to re-apply and send your transcripts for every semester you are taking courses at Baraboo.

ECCP will be treated like work release. If you have to go to class in person at the college, you will be off site and not enrolled in class during that time all week long even if the college class is not held everyday. If your class is online, we will provide a study hall for you to work on it during the school day. If the college class conflicts with a high school class, we will remove the high school class. Students may be ineligible to take the college course if they would not meet graduation requirements.

If you are looking to take classes at a different college- please consult their website.

ECCP Frequently Asked Questions

What is a comparable course?

The content of the high school course is at least 80 percent equivalent to the content of the postsecondary course.

How many credits can I earn through ECCP?

Students may earn up to 18 credits through the ECCP.

Does the course have to be listed on the high school transcript?

Unless the class is approved to fulfill a graduation requirement, it will not be listed on the high school transcript. If a student wants it added to their transcript, they have to contact their school counselor.

Start College Now (SCN)

Start College Now allows high school students in 11th and 12th grade the opportunity to take college courses at Wisconsin Technical Colleges.

Eligibility Requirements:

1. Complete 10th grade and be in good academic standing.
2. Submit the complete application to your school counselor by March 1st for fall courses and October 1st for spring courses.
3. Courses must align with the high school schedule.
4. Students with an academic dishonesty violation in the last calendar year are not eligible for this program.
5. Students are responsible for transportation to and from the college.

Reimbursement

If the school district offers a comparable course:

The SCN application can be denied, this means the student will pay 100% of the normal rate tuition. This would no longer be considered SCN, but the student and school still have to use the SCN application.

If the student does not pass their course(s), the student will be financially responsible for payment.

Timeline

1. Complete the application, you can pick one up from your school counselor or find it on the Department of Public Instruction website.
2. Select your classes: When selecting classes, you might consider narrowing your search to online options and classes offered at the Portage Campus.
3. When considering which courses to take, think about first courses in a program and/or general education courses that are not offered at your high school. You can find all the classes listed on the Madison College website when you search “search all courses”.
4. **Submit the completed application by March 1st for fall courses and October 1st for spring courses. These deadlines are absolute, we will not accept late applications under any circumstances.**
5. Receive your application back with classes that have been approved or denied by the district.
6. Create a Madison College account and enroll in the classes that have been approved.
7. After completing a course, it is the students responsibility to send their high school counselor a copy of the final grades within 1 week of them being posted.

Frequently asked Questions:

How do I know if the class I'm interested in is offered Online or at the Portage Campus?

1. Go to the Madison College webpage and search "search all courses"
2. Select a class that you are interested in and click on it.
3. Click on the class again on the next page.
4. In the top right side of the page click "view classes"
5. Under the column labeled "room", look for the "Portage Rm" or "online"
6. If neither of those are listed, the class is not offered at the Portage Campus or online.

Other College/Career Prep Opportunities

Destinations: Career Academy of Wisconsin

Destinations allows high school students (grades 9-12) the opportunity to take classes that are focused in 6 Career Technical Education (CTE) or college prep pathways including Agriculture & Natural Resources, Business Management & Administration, Construction, Health Sciences, Information Technology, and Law/Criminal Justice. This program is

In order for courses to be paid for by the district, students must enroll 6 weeks before the beginning of the semester in which they want to take classes.

Getting Started

1. Explore the classes that are offered at this [link](#).
 - a. When looking at classes, pay attention to the semester and the grade level that they are offered to.
2. Contact your counselor to help you enroll/sign up for classes.
3. Destinations will provide the student with a laptop in order to complete coursework.
4. Students will have one period during the school day per class they are enrolled in as long as they are on track for graduation.

Frequently Asked Questions

How many courses can a student take at a time?

Students may take up to 2 courses at a time. Under extenuating circumstances through DCADirect, we can consider additional courses.

Are students required to participate in synchronous classes? Are there any in person or onsite classes that students need to participate in as part of the DCADirect classes?

No. However, each class does have one to two Class COnnect sessions or synchronous classes each week. If students can participate in real-time, that is ideal; however, students can watch the recorded class at any time during the week to assist in completing their homework. There may be optional field trips but no required in-person events.

Wisconsin Virtual School (WVS) AP Classes

WVS uses Wisconsin certified teachers to facilitate quality online courses that meet state and national standards. The WDLC makes getting involved in online learning uncomplicated by establishing partnerships with local districts. Portage allows its students to take online AP courses that are not offered in person at the high school.

Online Advanced Placement (AP)® courses are offered through an agreement between WVS and various national providers of online courses. The Advanced Placement program allows students to take college level courses and earn college credit while they are still in high school, based on their score on the College Board AP® Exam.

Please talk to your student's school counselor about available classes!

You will need to click on the appropriate link and print off the form. Complete the form and return it to your school counselor by the deadline listed under each section.

Early College Credit Program application link.

[ECCP Link](#)

Start College Now application Link

[Start College Now Link](#)

Destinations Career Academy Application Link

[DCA LINK](#)

Wisconsin Virtual School AP class link

[WVS Link](#)