



## **SJR State Early College Program at Pedro Menendez High School and Toco Creek High School Information Sessions**

Thursday, December 5, 2024 – 6:00 PM – TCHS  
Monday, December 9, 2024 – 6:00 PM - PMHS



# The Early College Program

We're delighted to present and acquaint you with the Early College Program through St. Johns River State College.

- This program begins in the **9<sup>th</sup> grade**.
- During 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> grade, students will take a defined list of college credits in combination with their high school classes.
- Students will have the option to take college credits online or at SJR State during the summer semesters.
- During the 12<sup>th</sup> grade, students will be enrolled full-time at SJR State. Students in this pathway will take a defined list of courses to facilitate completion of their Associate in Arts degree.

# Qualifications and Criteria for Enrollment in the Early College Program

- Dual Enrollment in Florida requires a minimum 3.0 unweighted GPA.
- Current 8<sup>th</sup> grade students may apply for the Early College Program.
- Must currently be enrolled in Algebra 1, Geometry, Algebra II or higher.
- No Level 1 or 2 on the FAST for Math and ELA
- No D's or F's on 8<sup>th</sup> grade 1st Quarter Report Card.
- GPA for high school courses must be 3.0 or higher unweighted.

# Exploring Academic Pathways: Dual Enrollment Opportunities at SJR State

- To be sure you know all options, The **Early College Program** in St. Johns County creates an opportunity for a cohort of eligible students to enroll in college level classes and earn their Associate in Arts degree, all while still enrolled in high school. Students in this pathway will take a defined list of courses.
- **Traditional Dual Enrollment** is a program that allows eligible high school students to simultaneously earn college credit while earning credit toward a high school diploma. Students enrolled in traditional dual enrollment will select their own courses.
- **Early Admissions** is a type of dual enrollment for students in 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grade who enroll full-time at SJR State, taking a minimum of 12 credit hours per semester. The student will only take classes at the SJR State campus and takes no classes at the high school site.

# Nuts & Bolts: *Test Scores*

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- Students must be engaged in college preparatory curriculum throughout high school and showing signs of increased college readiness in order to continue to participate each year.
- By the 11<sup>th</sup> grade year, students must have college ready test scores in math, reading, and writing in order to take college-level math and English courses. Students who do not receive a college ready test score before the deadline set by the high school, may be removed from the collegiate high school program.
- Students should be utilizing the EdReady program given to them in the 9<sup>th</sup> grade in order to have a better chance of achieving a college ready test score prior to the 11<sup>th</sup> grade.

# Nuts & Bolts: *Test Scores*

Test & Course Placement	ACT	CLT	PERT	Digital PSAT	PSAT	Digital SAT	SAT
ENC1101	19 Reading, 17 Writing (English)	38 Sum Verbal Reasoning & Grammar/Writing	106 Reading, 103 Writing	490+ EBRW	24 Reading, 25 Writing	490 EBRW	24 Reading, 25 Writing
MAT1033	19-20 Math	16-18 Math	114 Math	480 Math	24 Math	480 Math	24 Math
MAC1105, STA2023	21-26 Math	19-40 Math	123-150 Math	530 Math	26.5 Math	490- 560 Math	25-28 Math
MAC1147, MAC2233	27+ Math					570- 600 Math	29-30 Math
MAC2311	30+ Math					610+ Math	31+ Math

# *Navigating the Academic Landscape: Early College Course Framework*

- "Uniformity in Education: College Courses at High School Sites mirroring SJR State's Campus Experience"
- "Seamless Integration: Parallel Structure of College Courses at High School Sites and SJR State Campuses"
- "Consistent Quality: High School Site-Taught College Courses Aligned with SJR State's Campus Standards"

# Navigating Differences: Disability Services in the Transition from High School to Early College

- Reach out to the Academic Advising Office to disclose your disability and provide necessary documentation.
- Accommodations don't automatically transfer from high school; schedule a meeting with a disabilities coordinator to arrange services.
- The admission application doesn't inquire about disabilities, so self-identification is crucial. Contact the disability coordinator at your nearest SJR State campus to schedule an appointment.



# *Elevating Student Success: Comprehensive Support Services and Advising in Early College*

- Students enrolled in Dual Enrollment and the Early College Program are eligible to access SJR State's library and Academic Support Center throughout high school.
- Early College Program students will be scheduled to meet with SJR State Dual Enrollment Advisors and Academic Advisors.
- Fostering Student Development: Unveiling Support Services Tailored to Each Grade Level in Early College
- All transportation to and from SJR State's Campus is the responsibility of the student/family.



# Calendar Contrasts: High School vs. College and Navigating Instructor Communication

- The college calendar is sometimes not the same as the high school calendar. If you are taking a class on our campus or online, you will be expected to attend class regardless of your high school being closed.
- It is the student's responsibility to contact the professor if you are having difficulty in the course or to notify the instructor of an absence. Students must communicate with their instructors; many instructors will not respond to parents. You must use your SJR State Vikings email.

# Navigating the Real College Experience

- These are college courses with lasting impacts on your GPA and transcripts.
- Your college career begins now; safeguard it with stellar grades and responsible actions.
- **Social and emotional maturity are crucial** for handling college-level coursework and thriving in a collegiate classroom environment. The students **must** take more responsibility with checking their college email and Canvas.
- Many career academy pathways and elective courses seamlessly integrate with both high school and dual enrollment/collegiate high school programs.
- However, simultaneous participation in all programs may not always be feasible.

# Dual Enrollment Financial Benefits: A Win-Win Scenario

- Dual enrollment students and parents are statutorily exempt from all tuition, textbook, and fees.
- No tuition charges for courses at the high school or during the summer.
- SJR State's in-state tuition: \$108/credit hour.
- School District pays a discounted tuition rate of \$71.98/credit for dual enrollment at SJR State's campus & online.
- Dual enrollment students and parents pay nothing.



**This is a true financial partnership between the College and the District that benefits students and the community.**

# Significant Savings for Students

2023-2024 SJR State In-State Tuition \$108/credit hour

\$108/Credit Hour X 60 Credits = **\$6,480**

Approximate Textbook cost for 60 credits = **\$2,840**

**Total Tuition & Textbook Savings Per Student: \$9,320**



# Bright Futures Information

	Florida Academic (FAS)	Florida Medallion (FMS)	Florida Gold Seal (GSV)	Florida CAPE Scholars
Award Amount	100% of tuition & fees, plus \$300 per semester (including summer)	\$77 per credit hour (4 yr. school) \$63 per credit hour (2 yr. school) \$39 per credit hour (career tech)	\$39 per credit hour (career/cert.) \$39 per credit hour (applied tech dip) \$48 per credit hour (tech degree-AS, AAS, CCC)	Same as GSV
GPA	3.5 weighted (core classes)	3.0 weighted (core classes)	3.0 weighted & 3.5 in 3 years of same vocational program	Same as GSV
Core Classes (classes that are counted in GPA)	4-English 4-Math 3-Science 3-Social Science 2-Foreign Language	4-English 4-Math 3-Science 3-Social Science 2-Foreign Language	4-English 4-Math 3-Science 3-Social Science 1-Fine Art 1-PE 3-Career/Tech	Meet all FGS requirements plus 5 postsecondary credit hrs. through CAPE Industry certifications.
Service Hours	100 Hours	75 Hours	30 Hours	30 Hours
Test Scores	SAT 1330 ACT 29	SAT 1190 ACT 29	Click below for full listing	Click link below for full listing

# Early College Program - Admissions Process

- All eligible 8<sup>th</sup> grade students must apply to be in the Early College Program lottery through the SJCSD Program of Interest Application System prior to **January 24 by 5:00 pm**. Sixty students will be accepted per high school. If the number of eligible students who apply exceeds the number of seats allocated for the program, a lottery will be applied for the final selection. **The Programs of Interest system is open January 6, 2025 – January 24, 2025 (closing at 5:00pm).**
- Acceptance or denial notification of the results will be available in student HAC accounts.
- See the Registration Timeline <https://cte.stjohns.k12.fl.us/timeline/>
- Program of Interest Guide (PDF) [Programs of Interest](#)





## Early College Program Lottery Application Process, through the SJCSD Program of Interest Application Process

**The student MUST use their own student HAC account – not the parent/guardian's account to apply.**

1. Log into the Home Access Center
2. Select the **Classes** icon
3. Select the **Requests** tab
4. Click the **Edit** button to the right of the Academy/Programs of Interest Application.
5. When you select the Edit button, you will be presented with a list of options.

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## Early College Program Lottery Application Process, through the SJCSJ Programs of Interest Application Process

6. Each option is shown with a 1, 2, or 3 in the description.

- For example:
  - “PMHS Early College Program-1<sup>st</sup> choice” indicates a FIRST CHOICE while “PMHS Early College Program-2<sup>nd</sup> choice” indicates a SECOND CHOICE
  - You may pick up to 3 **different** choices at one or more schools
- If you would like to apply to an academy at a school that offers the Early College Program, please keep this in mind as you rank your preference.
- You **may** request to be considered for Programs of Choice located in different schools. However, you will only be selected for placement in a single school, in order of your choices. *As a reminder, the parents/guardians of students attending an out-of-zone school are required to provide transportation for the student to and from the out-of-zone school.*
- Click the **Save** button to save your preferences. Your selections will be shown on the Requests tab.



# Dual Enrollment Success Data

SJR State Dual Enrollment Student Course Success Rate 2022-2023	
Classes at the High School Site	98.56% Success
Classes at SJR State's Campus	92.85% Success
Online SJR State Classes	85.36% Success
All SJR State Locations	96.83% Success

*Success is defined as achieving a grade of A, B, or C divided by total number of students enrolled in course.*

*Source: Internal SJR State data*

# Celebrating Dual Success: Graduation at the Intersection

- Upon completing the Associate in Arts degree requirements in your senior year, you'll have the unique opportunity to partake in two graduation ceremonies. This allows you to receive both your high school diploma and Associate in Arts degree. For both ceremonies, you may wear a stole—specifically designed for Early College Program graduates.



# What path should my child choose?

- Students in the **Early College Program** are given a defined pathway of college courses that align with their high school courses and will enable them to earn their AA Degree at high school graduation.
- **Dual Enrollment** and **Early Admissions** students are able to register for college courses, but the pathway is not defined for them.
- The **Early College Program** sets an obtainable goal of completing all 60 credits for the AA degree prior to high school graduation.
- Obtaining the AA through **Dual Enrollment** is possible but challenging.

# Questions & More Information

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