

SECTION 8

COLLEGE CREDIT OPPORTUNITIES FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

College Credit Opportunities for Students Still in High School

WVU 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.

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 College program

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

Early College 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 Parkersburg.

More information about the Early College 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 Parkersburg is available at 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**.

Caperton Center for Technology

WVU Parkersburg, Wood County Schools and area business, industry and labor 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.

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