



MODEL SCHOLARS

EARLY COLLEGE PROGRAM

The Model Scholars Early College Program is an exciting collaborative offering with Eastern Kentucky University. The program provides high-achieving, motivated seniors an opportunity to enroll in at least **12 college credit hours each semester.**

QUALIFICATIONS

1. Achieved a high school GPA of 3.5 or higher and no grades of C+ or lower during junior year
2. Met national college readiness benchmarks in English, reading, and math (i.e., English ACT score of 18, Reading ACT score of 22, and Math ACT score of 22 or equivalents on another qualifying assessment)
3. Demonstrated strong work habits and ethics as evidenced through attendance, discipline records and teacher evaluations
4. Met all high school graduation requirements with the exception of
 - Senior English
 - Research
 - Government & Financial Literacy*
 - World language and/or senior year math (if using courses in the Early College Program to fulfill either or both of these areas)

PARTICIPATION REQUIREMENTS/RULES

Students MUST

- Submit an application by the deadline and be accepted into Early College Program at Model
- Attend an advising session and have both the high school and the college schedule approved by the Principal and/or Academic Advisor
- Enroll in Senior English, Research, and Government & Financial Literacy*
- Enroll in a math or computer science course at ECU or Model for the full year
- Enroll in a minimum of 12 college credit hours of ECU college credit each semester, none of which can be online courses
- Meet all college course prerequisites
- Follow all Model dual credit policies as outlined in the Catalog of Courses and the Handbook for Parents and Students
- Complete and submit the Contract for Off-Campus Opportunities

Students MAY

- Use college courses to fulfill high school graduation requirements in these instances only:
 - World language courses not already offered at Model
 - Mathematics or computer science

Students MAY NOT

- Enroll in college courses for which an equivalent is offered in the current school year at Model
- Be on the Model Campus or at Model during school hours when not scheduled for a Model class

*For the Graduating Classes of 2023 and beyond.

COSTS

The cost of two courses will be paid for through the Kentucky State Dual Credit Scholarship sponsored by the Kentucky Higher Education Assistance Authority (KHEAA). Some courses and students may qualify for KHEAA's Work Ready Scholarship, covering an additional two courses. EKU tuition waivers for eligible students whose parents are faculty or staff members at EKU should be used to cover the costs of additional courses if waivers are available for use by the student. The cost of the remaining face-to-face courses will be paid for by Model at the EKU dual credit tuition rate. Model will only pay for courses after all scholarships and waivers have been used. Model will not pay for online courses.

Students and parents are responsible for the costs of textbooks (including digital texts), course materials and supplies, and parking permits when applicable.

PROCESS

1. Applications will be available for eligible 11th grade students from the Academic Advisor at the beginning of the spring semester. Students complete the application by the deadline to be eligible for consideration.
2. Principal and Academic Advisor review applications and determine acceptance.
3. Students attend an advising session and have both the high school and college schedule approved by the Principal and/or Academic Advisor.
4. Students complete EKU Dual Credit application (if required).
5. Students must maintain a GPA of 3.5 for the remainder of their 11th grade year.
6. Students register for classes and notify their counselor to receive approval for any changes to the approved schedule.

CONTACT

We encourage all interested students and their parent(s)/guardian(s) to contact us with questions on the Model Scholars Early College Program!

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NOTE:

Participation in the Model Scholars Early College Program may result in a student being admitted to college as a transfer student rather than as a freshman. This status may affect scholarship eligibility, enrollment status, and financial aid. Student and parents are encouraged to consult with college admissions officers for more information.