

College Credit Opportunities

BFHS strongly believes in helping every student access coursework that is the most appropriate and relevant to his or her future plans. In some cases, this may mean a student takes coursework at an Institution of Higher Education [IHE]. The State of Wisconsin has two programs to help students access coursework at an IHE: [Early College Credit Program \[ECCP\]](#) and [Start College Now](#). Additionally, BFHS has two excellent partnerships that allow students to take college coursework at Beloit College or George Williams College [Please note, our agreement with GWC is temporarily suspended due to the COVID-19 pandemic, we hope to restore the agreement once it is safe to do so]. Details about all of these opportunities follow.

Early College Credit Program

- Available to any age student
- A student can take one or more courses at any of the UW-System Universities or Wisconsin's Private, non-profit Institutions
- Students who take a course through ECCP may earn both college credit and high school credit
 - Big Foot High School awards .25 credits for each college credit completed
 - For example...a student who completes a 3 credit college course gets .75 credits at BFHS
- The costs of ECCP are shared between the college, BFHS, the state and in some cases the student's family

How to Apply

- **Complete an ECCP application and turn it in to your counselor by *February 1st* for summer, *March 1st* for fall semester, and *October 1st* for spring semester**
ECCP Participation Forms are available here:
 - [UW-System ECCP Application](#)
 - [Private, non-profit, Institutions ECCP application](#)
- The school board reviews the application and then accepts or denies the request
- [Apply](#) to the campus at which you would like to take the class
- Submit your high school transcripts
- Enroll in your class

Important Links:

[UW System- Dual Credit](#)

[Wisconsin Association of Independent Colleges and Universities- Dual Credit](#)

Start College Now

- Available to junior and senior students
- A student can take one or more courses at any of the Wisconsin Technical Colleges
- Students who take a course through Start College Now may earn both college credit and high school credit
 - Big Foot High School awards .25 credits for each college credit completed
 - For example...a student who completes a 3 credit college course gets .75 credits at BFHS
- The costs of Start College Now are shared between BFHS and the state

How to Apply

- **Complete a Start College Now application and turn it in to your counselor by *March 1st* for fall semester and *October 1st* for spring semester**
Start College Now application forms are available here: [Start College Now](#)
- The school board reviews the application and then accepts or denies the request
- Given the fresh nature of this provision the exact process for getting connected with the school of your choice is not clear; but once your school counselor knows what you want to study and where- he or she will help make the connection.

Important Links:

[Start College Now](#)

Portar Scholars

- Available for rising seniors in the top 10% of the class
- A student may take one course at Beloit College each semester of his or her senior year
- The course is tuition-free

How to Apply

- Students in the top 10% will be notified during spring of junior year
- Apply to Beloit College here: [Porter Scholars Application](#)
- Applications are due April 15th of junior year
- Work closely with your school counselor and Beloit College to ensure the proper paperwork is submitted
- Enroll in your course [typically in the summer before senior year]

Important Links:

[Portar Scholars Program](#)

George Williams College (GWC) of Aurora University

- Dual credit opportunity available to seniors with at least a 3.25 cumulative grade-point-average or a 21 on the ACT
 - Course offering may become available to juniors if spots remain open
- Tuition-free opportunity
 - Students are responsible for renting or buying the books required for each course

How to Apply

- Review the list of available courses
 - These lists come out late in the fall and spring semesters
- If you are interested in a course- check with Mr. Paul to ensure you meet the admission criteria
- Work closely with your school counselor and GWC to complete the application-enrollment and registration process

These are all wonderful opportunities. Please be sure to discuss these options with Mr. Paul if you are interested or if you have any questions.

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