

Earning Dual Credit with Community College Courses

Wake County Public School System students can earn both high school credit and community college credit for courses they take while in high school. There are several programs available to achieve this.

Cooperative Program Agreement (also called Huskins Bill) - Over 100 courses have been specifically identified in the annual agreement, which are taught by Wake Technical Community College instructors and are held at Wake Tech or at a WCPSS school. These courses are for our high school students only, and are not open to the general public. Students receive both WCPSS credit and Wake Tech credit. Tuition is free for our students. WCPSS buys textbooks for the courses. Student pays for transportation. Student must be in ninth-grade or higher.

Concurrent Enrollment - allows WCPSS students to take almost any course at Wake Tech that is not included in the Cooperative Program Agreement, and not offered at the student's high school. Tuition is free for our students. Students pay for textbooks and transportation. Students receive both WCPSS credit and Wake Tech credit. Students must be at least 16-years old. Intellectually gifted students under 16-years old may be able to participate, but will not receive WCPSS high school credit. See also WCPSS Board Policy 5534.

Learn and Earn Online - allows students to take online college courses at any of the NC community colleges and earn both high school and community college credit. After HS graduation, credits earned at multiple community colleges can be combined to a single community college. NC DPI covers all costs. Student takes course sitting at high school computer.

Articulation Agreement - allows students to receive community college credit for completion of identified Career and Technical Education (CTE) courses taken in high school. A final grade of B or better and a raw postassessment score of 80 or better are required. This creates a systematic and seamless process in which students can move from high school to community college without having to duplicate efforts or repeat courses.

Wake Early College of Health and Sciences - is a small WCPSS high school located on the Health Sciences campus of Wake Technical Community College. This unique school allows students the opportunity to earn their high school diploma as well as an Associate degree in five years. This school is a personalized, rigorous, innovative high school themed around health and sciences.

For more information:

www.wcpss.net/school_to_career/dual_credit