Calvert County Public Schools

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College of Southern Maryland

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Dual Enrollment and Early College at College of Southern Maryland

Dual Enrollment	Early College
Special Admissions Program for High School Juniors and Seniors	
• part-time • Dual in-school • Dual on-campus at CSM • public, private, and Homeschooled students who have met eligibility (CCR status or testing)	• Full-time • public school students • Juniors and Seniors
Students pick their classes based on interest or need with the help of an enrollment coordinator; up to 4 free classes per year	Students are assigned classes by CSM and the school system; all program courses are free
Students earn college credit and save money while still in high school through discounts offered through CSM and school partnerships!	

What is the General Studies Transfer Certificate?

A one-year program for seniors who intend to continue at CSM to earn an Associate's Degree **OR** transfer to a four-year college or university for a non-STEM degree. Students earn up to 25 credits!

*Early College students who continue their studies at CSM after high school save **time** and **money** towards the completion of their associate degree.*

Classes are highly transferable and include humanities, behavioral sciences and general studies courses such as:

- Psychology
- Sociology
- Communications
- Physics
- English*
- Math*

**Must pass to earn dual credit for HS and meet graduation requirements*

Capacity-60 seniors

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What is the Business Administration Associate Degree?

A 2-year STEM program for juniors who are interested in pursuing a business degree. Students can enter workforce or transfer to four-year college in business or accounting with this degree. Students earn up to 60 credits!

Prepares students to develop the skills required of managers in a variety of business settings. Provides a broad background in the functional areas of business.

- Ethics
- Business Law
- Accounting
- Entrepreneurship
- Leadership
- Critical Thinking
- College Algebra
- HS English, math, history, and science requirements

Capacity-20 juniors

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High School Requirements

Students will take classes for both high school and college credit.

- Grades must be passing to receive credit, with some classes requiring a C or better to pass.
- A failing grade will require a student to retake the class and pay for it themselves or return to high school to take the required class.

CCPS will provide opportunities for students to complete electives not met.

- Personal Financial Literacy and Health 2 will be online
- CSM can possibly offer elective classes during the Winter or Summer Terms, or outside Early College hours.

- Students will meet high school requirements with classes that count for dual credit:
  - English (ENG-1010 and ENG-1020
  - Math (College Algebra, Statistics, or Calculus)
  - Science with a Lab
  - Social Studies (Global or US History)

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Early College Eligibility

- Junior or senior for the 2027-2028 academic year at a CCPS high school
- 2.75 Unweighted GPA and C or better in Algebra I
  - B or Better in Algebra II for Business Administration
- Students must be on-track for graduation. SSL done or planned
  - State Testing completed
  - World Language done or planned
  - Electives done or planned

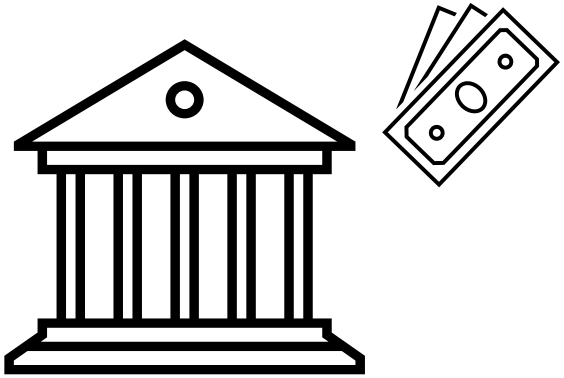
Costs and Benefits

Tuition, fees, and course materials (e.g. books, access codes) will be paid by CCPS.

Students have access to all CSM amenities/facilities as part of their tuition.

You save money by being able to earn college credits in high school!

Research has shown that Early College students graduate sooner and at a higher rate of success than non-Early College peers.



Transportation



CCPS buses will transport students from their home high schools to CTA, then to CSM, Prince Frederick Campus and back to the high school at the end of the school day.



On days CCPS is closed for a holiday or break or has an Early Dismissal, students will be transported to and from their home bus stop.

When school is delayed for weather, CCPS students will have online instruction. There will be no bus transportation even if CSM is open.

Meals

CSM does not provide food service for students at the Prince Frederick campus. Microwaves and vending machines are available.

CCPS will provide to-go meals for purchase at CTA before students depart for CSM.

Students who drive themselves to the college may also stop by CTA to purchase a meal.



A Typical Day at CSM

Students generally have two classes per day, Monday - Thursday.

CSM classes may take place between 8:00 AM and 1:30 PM

CSM provides spaces for students to work between classes.



Activities and Academics



Students will be able to participate in high school activities, clubs, and maintain contact with their high school counselor.

Students can participate in after school activities at their high school, activities like:

- Dances
- Sports
- Clubs

Students can consult their counselors for help with scholarships and class activities.

Graduation



Students graduate with a high school diploma and a college certificate or degree:

- CSM graduates in May
- CCPS graduates in June

CSM will provide an Honors Stole to wear at CSM and HS graduation. Students will purchase their regalia.

Additional Information

Course Withdrawals

Class status when transferring to a 4-year college.



How Do Credits Transfer?

By participating in Early College, you create a college transcript at CSM.

Your CSM transcript records your course attempts and your final course grades.

When you attend another institution, you can send a copy of your CSM transcript to your school of choice for evaluation.

Most credits earned through CSM will transfer to four-year colleges and universities within the state of Maryland.



You are encouraged to contact your school of choice to verify that your credits will transfer. CSM holds regular Transfer Thursdays where you can meet admissions personnel from colleges.

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Resources Available to Early College Students

- New Student Orientation 1-2 weeks before starting classes
  - Parents and students gain more details and information about schedules, programs, and procedures for transportation
  - Students learn how to use CSM email, MS365, and MyLearning LMS
  - Students get their class schedule
- Access to free tutoring, academic workshops, library resources, Student Life activities, and participation in campus clubs
  - HS Counselors/Academic and Career Counseling
  - CSM Transfer Information
  - Math and Writing Tutoring/Learning Support Services
  - Disability Support Services

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Disability Support Services

- Students should be the initiator of the Disabilities Request and are encouraged to review the information on the website: www.csmd.edu/disabilityservices
- Parents are encouraged to participate in the intake meeting as they often hold the student's medical history. This form requires a medical report from a physician.
- A student seeking disability services at CSM should provide their IEP/504 plan. It is encouraged that the student provide their most recent psychological assessment

This process should be completed several weeks before the semester starts

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FERPA and Communication with Parents

- FERPA is the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act.
  - FERPA mandates that college academic records (grades and progress) may not be shared with third parties, including parents/guardians.
  - This applies to any student enrolled in a college/university setting even while the student is in high school.
- Students must give written permission for disclosure of grades and other information to third parties (parents/guardians).
- Per the Early College agreement, student record information may be shared with the student's high school; likewise, the school system may share academic records with CSM. CSM reports student progress every 3-4 weeks and more often as necessary.

Admission Steps

How to Apply: Applications will be made available at www.csmd.edu/earlycollege/calvert on December 16, 2026 and are due on or before January 15, 2027.

1. Complete your application online, making sure to complete all sections and hit submit.
2. Use a personal email address and include your SS#
3. CCPS and CSM will meet to confirm your current classes, grades, and GPA.
4. Email notifications of acceptance will be sent to students in March.

Students will be either accepted, conditionally accepted pending final grades, waitlisted, or told they do not meet the requirements. When there are more applicants than seats in a program, a lottery system will be used.

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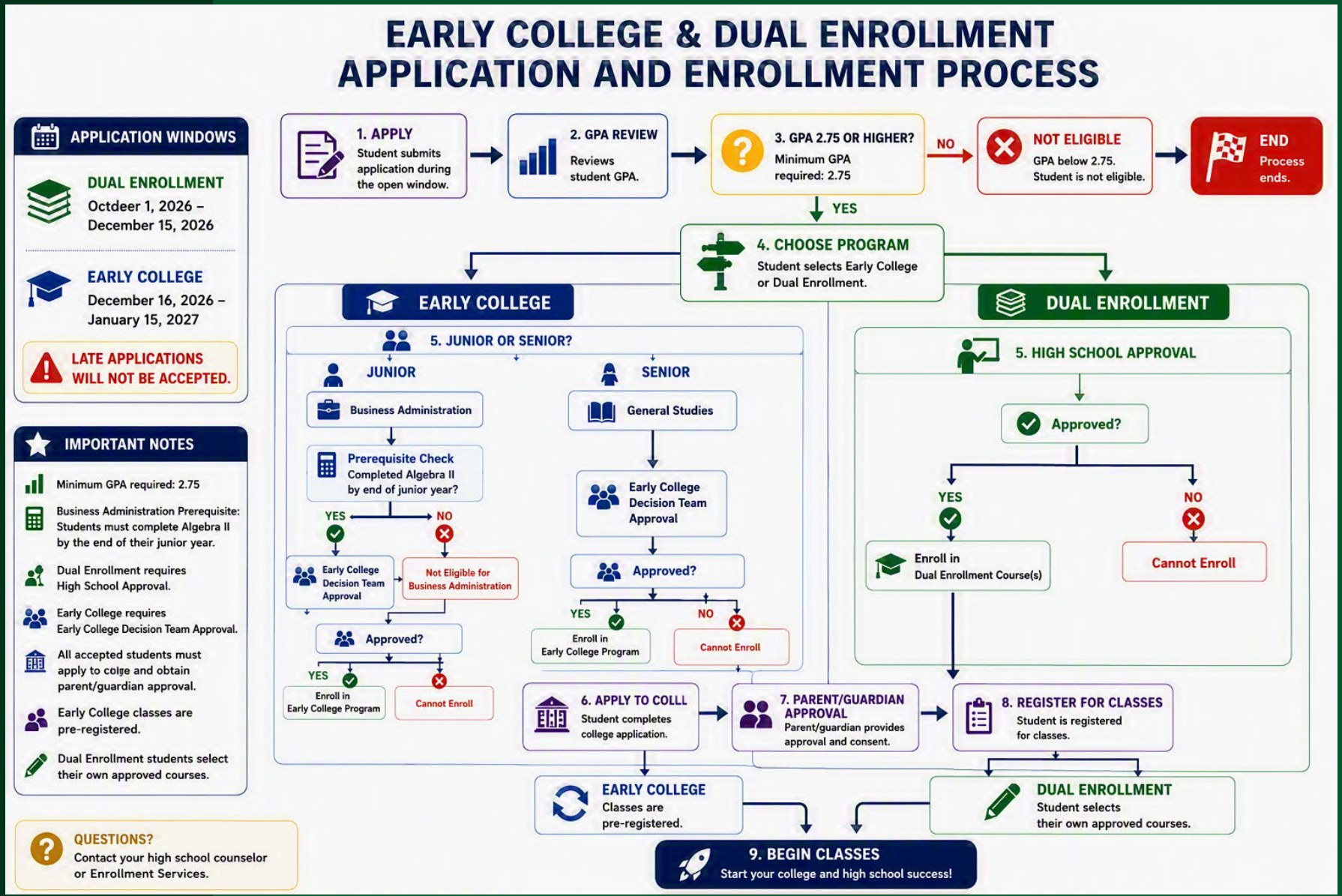


Survey

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EARLY COLLEGE & DUAL ENROLLMENT APPLICATION AND ENROLLMENT PROCESS



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Frequently Asked Questions

Where can I find the CCPS 'approved list' of courses? The current list of dual enrollment approved courses Dual Enrollment Programs - Calvert County Public School District

Is dual enrollment free? Yes- if taking courses on the approved list from CCPS. CCPS will pay for up to four courses in an academic year. Work with your high school guidance office. Students may opt to take more courses; however, there will be tuition and fees. Students do receive a discounted price. More information: https://www.csmd.edu/apply-register/credit/high-school/dual-enrollment/index.html

Can you do dual enrollment junior year and Early College senior year? Yes, it is possible, we encourage you to work with your HS guidance office to plan out the best course options for your student's goals.

Can the students take classes at CSM during the winter session? The Early College program is designed around fall/spring scheduling. Should you be interested in winter session options we encourage you to talk to your high school guidance office about our dual program opportunities.

Is there a link to sign up for Early College or where specifically do we enroll? The application for the program will be available starting December 16th on the CSM website. https://www.csmd.edu/apply-register/credit/high-school/early-college/calvert.html

Do you need SATs for CSM? SAT scores are not required for our Early College program

Does the student's current attendance or previous attendance record become a factor in acceptance in this program? Your student's attendance record does not factor into the application process.

Do they have the same winter break as CCPS? The students in the Early College program will follow the CSM calendar. Their winter break is longer than CCPS. They also have a different Spring Break and may not have the same days off for holidays.

How many days per week are the CSM classes? Students are on campus Monday-Thursday from 8:30-1:30. There are no college classes on Friday, however it is expected they will use this day for homework, meetings, and resource hours.

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Questions cont.

Are those math courses the only ones available to GSTC students? No calculus? Typically, the math courses students take in this program are 'general-transfer' courses. Students with AP credit or dual credits may be eligible for calculus.

Can the junior program be combined with the HS CTA? Unfortunately, no, the Early College program requires them to be at campus all day Mon-Thurs. To participate in CTA, they would have to go to their CTA courses. We encourage you to work with your HS guidance office for making the best program decision for your student.

If you haven't taken Algebra 2, can you take that on the summer and still attend CSM in the fall? No, you must take it before or during the year you're applying.

If a student does dual enrollment in the junior year, is it correct they must take these courses outside of the school day? They can take either dual in-school, after school, or web-based courses.

What if my student has AP credit for one of the program courses? CSM recognizes AP scores, should your student have the acceptable AP score CSM will work your student and CCPS to determine an appropriate schedule adjustment.

Where can I see the courses my child would take in the Business program?
You can find the Business Admin degree program courses on the CSM website. Please note a few changes are made to accommodate HS graduation requirements: https://www.csmd.edu/programs-courses/program-finder/business-administration.html

Are the classes mixed with other college students or is it only high school students? Your student will be in assigned cohorts, moving as groups that integrate with general population students.

Will electives be available for early college program? The Early College programs are prescriptive; the courses are specifically planned based on degree/certificate program. There are no options for electives within those parameters unless a student has college credits to apply to the program and requires a substitute course.

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