

UNDERSTANDING CONCURRENT ENROLLMENT: A FAMILY GUIDE

Concurrent enrollment allows eligible high school juniors and seniors to take college courses and earn both high school and college credit. Because this is an important academic decision, this guide helps families determine whether concurrent enrollment is the right fit.

WHAT FAMILIES AND STUDENTS SHOULD KNOW

COLLEGE EXPECTATIONS ARE DIFFERENT

- College courses involve higher academic expectations, greater independence, and fewer reminders.
- Grades are often based on fewer assignments, making each grade more impactful.
- Students are responsible for managing coursework, deadlines, attendance, and communication.
- College courses follow a separate academic calendar; high school closures do not automatically apply.

FERPA (FAMILY EDUCATIONAL RIGHTS & PRIVACY ACT)

- Once enrolled, students are considered college students—even if under 18.
- Colleges cannot share grades or academic information with parents without a signed FERPA release.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Students must meet college admission standards, which vary by institution type.

RESEARCH UNIVERSITIES	REGIONAL UNIVERSITIES	COMMUNITY COLLEGES
1. ACT ¹ = 24 2. SAT = 1160 3. OR 3.0 GPA (unweighted) and top 33% ²	1. ACT ¹ = 20 2. SAT = 1030 3. OR 3.0 GPA (unweighted) and top 50% ²	1. ACT ¹ = 19 2. SAT = 990 3. OR 3.0 GPA (unweighted) ²

¹ Students can utilize one On-Campus ACT per year for both college admission and course placement (November 1 to October 31).

² Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education policy requires that home school/unaccredited students earn the requisite score on an acceptable SAT or ACT exam to be admissible

COURSE PLACEMENT REQUIREMENTS

College courses have placement requirements to ensure readiness for college-level work.

SUBJECT	SAMPLE COURSES	ACT ¹	SAT	OTHER
English	English Comp I English Comp II	19 English	510 Evidence Based Reading & Writing	Satisfy an institution's English assessment and course placement measure
Math	College Algebra for STEM Elementary Statistics Functions and Modeling	19 Math	510 Math	Satisfy an institution's math assessment and course placement measure
Reading	Government US History Psychology Sociology	19 Reading	510 Evidence Based Reading & Writing	Satisfy an institution's reading assessment and course placement measure
Science	General Biology Nutrition	19 Science	N/A (there is no SAT Science section)	Satisfy an institution's science assessment and course placement measure

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ENROLLMENT AND REQUIREMENTS

- Meet with your high school counselor to review admission standards, course placement, and readiness.
- Submit a signed concurrent enrollment permission form each semester.
- Additional documentation may be required by the college or university.

COURSE LOCATION

COLLEGE CLASS FORMATS

- In-person on the college campus
- In-person at the high school (college instructor travels to school)
- Online (asynchronous) – no set meeting time
- Virtual (synchronous) – meets online at scheduled times

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- Online courses do have additional fees, require a significant time commitment, and require regular access to a computer and the internet.
- Most college courses meet two or three days per week and may run for either 8 or 16 weeks.

ACADEMIC EXPECTATIONS

FOR STUDENTS

- You must check email and learning platforms regularly.
- High School closures or excused absences do not apply to college courses.
- Dropping a course must be coordinated with both the high school and college.
- You may take up to 19 combined high school + college credit hours.
- You must maintain a 2.0 cumulative GPA to remain eligible.

FOR PARENTS

- Encourage independence and time-management.
- Support conversations with counselors and advisors but allow the students to lead.

TRANSCRIPTS & CREDIT

- All concurrent courses (including summer) appear on the high school transcript.
- If there is no matching high school course, the college courses count as an elective.
- College transcripts are permanent and impact GPA, financial aid, admissions, and continued eligibility.

COSTS

- Seniors may receive up to 18 tuition-waived credit hours; juniors up to 9, subject to available funding.
- **THERE ARE OTHER COSTS TO CONSIDER. Students are financially responsible for course fees, books, supplies, transportation, and parking permits.** Students should contact the college or university for details.
- Tuition and mandatory fees for state system institutions of higher education can be found on OKcollegestart.org under Financial Aid planning, Financial Aid 101, The Basics, Oklahoma Tuition Breakdown.

MAKING THE DECISION TOGETHER

Parents and students should discuss:

- How concurrent enrollment supports the student's long-term goals.
- The student's ability to manage workload, deadlines, and responsibilities alongside other commitments.

NEED HELP OR HAVE QUESTIONS?

Concurrent enrollment is a valuable opportunity that requires planning and commitment. Contact your high school counselor for guidance and next steps.