



SJR State Early College Program at Pedro Menendez High School and Tocoí Creek High School Information Sessions

Monday, December 18, 2023 – 6:00 PM



Comparing Dual Enrollment with Alternative Accelerated Programs

- College credit for Dual Enrollment is awarded based on the student's class grade rather than on a standardized exit test.
- If you pass a Dual Enrollment class, you earn the college credit.

The Early College Program

We're delighted to present and acquaint you with the Early College Program through St. Johns River State College

This program begins in the **9th grade**. During 9th, 10th & 11th grade, students will take a defined list of college credits in combination with their high school classes. Students will also have the option to take college credits online or at SJR State during the summer sessions. During the 12th grade, students will be enrolled full-time at SJR State. Students in this pathway will take a defined list of courses in order to facilitate completion of their Associate in Arts degree.

Qualifications and Criteria for Enrollment in the Early College Program

- Participation in any Dual Enrollment program in Florida requires a minimum of 3.0 un-weighted high school GPA.
- Current 8th Grader
- Enrolled in Algebra 1, Geometry, Algebra II or higher
- No level 1 or Level 2 on FSA for Math and ELA
- 8th grade 1st Quarter Report Card No D or F
- High school cumulative unweighted GPA 3.0 or higher

Exploring Academic Pathways: Dual Enrollment Opportunities at SJR State

To be sure you know all options, The **Early College Program** in St. Johns County creates an opportunity for a cohort of eligible students to enroll in college level classes and earn their Associate in Arts degree, all while still enrolled in high school. Students in this pathway will take a defined list of courses.

Traditional Dual Enrollment is a program that allows eligible high school students to simultaneously earn college credit while earning credit toward a high school diploma. Students enrolled in traditional dual enrollment will select their own courses.

Early Admissions is a type of dual enrollment for students in 11th and 12th grade who enroll full-time at SJR State, taking a minimum of 12 credit hours per semester. The student will only take classes at the SJR State campus and takes no classes at the high school site.

The Early College Program

- 9th grade courses will be offered as one face to face high school site class and the second course will be either a SJR State online elective course or another high school site face to face course (depending upon instructor availability).
- In the first year of the program, students will be given access to Ed Ready, an online tutoring/assessment resource which students can use to assist them in achieving a college ready test score prior to the 11th grade.
- 11th grade courses will be offered either at the high school site **or** at SJR State **or** online, depending upon instructor availability.
- 12th grade courses will all be taken on the SJR State campus (or online) students will not be permitted to take courses at the high school campus.
- Students are encouraged to continue to participate in extracurricular activities at the high school, but they may not be taking additional coursework at the high school site as well as a full load of college courses. Students may also wish to enroll in summer courses, these are optional.



Academic Foundations: GPA and Initial Testing Essentials

All participants in the Early College high school/dual enrollment program are required to maintain a minimum unweighted high school GPA of 3.0. In all dual enrollment courses, students must attain grades of A, B, or C (excluding Ds, Fs, or Ws) to ensure ongoing program eligibility. Additionally, a College GPA of 2.0 must be sustained.

As part of the application process, students will undergo a college readiness test assessing proficiency in reading, writing, and math. While this original score won't determine course placement, students need a college-ready test score before the 11th grade to continue in the program."

CHS & DE - Nuts & Bolts: *Test Scores*

We are aware the SAT and PSAT score reports have reverted to the 3-digit score report. Our Registrar is aware and preparing updated information.

College Ready Test Scores	
ENC 1101 Composition I	Pre-ACT: 22-35 Reading & 18-35 Writing ACT: 19 Reading & 17 English PSAT 10: 24-38 Reading & 25-38 Writing SAT: 24 PERT: 106 Reading & 103 Writing
MAT 1033 Intermediate Algebra (elective credit, does not count as a math credit)	Pre-ACT: 22-35 ACT: 19 Math PSAT 10: 24-36 SAT: 24 PERT: 114 Math
MAC 1105 College Algebra	Completion of MAT 1033 OR Pre-ACT: 22-35 ACT: 21 Math PSAT 10: 26.5-38 SAT: 25 PERT: 123 Math

Navigating the Academic Landscape: Early College Course Framework

- Uniformity in Education: College Courses at High School Sites mirroring SJR State's Campus Experience"
- "Seamless Integration: Parallel Structure of College Courses at High School Sites and SJR State Campuses"
- "Consistent Quality: High School Site-Taught College Courses Aligned with SJR State's Campus Standards"

Elevating Student Success: Comprehensive Support Services and Advising in Early College

- Students enrolled in Dual Enrollment and the Early College Program are eligible to access SJR State's library and Academic Support Center throughout high school.
- Early College Program students will be scheduled to meet with SJR State Dual Enrollment Advisors and Academic Advisors.
- Fostering Student Development: Unveiling Support Services Tailored to Each Grade Level in Early College
- All transportation to and from SJR State's Campus is the responsibility of the student/family.



Navigating Differences: Disability Services in the Transition from High School to Early College

- Reach out to the Academic Advising Office to disclose your disability and provide necessary documentation.
- Accommodations don't automatically transfer from high school; schedule a meeting with a disabilities coordinator to arrange services.
- The admission application doesn't inquire about disabilities, so self-identification is crucial. Contact the disability coordinator at your nearest SJR State campus to schedule an appointment.

Extracurricular Activities

- Encouraging active participation in high school sports, clubs, and extracurricular activities throughout the Early College Program, including senior year at SJR State college site.
- Early College Program students are welcome to join student activities at SJR State, with opportunities such as membership in the Phi Theta Kappa International Leadership Honorary.

Celebrating Dual Success: Graduation at the Intersection

- Upon completing the Associate in Arts degree requirements in your senior year, you'll have the unique opportunity to partake in two graduation ceremonies. This allows you to receive both your high school diploma and Associate in Arts degree. For both ceremonies, you may wear a stole—specifically designed for Early College Program graduates.



Calendar Contrasts: High School vs. College and Navigating Instructor Communication

- The college calendar is sometimes not the same as the high school calendar. If you are taking a class on our campus or online, you will be expected to attend class regardless of your high school being closed.
- It is the student's responsibility to contact the professor if you are having difficulty in the course or to notify the instructor of an absence. Students must communicate with their instructors; many instructors will not respond to parents. You must use your SJR State Vikings email.

Navigating the Real College Experience

- These are college courses with lasting impacts on your GPA and transcripts.
- Your college career begins now; safeguard it with stellar grades and responsible actions.
- Social and emotional maturity are crucial for handling college-level coursework and thriving in a collegiate classroom environment.
- Many career academy pathways and elective courses seamlessly integrate with both high school and dual enrollment/collegiate high school programs.
- However, simultaneous participation in all programs may not always be feasible.

Dual Enrollment Financial Benefits: A Win-Win Scenario

- Dual enrollment students and parents are statutorily exempt from all tuition, textbook, and fees.
- No tuition charges for courses at the high school or during the summer.
- SJR State's in-state tuition: \$108/credit hour.
- School District pays a discounted tuition rate of \$71.98/credit for dual enrollment at SJR State's campus & online.
- Dual enrollment students and parents pay nothing.
- The St. Johns County School District receives full FTE for all dual enrollment students, even when students are enrolled full time at SJR State's campus and taking no courses at the high school. Tuition for 33 credits during senior year will be \$2,375, well below the \$7K+ FTE the student will generate for the District.

Bright Futures Information

	Florida Academic (FAS)	Florida Medallion (FMS)	Florida Gold Seal (GSV)	Florida CAPE Scholars
Award Amount	100% of tuition & fees, plus \$300 per semester (including summer)	\$77 per credit hour (4 yr. school) \$63 per credit hour (2 yr. school) \$39 per credit hour (career tech)	\$39 per credit hour (career/cert.) \$39 per credit hour (applied tech dip) \$48 per credit hour (tech degree-AS, AAS, CCC)	Same as GSV
GPA	3.5 weighted (core classes)	3.0 weighted (core classes)	3.0 weighted & 3.5 in 3 years of same vocational program	Same as GSV
Core Classes (classes that are counted in GPA)	4-English 4-Math 3-Science 3-Social Science 2-Foreign Language	4-English 4-Math 3-Science 3-Social Science 2-Foreign Language	4-English 4-Math 3-Science 3-Social Science 1-Fine Art 1-PE 3-Career/Tech	Meet all FGS requirements plus 5 postsecondary credit hrs. through CAPE Industry certifications.
Service Hours	100 Hours	75 Hours	30 Hours	30 Hours
Test Scores	SAT 1330 ACT 29	SAT 1210 ACT 25	Click below for full listing	Click link below for full listing

<http://www.floridastudentfinancialaid.org/ssfad/PDF/BFHandbookChapter1.pdf>



Significant Savings for Students

2023-2024 SJR State In-State Tuition \$108/credit hour

\$108/Credit Hour X 60 Credits = **\$6,480**

Approximate Textbook cost for 60 credits = **\$2,840**

Total Tuition & Textbook Savings Per Student: \$9,320



Early College Program - Admissions Process

- All eligible 8th grade students must apply to be in the Early College Program lottery through the SJCSD Program of Interest Application System prior to **January 31 by 5:00 pm**. Sixty students will be accepted per high school. If the number of eligible students who apply exceeds the number of seats allocated for the program, a lottery will be applied for the final selection. **The Programs of Interest system is open January 4, 2024 – January 31, 2024 (closing at 5:00pm).**
- Acceptance or denial notification of the results will be available in student HAC accounts.
- See the Registration Timeline <https://cte.stjohns.k12.fl.us/timeline/>
- Program of Interest Guide (PDF) [2024-2025 Programs of Interest Guide](#)



Early College Program Lottery Application Process, through the SJCSD Program of Interest Application Process

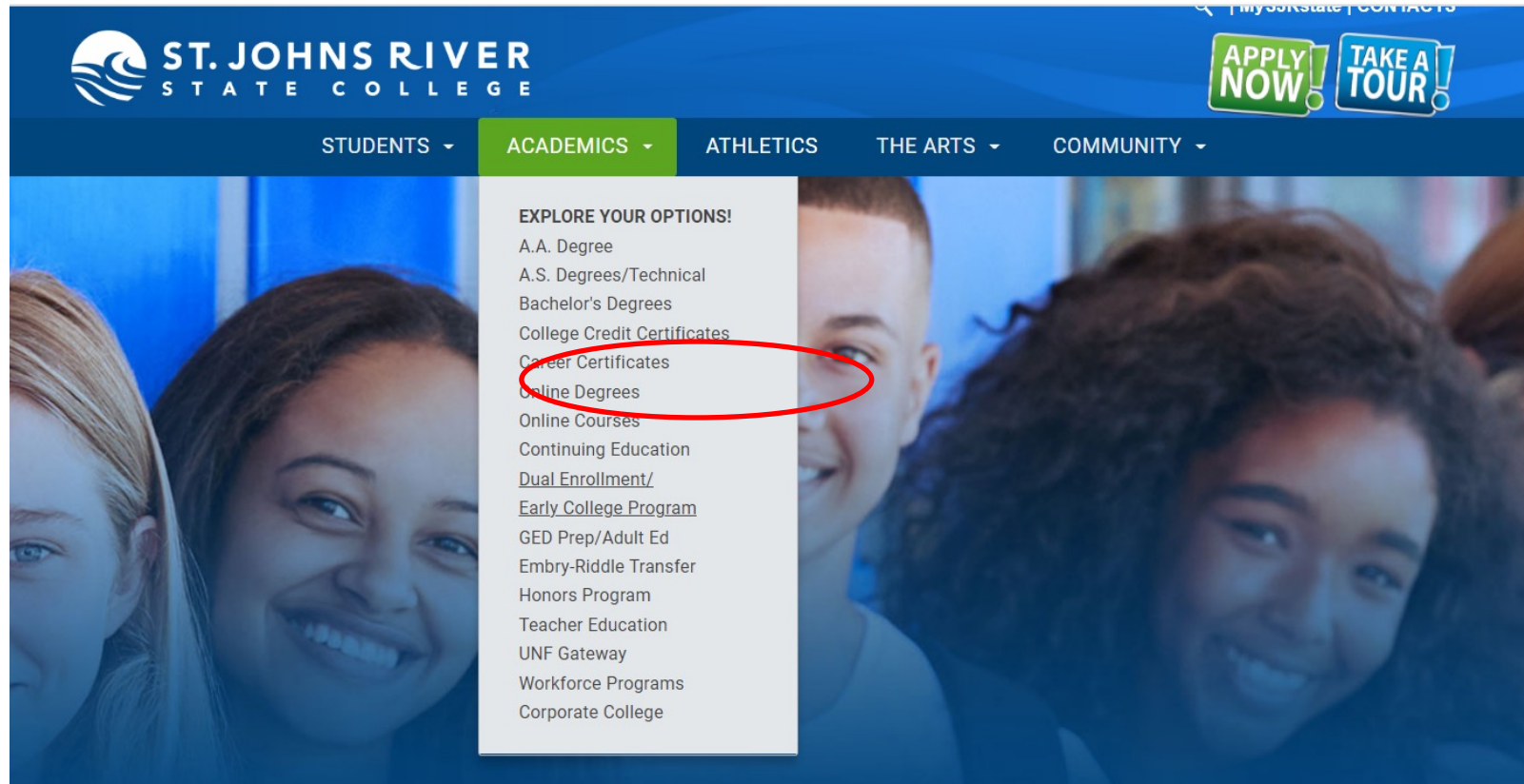
1. Log into the Home Access Center
2. Select the **Classes** icon
3. Select the **Requests** tab
4. Click the **Edit** button to the right of the Academy/Programs of Interest Application.
5. When you select the Edit button, you will be presented with a list of options.

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Early College Program Lottery Application Process, through the SJCS D Programs of Interest Application Process

6. Each option is shown with a 1, 2, or 3 in the description.
- For example:
 - “PMHS Early College Program-1st choice” indicates a FIRST CHOICE while “PMHS Early College Program-2nd choice” indicates a SECOND CHOICE
 - You may pick up to 3 different choices at one or more schools
 - If you would like to apply to an academy at a school that offers the Early College Program, please keep this in mind as you rank your preference.
 - You **may** request to be considered for Programs of Choice located in different schools. However, you will only be selected for placement in a single school, in order of your choices. *As a reminder, the parents/guardians of students attending an out-of-zone school are required to provide transportation for the student to and from the out-of-zone school.*
 - Click the **Save** button to save your preferences. Your selections will be shown on the Requests tab.

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Early College Program ↓

(previously known as the Collegiate High School)

This program allows admitted students to complete 60 credits of dual enrollment coursework, culminating in earning both a standard high school diploma as well as an Associate of Arts (AA) Degree upon the completion of four years of high school. SJR State offers this program in Clay County at Middleburg High School and Orange Park High School, in Putnam County at Interlachen High School and Palatka High School, and in St. Johns County at Pedro Menendez High School and Toco Creek High School. This program is limited acceptance and students must meet specific criteria in order to be eligible to participate. Students commit to this program for the four years they are high school students. For more information, please refer to your county link below:

[Putnam County](#) | [Clay County](#) | [St. Johns County](#)

Questions?

Call the SJR State Dual Enrollment Office at 386-312-4136 or dualenrollment@sjrstate.edu

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COMPONENTS OF THE ST. JOHNS COUNTY EARLY COLLEGE PROGRAM

- Students in grades 9 -11 in St. Johns county will take a defined list of college courses at the high school site, online, or on an SJR State campus, in combination with high school classes.
- 12th grade students will enroll full time on SJR State's campus.

ELIGIBILITY

- Participation in Dual Enrollment in Florida requires a minimum of 3.0 un-weighted high school GPA.
- Students will receive an invitation to the information session because they meet the three application requirements: 3.0 unweighted GPA; level 3 or higher on the 8th grade reading FSA; and level 3 or higher on the 8th grade math FSA or level 3 or higher on the Algebra 1 EOC. Students must have and maintain an overall 3.0 unweighted GPA in all high school and college coursework to participate in the Early College Program or dual enrollment.
- Eligible students will apply through the SJCS D Career Academy portal system.

2023-2024 INFORMATION

[St. Johns County high school course plans](#)

[Testing Information \(PERT\)](#)

[Principles of participation](#)

[Associate in Arts Degree](#)

St. Johns County Information Sessions

- Thursday, December 1, 2022, 6:00 p.m. at Tocoi Creek High School auditorium
- Tuesday, December 13, 2022, 6:00 p.m. at Pedro Menendez High School auditorium

Traditional Dual Enrollment Admissions Process

- During the spring of 10th grade or before (depending on the policy of the high school), eligible students may apply for Dual Enrollment or Early Admissions through their high school counselor. Application deadlines will be posted each term. Please check with the high school for their specific deadline. Students can then choose to become Early Admissions students in the 11th grade.
- For more information about dual enrollment and early admissions at SJR State, go to <https://www.sjrstate.edu/dual.html>

Why is the Early College Program Special?

- Students in the **Early College Program** are given a defined pathway of college courses that align with their high school courses and will enable them to earn their AA Degree at high school graduation.
- **Dual Enrollment** and **Early Admissions** students are able to register for college courses, but the pathway is not defined for them.
- The **Early College Program** sets an obtainable goal of completing all 60 credits for the AA degree prior to high school graduation.
- Obtaining the AA through **Dual Enrollment** is possible but challenging.

Nuts & Bolts: *Test Scores*

ALL DE Programs

- Students must be engaged in college preparatory curriculum throughout high school and showing signs of increased college readiness in order to continue to participate each year.
- Students must have college ready test scores in math, reading, and writing in order to take college-level math and English courses. This must happen prior to the 11th grade in order for the student to be on track to graduate from high school with the AA Degree. Students who do not receive a college ready test score before the deadline set by the high school, may be removed from the collegiate high school program.
- Students should be utilizing the EdReady program given to them in the 9th grade in order to have a better chance of achieving a college ready test score prior to the 11th grade.

Dual Enrollment Success Data

SJR State Dual Enrollment Student Course Success Rate 2022-2023	
Classes at the High School Site	98.56% Success
Classes at SJR State's Campus	92.85% Success
Online SJR State Classes	85.36% Success
All SJR State Locations	96.83% Success

Success is defined as achieving a grade of A, B, or C divided by total number of students enrolled in course.

Source: Internal SJR State data

St. Johns County DE Numbers

St. Johns County School District Enrollment - Spring 2023						
High School	SJR State Campus Headcount	High School Site Headcount	Total DE Unduplicated Headcount	Credit Hours Taken on SJR State Campus	Credit Hours Taken at High School Site	Spring 203 Students graduating with AA/HS diploma
Allen D. Nease	140	0	140	1,080	0	21
Bartram Trail	179	110	289	889	330	7
Creekside	60	224	255	396	828	9
Pedro Menendez	82	130	173	594	494	11
Ponte Vedra	35	44	70	244	132	4
St. Augustine	96	0	96	572	0	9
St. Johns Technical	0	0	0	0	0	0
St. Johns Virtual	15	0	15	115	0	3
Tocoi Creek High School	46	94	140	166	292	0
Total:	653	602	1,163	4,056	2,066	63

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