



College Now

FAMILY GUIDE

Welcome parents and families!



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WELCOME MESSAGE

Dear parents and families,

Welcome to COCC's College Now program! COCC partners with local high schools to offer the option of earning college credit right in the high school classroom. High school instructors that are approved to teach for College Now classes provide the same rigor and course outcomes as an on-campus college class. Successful completion of a College Now course will result in COCC credit which are transferable to many community colleges, colleges and universities. College Now is a great way to jump start your high schooler's college education, build confidence and save time and money.

Benefits include:

- Courses are taught at your child's high school and fit right into their regular school schedule
- Students earn both high school and college credit (dual credit)
- Affordable (only \$25 per credit)
- Students can get a jump start on college coursework which can result in a shortened timeframe to complete a degree or certificate
- Students build confidence in completing college level work
- Students can explore new career areas or interests

We are excited to have your high schooler be a part of the COCC College Now program!

Sincerely,

COCC's College Now Team

WHAT COLLEGE NOW COURSES ARE OFFERED AT MY CHILD'S HIGH SCHOOL?

The College Now program offers transfer course options like math, writing, and history as well as hands-on career and technical education courses like automotive technology, criminal justice, and culinary. To see which College Now courses are available at your child's high school, visit [COCC's College Now website](#).

HOW DOES MY HIGH SCHOOLER BECOME A COLLEGE NOW STUDENT?

Have your high schooler speak with their counselor about College Now and their schedule. Ideally, these conversations happen during forecasting. Registering for a College Now course happens after the high school class has started and is facilitated by their high school teacher. Only students scheduled into the College Now courses at their high school are able to register.

WHAT DOES COLLEGE NOW COST?

College Now courses are \$25 per credit. Most courses are 4 credits. There are no other fees or books to purchase.

HOW TO PAY FOR COLLEGE NOW COURSES

Payment is due after your high schooler's registration is processed (24-48 hours). A parent/guardian email is required on the registration form and you will receive a payment notification to this email. You can pay online through your high schooler's Bobcat Web Account or over the phone at 541-383-7229.

COLLEGE NOW CONSIDERATIONS

Earning college credits while still in high school is a great opportunity, however, credits should fit into your child's future plan of study or major to provide the greatest benefit. Poor grades can impact admission into colleges/universities and future financial aid eligibility. If you apply for federal financial aid, the Financial Aid office at the college you apply to evaluates all grades and credits on your transcript. This includes grades and credits you attempt in College Now

courses. If you get a D, F or W in your College Now class, it will affect your completion rate and college GPA before you even finish high school.

PRIVACY AND STUDENT RECORDS

Once your child (regardless of age) enrolls in a postsecondary institution such as College Now, they are protected by the [Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act \(FERPA\)](#). This means that COCC must have a release of information on file from your child before COCC can disclose any information such as grades, bills etc. Your child can provide a release of information by completing and signing the “Release of Information” section on the College Now registration form. Please view [COCC’s FERPA Privacy Policy](#) for additional information.

RESOURCES

Visit the [College Now resources webpage](#) for an FAQ, resources and contact information.