

THE EARLY COLLEGE ACCESS PROGRAM at WALTER JOHNSON HIGH SCHOOL

A Dual Enrollment Partnership with Montgomery College





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DUAL ENROLLMENT (DE)



EARLY COLLEGE ACCESS PROGRAM

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- Eligible students are invited to apply in fall of their sophomore year
- Accepted students attend MC fulltime during 11th and 12th grades
- Students earn an AA degree, and a MD State HS diploma, upon successful completion
- Interested students should work with their counselors

JUMP START TO COLLEGE PATHWAY

- Eligible students can take one or more MC classes at WJ, on campus, and online
- Students may use an abbreviated high school schedule
- MC courses must be approved for dual enrollment
- Dual credit can be earned
- All college courses are offered at a reduced cost
- Need-based financial assistance is available
- Interested students should speak with their counselors and Dual Enrollment Program Assistant

**This presentation focuses on the
Jump Start to College Pathway of WJ's Dual Enrollment
Partnership with Montgomery College (MC),
including MC classes held at WJ**

**For information about the *Early College* programs,
search "Early College" on the MCPS and MC websites;
students pursuing this program should work with
their counselors**

WHAT IS THE JUMP START TO COLLEGE PATHWAY?

- Opportunity for eligible students to take college classes at WJ, on campus, and online
- Opportunity for students to graduate with college credits
- Opportunity for students to save money on college tuition
- Opportunity to explore career options, and take courses not offered at the HS level
- Dual Enrollment partnership with Montgomery College

<https://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/curriculum/partnerships/jump-start.aspx>

WHAT IS DUAL ENROLLMENT?



- **“Dual Enrollment” students are enrolled in high school and college at the same time**
- **Students planning to take MC classes in high school, MUST apply to MC as “Dual Enrollment” students**
- **Search “Dual Enrollment” on the MC and MCPS sites for more information**
- **Students have the option of receiving “Dual Credit”**

WHAT IS DUAL CREDIT?

start earning
COLLEGE CREDIT
EARLY

- An option that awards students high school credit and college credit for college courses
- A 3+ credit college course = 1 credit weighted high school course which appears on the high school transcript and gets calculated into the GPA
- College credit is earned whether dual credit is accepted or refused
- Students **MUST** submit a required MCPS form, accepting or refusing dual credit, during the registration process
- Approved MC Dual Enrollment courses may be used to meet high school graduation requirements <https://tinyurl.com/mcps-mc-courses>

WHAT ARE SOME ADDITIONAL BENEFITS?



- **Enjoy small class size, 10-24 students (classes held @ WJ)**
- **Option of evening and weekend classes**
- **Experience expectations/responsibilities of college courses**
- **Gain skills and confidence needed to succeed in college**
- **Transfer MC credit to University of Maryland schools (and many US colleges and universities)**

HOW DO MC CLASSES DIFFER FROM AP CLASSES?

“There was less enforcement of assignments - students were responsible for getting everything done on their own.”

**“We had to buy our own textbooks
...fewer reminders
...met only twice a week.”**

**WJ Student
responses from
exit survey**

“There is more open dialogue, more freedom of expression. Fewer grades.”

“We had about the same amount of work, but we were more independent.”

WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO APPLY?



- **Seniors: minimum 2.50 GPA, unweighted;
Underclassmen: minimum 2.75 GPA, unweighted**
- **On track to graduate; able to drop two electives if
taking MC class @ WJ**
- **16 years or older by first day of semester; underage students
must interview at MC before registration is finalized**
- **Students with qualifying course grades, or test scores**

Students who earn an **A or B in the final semester** of high school courses listed below will be considered college ready in English and/or Math at Montgomery College

ENGLISH

AP Language and Composition B

Honors English 12B

Modern World History B

MATH

Algebra 2B

Two-year Algebra (4th semester)

Qualifying test scores to be considered college ready

TEST	REQUIRED SCORES
SAT	530 Math; 480 Reading & Writing (or 26 Reading sub-score)
ACT	21 Math; 21 Reading
Accuplacer	Qualifying Placement Levels
TOEFL	Qualifying Placement Levels

- Scores from different dates & types of exams may be combined
- Students must send official SAT/ACT scores (if using) to MC
OR print scores @ WJ when MC Academic Coordinator visits
OR print @ Rockville campus in Dual Enrollment Office

WHAT IS THE ACCUPLACER?



- For students who do not have qualifying ACT/SAT scores or course grades
- Free, online, untimed assessment
- Taken after MC application; need MC ID number (M#)
- Measures English, reading & math skills
- Offered year round at MC Assessment Centers
- ESL version is available
- Details at: <https://accuplacer.collegeboard.org>

WHAT COURSES ARE OFFERED AT WJ?

Students may take MC classes on campus or online.
Seniors and juniors may take MC classes, taught by MC professors, at WJ.
Two MC classes are offered at WJ each semester.



FALL (1st) semester courses



SPRING (2nd) semester courses



FALL

COMM108: Foundations of Human Communication

- **The course reinforces the basic theory of communication and develops interpersonal communication skills with practical exercises and oral presentations. (3 credit)**



POLI203: International Relations

- **A political science class that offers a critical analysis of international problems, issues and situations that affect today's world politics. (3 credit)**

SPRING

BSAD101: Introduction to Business*

- **An introductory business course, giving a broad overview of the principles, practices, and functions of business. (3 credit)**

**In Spring 2020, this class will be taught in a “blended format” ...
blended format = 50% in person w/professor + 50% online*



PSYC221: Intro to Abnormal Psychology

- **An introduction to abnormal behaviors, mental illness & personality disorders; symptoms, classifications, diagnoses & treatments. (3 credit)**

Prerequisite: AP Psychology with score of 4 or 5 on AP exam

WHEN ARE MC CLASSES HELD @ WJ?



- Double period (Periods 1 & 2)
- ~90 min/class starting @ 7:45am
- Twice a week: M & W, or T & Th
OR
Once a week face-to-face with professor, with online participation, if a “blended” format
- Abbreviated schedule 3-4 days/week; high school classes begin with Period 3
- No Friday classes
- Mornings w/o MC class, Media Center may be used for academic purposes

WHAT IS THE ACADEMIC CALENDAR?



- MC fall and spring classes held at WJ begin during the same week, or shortly after, the corresponding MCPS semesters
- Students taking classes on campus or online, follow the MC Academic Calendar published on their website
- MC fall semester ends in December; spring semester in May
- MC classes may be held when MCPS is not in session - such as religious holidays, professional days, etc.
- MC recognizes students' rights to religious observance; professors will provide make-up opportunities

SAMPLE MC:MCPS ACADEMIC CALENDAR



Office of Academic Initiatives
Dual Enrollment Program Calendar
 Fall 2018

COMBINED ACADEMIC CALENDARS FOR MCPS AND MC				
DATE	MCPS CALENDAR	MC CLASSES AT HIGH SCHOOL SITE	MC CLASSES AT UNIVERSITIES AT SHADY GROVE (USG)	MC CLASSES AT COLLEGE CAMPUS & DISTANCE LEARNING**
Mon., Aug. 27 & Tue., Aug. 28	Professional days. No MCPS classes held	No MC classes held	No MC classes held	MC fall classes begin
Mon., Sept. 3	No MCPS classes held	No MC classes held	No MC classes held	No MC classes held
Tues., Sept. 4	MCPS fall classes begin	No MC classes held	No MC classes held	MC classes held
Wed., Sept. 5 & Thur., Sept. 6	Regular MCPS schedule	MC classes begin at high school site	MC classes begin at USG	MC classes held
Mon. Sept. 10 & Wed., Sept. 19	No MCPS classes held (Non-instructional day)	MC classes held	MC classes held	MC classes held
Fri., Oct. 5	Early release for students*	MC classes held	MC classes held	MC classes held
Wed., Oct. 10	PSAT/NMSQT Test Day	No MC classes held	No MC classes held	MC classes held
Tues., Nov. 6	No MCPS classes held (Election Day)	No MC classes held	No MC classes held	
Wed., Nov. 7 & Mon., Nov. 12 & Tues., Nov 13	Early release for students*	MC classes held	MC classes held	MC classes held
Wed., Nov. 21	Early release for students*	No MC classes held (Non-instructional Duty Day for Faculty)	No MC classes held (Non-instructional Duty Day for Faculty)	No MC classes held (Non-instructional Duty Day for Faculty)
Thurs., Nov. 22 & Fri., Nov. 23	No MCPS classes held	No MC classes held	No MC classes held	No MC classes held
Mon. Dec. 10-Sat., Dec. 15	Regular MCPS schedule	Final week of MC classes - exams	Final week of MC classes - exams	Final week of MC classes - exams

Dual Enrollment Program Website: www.montgomerycollege.edu/dep

Updated: August 2018

*All MC courses offered at the HS site and USG will take place at the regularly scheduled time and classroom location regardless of the adjusted MCPS early release schedule
 **MCPS students taking college courses on MC's campus or through Distance Learning MUST follow the College's regular academic calendar independent of their MCPS schedule.

Days when MC classes were held @ WJ, but high school classes were not.

WHAT IS THE COST?

2019-2020*

Application fee = (FREE Oct.1–April 15; otherwise \$25.00)

3 credit course fee \approx \$247.00

MC fees \approx \$125.00

Estimated textbook cost \approx \$100.00

APPROXIMATE **TOTAL** \cong \$472.00

* There may be a slight increase in costs for 2020-2021

- **MCPS & MC offer need-based financial assistance**
- **Students are responsible for buying or renting textbooks**
- **Payments are made directly to Montgomery College**
- **Refunds are issued on sliding scale, dependent on drop date**

I AM INTERESTED, WHAT ARE THE NEXT STEPS?

- 1.) Meet w/your counselor to discuss eligibility & graduation plan
- 2.) Discuss the *Early College Access Program* w/your parents or guardians; their permission is needed for enrollment
- 3.) See the Dual Enrollment Program Assistant (DEPA) for required paperwork and steps of enrollment

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webpage (under Early College Access Program):

<http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/schools/wjhs/programs/>

Please note....

Enrollment is limited due to class size; waitlists are used

Seniors have priority enrollment for classes held at WJ

**Students must meet all enrollment requirements
before their registrations are finalized**

MC does not register students after the first class has met

**Students with 504 Plans or IEPs must request
accommodations for testing or instruction through
MC's Disability Support Services (DSS)**



MCPSTV
Early College Access
Video

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=puis4eO3hyo>

**Video Content CORRECTION:
as of Fall 2016, the required GPAs are
2.75 unweighted for underclassmen, and
2.50 unweighted for Seniors**