

START COLLEGE NOW PROGRAM

Courses Taken through the Technical Colleges

Upon the student's request and with the written approval of the parent/guardian, any student who meets the following criteria may apply to attend a technical college under the "Start College Now (SCN)" Program:

General Guidelines

1. The student has completed 10th grade.
2. The student is in good academic standing. *
3. School Counselor will provide all deadlines, directives and required paperwork* to interested students, who attend the onsite mandatory meeting with BTC.

*This includes an internal contract that must be signed by the student and the parent.

4. The student is not a child at risk as defined in state law 118.153(1)(a). **
5. Transportation costs, except as may be required by the student's Individualized Education Program (IEP), are the responsibility of the student/parent.
6. The student and parent/guardian must consent in writing to allow the District to communicate with the Technical College regarding the student's disciplinary record
7. The student is not eligible to participate in the program for failure to reimburse the District for a SCN or Early College Credit Program (ECCP) course the student failed to complete or in which they received a failing grade
8. The student is not eligible to participate in SCN while simultaneously participating in ECCP and also not eligible under the following circumstances:

- Habitual truant
- Is a parent
- Is an adjudicated delinquent
- Final enrollment approval will be at the discretion of the building principal and the school counselor
- Fails to meet deadlines and documentation required as provided by the counseling office

* The Parkview School District defines good academic standing to mean no D's or F's in the semester prior to application and/or enrollment.

** 118.153(1)(a) defines a student at-risk as a student in grades 5-12 who is at risk of not graduating from high school because he/she is a dropout or is two (2) or more of the followings:

- One or more years behind their age group in the number of high school credits attained
- Two or more years behind their age group in basic skill levels as measured by one or more internal summative assessments

Undue Financial Burden

The District has the authority under State law §115.76(5) to deny participation to a student with a disability if the cost would impose an undue financial burden on the District.

Technical College Guidelines

The Technical College District Board shall admit the student under the SCN program if they meet the requirements and prerequisites of the course or courses for which they have applied, except as follows:

1. There is no space available in the course after admitting all individuals applying for admission who are not participating in SCN
2. The Technical College District Board determined the student is not eligible to participate due to a record of disciplinary problems

District Guidelines

1. At least 30 days before the beginning of the technical college semester in which the student will be enrolled, the Board or designee shall notify the pupil, in writing, if a course in which the student will be enrolled does not meet the high school graduation requirements and whether the course is comparable to a course offered in the District. If the student disagrees with the Board's decision regarding comparability of courses or satisfaction of high school graduation requirements, the student may appeal the Board's decision to the state superintendent within 30 days after the decision. The state superintendent's decision is final and is not subject to review under subch. III of ch. 227. The pupil is eligible to receive both high school and technical college credit for courses successfully completed at the technical college.
2. For each student attending a technical college, the Board shall pay to the Technical College District Board, in 2 installments payable upon initial enrollment and at the end of the semester, for those courses taken for high school credit, an amount equal to the cost of tuition, course fees, and books that a student who is attending the technical college and who is a resident of this state would be charged, except that the Board is not responsible for payment for any courses that are comparable to courses offered in the District. Enrolled Start College Now Students who receive a failing grade, are withdrawn from their course(s) by the technical college, fail to attend or complete their course(s), fail to adhere to all technical college policies, including attendance policies, will be responsible for reimbursing the school district for all costs related to the enrolled course(s), including textbooks and required supplies paid for by the school district.
3. If a student who is attending a technical college and is a child with a disability, the payment under Item 2 (District Procedures) shall be adjusted to reflect the cost of any special services required for the pupil.
4. The Board is not responsible for transporting a student attending a technical college under this subsection to or from the technical college.
5. A student taking a course at a technical college for high school credit under this subsection is not responsible for any portion of the tuition and fees for the course if the Board is required to pay the technical college for the course under Item 2.

Awarding of High School Credit

If a SCN course is approved for high school credit, one-quarter ($\frac{1}{4}$) high school credit shall be granted per one (1) semester credit at the technical college. Grades for credits earned through SCN will be calculated into a student's GPA. High school credit may be denied for a course if it repeats the content for which a student has already received a passing grade and high school credit. In order to receive high school credit for a course taken under SCN, a student must successfully complete the course and receive a passing grade.

Athletic Eligibility

Grades earned in SCN will be used to determine athletic eligibility. A failing grade earned in SCN will be considered along with the other grades earned by a student during the second and fourth quarters for determining eligibility. Similarly, grades earned in SCN will be calculated into the student's second and fourth quarter GPA to check for eligibility.

Appeal Process

If a student is not satisfied with the District's decision regarding comparability of courses, the number of high school credits to be awarded, or satisfaction of high school graduation requirements, they may appeal such decision within 30 days to the State Superintendent of Public Instruction.

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