

Branch County Early College

The Branch County Early College Program is a unique opportunity that will allow your child the opportunity to graduate with a high school diploma, transferable college credits, an associate degree, a technical certificate, or any combination of these. Your local High School works in collaboration with Kellogg Community College, and when applicable, the Branch Area Career Center, to provide your child with this educational opportunity.

All Sophomore students are eligible to apply to the Branch County Early College Program. Students who are accepted into the program will have a bonus year of high school where they will be attending KCC classes to meet their educational goals. The advantage of participating in this program is two-fold. First, the student is able to be a full time college student, but your local high school will cover most all the cost of classes and books. Secondly, the student has the added support of both high school and college staff to help guide the student through the first year of full time college classes helping to ensure a successful transition to full time college life.

To be accepted into the program students must complete the application and earn a qualifying score on the Accuplacer test. Once a student is accepted into the program, students and parents will have an interview with the Branch County Early College team to ensure that this program is a good fit.

Application Process:

1. Attend the informational meeting **May 1, at 3:30 or 5:00** in the High School Library.
2. Applications will be available for the student to complete starting April 18th.
3. Applications are due to the High School Office by **May 17th at 3:00pm.**
4. All Sophomores will take the Accuplacer test at their local high school on May 20th during the school day (**accuplacerpractice.collegeboard.org** is a great site for practice).
5. Based on scores and application, students and parents will attend planning interviews
 - a. May 28th and 29th (appointments will be set).
6. If student decides to enroll in the Branch County Early College, mandatory summer activities are:
 - FYS 101** - First Year Seminar (June 10-20, M-Th 1:00-3:00, or August 5-15, M-Th 9:00-11:00)
 - Orientation** - August 16th 12:00 - 3:00

We believe our Early College is an exceptional opportunity for our students and we look forward to sharing this Program with you. There will be an information meeting on **May 1st at 3:30 or 5:00 in the High School Library** where you can learn more about this opportunity and decide if this program is something that fits your educational goals.

Please contact Jennifer Searls if you have any questions about this opportunity.

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