

SJR State Early College Program in St. Johns County ADMISSIONS & LOTTERY PROCESS

1. Eligible students should have received an invitation to apply to the Early College Program.
2. Students will apply to the Early College Program through the St. Johns County Program of Choice Application Process. The Program of Choice Application Process opens on January 4, 2024, and will close on January 31, 2024.
3. Students who complete the Program of Choice Application prior to 5:00 p.m. January 31, 2024, will be treated as the total pool of applicants. If the number of eligible applicants does not exceed the capacity of the program, all eligible applicants will be admitted.
4. If the number of eligible applicants exceeds the capacity of the program, St. Johns County School District will institute a lottery process. Applications received after the 5:00 p.m., January 31, 2024, deadline will **not** be included in the lottery pool.
5. Acceptance or denial emails will go out to all students who submitted applications once the review process is complete. Emails will be sent to the email address listed on your Program of Choice Application. Acceptance emails will go out to students the week of February 10, 2023.
6. The names of all eligible applicants participating in the lottery selection process and not admitted to one of the Early College Programs will be placed on a waiting list in the order that the name was drawn in the lottery.
7. Students selected for participation in the Early College Program will be provided a St. Johns River State College application packet with their acceptance email. This packet must be returned by the deadline stated within the packet. This packet includes college application materials and will require parental signature and submission of student social security and other demographic information. In addition to completion of this packet, students will be required to take a college placement test as they will be taking college courses as early as ninth grade. Students admitted to one of the Early College Programs who do not submit their completed St. Johns River State College application packet with proper signatures and documentation or complete the mandatory placement testing by the deadlines may have their acceptance withdrawn. This will allow the SJCS to extend the opportunity to students on the waiting list.

To apply for the Early College Program:

- Log into Home Access Center
- Select the **Classes** icon
- Select the **Requests** tab
- Click the **Edit** button to the right of Academy/Program of Choice Application
- When you select the **Edit** button, you will be presented with a list of options
- 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

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- 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 preferences.
- 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 preference. *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.

For questions regarding the SJR State Early College Program, please contact your school counselor:

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When you submit the Early College Program application electronically, you are acknowledging the following SJR State requirements:

1. I understand that at the end of their 8th grade year, eligible candidates must have a minimum of a 3.0 unweighted high school GPA. Students not meeting this GPA requirement before the start of the program will be removed from the Early College Program.
2. I understand all students must earn a grade of “C” or higher in all Dual Enrollment Early College Program courses (No Ds, Fs, or Ws) and maintain a minimum of a 3.0 unweighted high school GPA for continued program eligibility. Students must also maintain a 2.0 college GPA at St. Johns River State College.
3. I understand that students must be engaged in college preparatory curriculum throughout the 9th and 10th grade years and show 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 continue in the program in 11th grade. Students who do not have college ready test scores by the deadline prior to the 11th grade may be subject to removal from the SJR State’s Early College Program in which they are participating.
4. I understand that during the senior year, students must be taking coursework exclusively at the SJR State campus, students will not be permitted to attend any high school classes. Transportation to and from SJR State’s campus in the senior year is the responsibility of the student/family.
5. I understand that if I am selected through the lottery for the Early College Program that I will be required to complete SJR State’s application and college placement testing by the required deadlines.
6. I understand that completion of this program application does not guarantee admittance into the Early College Program. Completion of the program application allows the student to be entered into the St. Johns County School District’s lottery for acceptance into one of St. Johns River State College’s Early College Program.
7. I have read and understand SJR State College’s Principles of Participation for Dual Enrollment and Early College Program students (located on the SJR State Dual Enrollment web page www.sjrstate.edu/dual).
8. I understand that Early College Program students are expected to attend class. Each instructor sets their attendance policy and it is outlined in the instructor’s syllabus. Students are required to follow this outlined policy. The only excused (approved) absences are those sanctioned by SJR State. High school holidays and activities are not excused absences for students enrolled in classes at SJR State.
9. I affirm that I have attended an information session on December 18th and I understand the presentation and the SJR State Early College Program.