

SECTION 8

COLLEGE CREDIT OPPORTUNITIES FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

College Credit Opportunities for Students Still in High School:

WVU at Parkersburg offers high school students the opportunity to earn college credit while still in high school. Taking college courses while still in high school can result in considerable cost savings for the student and has been shown to increase academic achievement. All college-level courses earned are transferable to other West Virginia colleges and universities and to most other institutions of higher education throughout the nation.

Four programs offer college credit opportunities to high school students: Early College, Early Admission, and EDGE. WVU at Parkersburg also engages in a special partnership with Wood County Schools for programs offered at the Caperton Center for Technology.

Early College Program:

Early College allows high school students to earn college credits while earning their high school diploma. Program participants get the full college experience – including access to advising, the library, bookstore, campus activities and more – and attend classes on our campus alongside regular college students.

Early Admission program:

Early Admission classes are college classes offered to select high school students either on the campus of WVU at Parkersburg, online, or at the student's high school. Early Admission classes usually include general education courses. Early Admission classes are subject to tuition and fee charges. According to West Virginia state policies, students still enrolled in high school are not eligible for financial aid.

Early Admissions Student Qualifications:

To qualify for early admission high school status, applicants must:

Submit an Early Admissions application form to the Admissions Office located in the Center for Student Services at the Parkersburg campus or at the Jackson County Center in Ripley.

Be at least a Junior in high school and have at least a 2.5 cumulative GPA. A high school counselor must submit a high school transcript to the Admissions Office, located in the Center for Student Services. Students will not be allowed to register until the college has received a transcript verifying the grade point average. High schools reserve the right to set a higher minimum GPA for their students.

Achieve a minimum ACT or Accuplacer placement test score for certain courses. Pre-requisites are listed in course descriptions in Section 10 of this catalog. High school students who do not score above required cut scores for math and English are ineligible to attend those classes.

All college-level courses earned are transferable to other West Virginia colleges and universities and to most other institutions of higher education throughout the nation; however, it is up to the receiving institution to determine the application of any credits received at WVU at Parkersburg.

More information about the Early Admission program is available at www.wvup.edu/earlyadmission or by contacting the **Center for Student Services at (304) 424-8310**.

EDGE (Earn a Degree-Graduate Early):

EDGE stands for Earn a Degree – Graduate Early. The EDGE program makes it possible for participants to earn free community and technical college credit in West Virginia while still in high school. EDGE courses generally consist of skilled and career technical classes offered in high schools and technical centers, such as welding or early childhood development. Since EDGE credits are offered as high school credit which can be articulated into college credit, there is no charge for EDGE courses. Based on WVCTC Series 28 policy, a complete listing of current EDGE credits at WVU at Parkersburg is available at <http://www.wvup.edu/high-school-students/about-edge>.

EDGE Student Qualifications: To qualify for EDGE credit, a student must:
Complete an approved program of study.

More information about the EDGE program is available at www.wvup.edu/edge or by contacting the **Center for Student Services at (304) 424-8310.**

Transitions to College:

The College Transition 101 course is available for some high school students and is intended to increase participation of select students in developing a career pathway to postsecondary education. The College Transition Program provides more students the opportunity to acquire college credit courses while in high school and to provide additional ancillary services necessary to effectively and efficiently transition from high school to postsecondary education.

Transitions to College Qualifications:

Attend a high school or technical center with a Transitions to College program. Other qualifications may apply upon recommendation of a high school guidance counselor.

Information about the Transitions to College program is available by contacting the Admissions Office located in the **Center for Student Services at (304) 424-8310.**

Caperton Center for Applied Technology:

West Virginia University at Parkersburg, Wood County Schools, and area businesses, industries, and laborers are collaborating as partners to prepare and develop the region's workforce to meet the needs of current and potential employers. The Caperton Center for Applied Technology offers the best the region has to offer in instruction and training for those interested in the challenges of sophisticated technology careers. Wood County Schools' high school students can pursue college programs while in high school and earn college credit while enrolled in the Caperton Center.