

# Concurrent Enrollment Q&A for Counselors

## How many Concurrent Enrollment courses are offered in our district?

\_\_\_\_\_ currently offers \_\_\_\_\_ different courses from (list higher ed. partners here). Courses offered vary from high school to high school depending on faculty qualifications.

## Is Concurrent Enrollment for every student?

Yes – if you are prepared. Students should be carefully advised when enrolling for a CE class. CE students should be in 11<sup>th</sup> or 12<sup>th</sup> grade, have upper-level academic standing (3.0 GPA and likely to earn an A or B in the class), have a good attendance record, and may have to comply with specific course qualifications (ACT score, ACCUPLACER, successfully complete pre-requisites, etc.) Students need to understand that by signing up for CE credit, they are establishing a college transcript, that CE grades will be on the college transcript, and that a C- grade point average on a college transcript places them on academic probation when they get to college and can jeopardize future financial aid approval.

## What are the benefits of CE?

Students can earn college credit while attending high school, giving them a jump-start on college. No tuition is charged for this credit; however, a student may need to pay an admission fee and textbook and/or lab costs. CE allows students to experience success with a college-level course giving them confidence as they leave high school and enter higher ed. **This is a huge advantage for first-generation college students.**

## Student Advisement

Students should meet with their counselor and/or concurrent coordinator to carefully evaluate their CE course selections. CE credit earned should facilitate their long-term educational goals—students should earn CE credit that will benefit them in their selected major area of study. *Word of Caution...* If a student is interested in an elective CE course but not in pursuing a degree in that subject area, they can enroll in the course but should be aware of how it will articulate into the degree area they plan to pursue.

## What CE courses should a student enroll in?

Students should only register for CE courses that align with their SEOP/Plan for CCR and that follow the student's approved career pathway.

## How many Concurrent Enrollment courses should a student enroll in?

Taking as many CE courses as possible isn't necessarily in the best interest of our students. CE courses are rigorous and require increased study time outside of class. USOE Board Rule limits students to a total of 30 CE credits per school year. Students will be charged tuition at the college rate for any class pushing the total over 30 credits.

## Can you have TOO MUCH CREDIT?

Excessive college credit (CE, AP, IB) can be a detriment if the student chooses a college major that does not have room for extra elective classes. *Too many credits* may lead to a student paying a higher tuition rate as they accumulate too many credits on their transcript and may jeopardize a student's ability to qualify for financial aid.

## Is it beneficial to take CE, AP, and IB?

It depends on the course the student is taking. Students should avoid duplication by carefully checking what higher education requirements CE, AP, and IB classes fulfill. You should not take Concurrent and AP courses that fulfill the same college and/or high school requirements i.e. AP English and English 1010.

## The last word is...

●Concurrent Enrollment courses should provide a challenging college-level experience for all students..