

**Students****Activities****Early College Credit Program (ECCP)**

The Watertown Unified School District recognizes the value of learning that can be achieved outside the high school setting. Therefore, the Watertown Unified School District shall provide students with the opportunity to participate in the Early College Credit Program (ECCP) as outlined in State law. Student participation in ECCP shall be in accordance with established procedures in State law (118.55).

ECCP allows a student in grades 9-12 to apply to enroll in a UW System institution or a private, nonprofit institution of higher education (IHE) to take one or more nonsectarian courses for which the student may earn high school credit, post-secondary credit or both. Participation is allowed during fall, spring and/or summer.

If a student is taking a course(s) through ECCP, participation in Start College Now (via technical college) is not allowed at the same time. The total number of credits a student can attain through ECCP is 18 college credits that the District will be responsible for applicable costs.

The District does not pay for a “comparable” course offered. Any requested course must meet a high school graduation requirement. The cost of courses are shared among the IHE, the school district (or private school), the state, and, in some cases, the student or students’ family. If a student fails the course or withdraws/drops, the student/family will reimburse the District.

Application deadlines are March 1<sup>st</sup> for the fall semester and October 1<sup>st</sup> for the spring semester.

**Legal Reference:**                    **Wisconsin Statutes - 118.55**

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