

Early College Program Frequently Asked Questions

What is the Early College Program?

This program is designed to allow students in high school to take college courses through a partnership with Houston Community College.

How many hours can a student earn?

A student who takes 6 hours each semester and 6 during the summer can earn up to 30 hours towards an associates degree at HCC.

Will these hours transfer to a 4 year university?

By law, all state schools must accept these hours. Please check with the university that you are interested in to find out details about transferring hours.

How much does the program cost?

The Board of Directors at HCC has waived the tuition cost to all students. Each student is charged a \$162 out of district fee per 3 hour course. Spring Branch is not currently considered in the HCC district.

Where will these courses be held?

The courses will be taught at the HCC Town and Country campus.

How many periods out of the HS schedule the students are required to give up?

Two, each student will be scheduled for an English and Social studies period. The classes at HCC are 90 minutes long on alternating days, ex. English - Mon/Wed and US History - Tue/Thur. Friday will be a study day.

Are scholarships available?

Yes, scholarships are available on a sliding scale based on need.

Will transportation be provided?

Yes, but students may drive themselves to campus with parent permission.

Are there added grade points for these courses?

Currently these classes will not receive an added grade point.