



The Virtual Middle College Program

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MC Welcome

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Dual Enrollment

College and Career Credit Opportunities

- ***Jumpstart to College***
 - Individual courses earning college credit
 - *Jumpstart to College* pathways

Diploma+Degree Opportunities

- **Early College Program**
College campus based
- **Middle College Program (MC²)**
At Northwest and Northwood High Schools
- **Pathways In Network and Information Technology (P-TECH)**
At Clarksburg High School
- **Virtual Middle College Program (VMC)**
All MCPS High Schools (MC courses ENTIRELY online/virtual)

What is Virtual Middle College?



- Virtual Middle College (VMC) is a joint MC and MCPS academic initiative that allows qualified high school students to be admitted and enrolled at Montgomery College, taking college credit courses to earn a college degree, while also earning their high school diploma through an entirely online/virtual college experience.
- Students are accepted from all MCPS high schools and admitted in to one of the College's virtual degree programs to complete an Associate's degree.
- Students are registered for standard college courses taught online by Montgomery College professors. Students do not attend college courses on the MC campus.
- VMC students stay enrolled in their home high school, and may continue to participate in regular high school activities, or may participate in the MCPS Virtual Academy, if accepted into that program separately.

What are the Degree Options?

Associate of Arts(AA)/Associate of Science(AS)/Associate of Applied Science(AAS)

- AA Business
- AA Computer Science
- AA Digital Media and Web Technology
- AA Health Information Management (requires in person practicum)
- AA Information Sciences and Systems
- AAS Criminal Justice
- AA Cybersecurity
- AAS Early Childhood Education Technology
- AA General Studies
 - Social Sciences, Administration, and Health (SSAH)
 - Humanities, Art, Communication, and Languages (HACL)
 - Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM)

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What are the MCPS Requirements To Participate?

- Students must be an MCPS 9th grader and on track to be a 10th grader at the end of the school year in order to apply to the program, and must be on track to graduate MCPS with a standard high school diploma.
- Students must be on track to complete the 9th and 10th grade high school credits listed on the degree pathway of their choice by the end of their 10th grade year.
- Students must be on track to complete the degree pathway courses by the end of their 12th grade year.
- Students must submit a VMC Interest Form **by Friday November 4th.**

What are the MC Requirements To Participate?

- Students must **submit a College admissions application** and be fully admitted to a virtual degree program at Montgomery College, by the VMC deadline stated on the website.
- Students must meet the College's Dual Enrollment requirements
 - Must maintain a high school unweighted grade point average (**GPA**) of **2.50 (seniors) or 2.75 (juniors or below)**.
 - Must **complete all program admission steps**, to include orientation and appropriate school and parent approvals.
- Students must have the required **prerequisites and assessment levels** for each class, including AP scores for appropriate courses.
 - Assessment testing is currently being waived for all students with a minimum 2.75 GPA

Earning Dual Credit at MCPS

- MCPS students will earn high school credit by successfully completing MCPS approved college courses within the specified degree pathway.
- The grade earned in the college course will appear on the student's high school transcript.
- Grades earned in college courses for dual credit will be calculated into the high school Weighted GPA as an advanced level course, just as AP/IB high school courses are.
- If students fail or withdraw from a college course it will impact their college transcript and may impact their financial aid award after high school, and may impact their continued participation in VMC.

Sample VMC Pathway

Subject	DRAFT Virtual Middle College General Studies AS: Studies in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM CORE): 611B						
	Grade 9 MCPS/MC Credits	Grade 10 (on HS Campus)	Summer (on MC Campus)	Grade 11 (on MC Campus)	Winter 1 Winter 2 (on MC Campus)	Summer (on MC Campus)	Grade 12 (on MC Campus)
English	Honors English 9, 1/0	Honors English 10, 1/0		Sem 1: ENGL 101 , 1/3 Sem 2: ENGL 102/103 , 1/3			
Math	Geometry, 1/0	Algebra 2, 1/0		Sem 1: MATH 115 , 1/4 (MATF); Sem 2: MATH 117 , 1/3			
Science, or Natural Science	9 th Grade Science, 1/0	10 th Grade Science, 1/0		Sem 1: Natural Science with Lab Distribution (NSLD) , 1/4 Sem 2: Natural Science with or without Lab Distribution (NSLD/NSND) , 1/3			
Social Studies, or Humanities/ Electives	Honors or AP U.S. History*, 1/0	Honors or AP NSL*, 1/0		Sem 2: HIST 117, Behavioral & Social Science Distribution , 1/3		Behavioral & Social Science Distribution , 1/3	
Arts, Fine Arts		Sem 2: MC Art Distribution (ARTD) , 1/0					Sem 1: Unmet MC requirement or Elective, 1/3
Behavioral and Social Sciences							
Physical Education, Health	General PE, 1/0;						Sem 1: HLTH 105 , 1/3
Program Completer/Track Electives	For Language, 1/0	For Language, 1/0					Sem 1: STEM Core Course 1 and 2 , 2/6; Sem 2: STEM Core Course 3, 4 and 5 , 3/9
Technology Education	MCPS Tech Course, 1/0						
Elective/MC classes		College Test Prep, .5/0 Elective, 1.5/0		Sem 1: Elective, 1/3	Winter 2: COMM 108 (GEEL) , 1/3		Sem 2: 2 Electives, 2/5

Students Are Not Alone

- Professors' office hours, e-mails, etc.
- Each student has a Middle College Coordinator
- Students may still reach out to their HS counselor
- Embedded coaches in Math, English, and Science courses
 - additional instructor who provides extra support to students by hold weekly coaching sessions
- Academic Regulations and Standards provide rights and responsibilities for students
 - Disputing a grade
 - Faculty complaints
 - Harassment/bullying
- One-on-one tutoring for Math, science, writing
 - no additional cost
 - in person and virtual
- Campus libraries
 - online MC- accessible 24/7 and students may chat with a live librarian



ATPA Academic Coaches



Collegewide Academic Support Services

- College Professors/Advisors/Chairs
- Online Learning Centers
 - Writing, Reading, World Languages
 - Math
 - Science
 - Business
 - Health Sciences
 - Humanities/Social Sciences
- Online Libraries
- Virtual Campus/ELITE
- Disability Support Services
- Achieving the Promise Academy
 - Academic Coaching and Embedded Support

Transferring College Credits To Other Institutions

- The transfer of college credits is at the sole discretion of the receiving college or university and not MC or MCPS.
- MCPS approved college courses provide transfer credit within the University System of Maryland and specifically UMCP (“Google” *ARTSYS Maryland*).
- Parents/students should research the transferability of college credits to institutions outside of the University System of Maryland or to private colleges or universities.

FULL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

- **As an MCPS student, all college tuition, fees, textbooks and instructional material will be covered for the entire degree.**
- HS students do not receive federal aid (FAFSA), however may be eligible for need-based financial assistance to cover all or part of costs
- Maryland Community College Promise Scholarship does NOT apply to HS students.



Program Cost to Student

Cost of 2 year degree program including tuition, fees and instructional materials*	\$12,700
Cost paid by MC & MCPS	\$12,700
Cost of Program to students	\$ 0

- *Instructional Materials include textbooks and other items required for the class.
- Early College students are not eligible for federal financial aid (FAFSA).
- **REDUCE STUDENT LOAN DEBT!**

Virtual Middle College *versus* Traditional Tuition

Program	Required Years After High School	Total Tuition, Fees & Books for Degree
UMD College Park <i>Bachelor of Science degree</i>	4	\$47,116 (\$43,116 tuition & fees + \$4,000 instructional materials) Plus \$1428 per semester x 4 in Jr and Sr year for UMD Comp Sci, Engineering & Business majors
Montgomery College <i>A.A., A.S., A.A.S., or A.A.T. degree</i> plus UMD College Park <i>Bachelor of Science degree</i>	4	\$36,148 (MC: \$12,700 + UMD: \$23,558)
Virtual Middle College at Montgomery College <i>A.A., A.S., A.A.S., or A.A.T. degree</i>	2	\$28,556 <u>or a savings of \$23,108</u> (EC at MC: \$2724 + UMD 2yrs. at \$22,558) Plus \$1428 per semester x 4 in Jr and Sr year for UMD Comp Sci, Engineering & Business majors
UMD College Park <i>Bachelor of Science degree</i>	and	

Maintaining Good Standing in Program

- Students **must earn grades of “C” or higher in their college classes in order to maintain eligibility to remain in the program.** Grades of “C” or better are crucial as this may affect transferability of credits, students' ability to receive future federal financial aid and satisfying prerequisites for future college classes.
- Students must also perform and behave according to college standards.
- Students may be required to appeal their academic standing to continue in the program.
- MCPS and parents (with release) will be notified of any academic or behavioral concerns.



FERPA and Parent Access to Education Records and Progress

- Your primary line of communication with the college is through the Early College Office
- Faculty, staff and administrators (outside of EC office) will only communicate with the student even with a release form.
- Early College Coordinators work with HS counselors
- Parents can get access to student's course grades through the student's BLACKBOARD or MyMC records
- FERPA Release to talk to Parents
 - Allows Early College office to communicate regarding all academic matters
- PHOTO Release allows MC/MCPS to use images on website, social media and publications

What are the Benefits of Participating?

- **Register and attend MC courses** virtually/online
- **Engage with outstanding college professors** and peers in a collegiate classroom setting
- Graduate from high school with **a college degree**
- **Earn high school credit** for the college course (dual credit)
- **Save money on college tuition** and fees
 - MCPS (CCRCCA) benefits
 - MC High School Grant
- **Accelerate** college and high school **completion**
- **Gain additional skills and confidence** needed to succeed in college

Disability Support Services at MC

- Students may request accommodations for assessment testing or course support.
- Students must request accommodations through Montgomery College Disability Support Services (DSS).
- MC professors will provide accommodations only to those high school students who produce an Accommodations Letter from Montgomery College Disability Support Services.
 - Students do not receive accommodations through their high school for College classes, and accommodations may differ from those offered through MCPS.
 - <https://www.montgomerycollege.edu/counseling-and-advising/disability-support-services/>

By the Numbers

2021-22



19,000+

Students enrolled in online courses in 2018



231

Credit courses offered online



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Degrees offered fully online



5,000+

Students enrolled in blended courses

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Interest Form Deadline for VMC Only

- ***MCPS Interest Form is due by the November 4th deadline.*** Application link will also be on the MC or MCPS Dual Enrollment webpage.
- CURRENT 8th GRADE STUDENTS:

Did You Know?

- *Over 80% of MCPS dually enrolled students earned a B or better in their college course.*
- *More than half of dually enrolled MCPS students took more than one course*
- *Over 40% of MCPS students maintain a 4.00 college GPA*

Why We Are Here!



Where Are They Now?

- American University
- Marymount University
- Morehouse College
- Nova Southeastern University
- Pennsylvania State University
- Princeton University
- Purdue University
- St. Mary's College of Maryland
- Savannah College of Art and Design
- Stony Brook University
- Towson University
- University of Maryland, Baltimore County
- University of Maryland, College Park
- University of Maryland, Global Campus
- University of the Sciences
- University of Vermont
- Washington College
- West Liberty University
- Xavier University



Dual Enrollment Websites

Information on General Dual Enrollment at MC can be found at:

www.montgomerycollege.edu/dep

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Information on all MCPS Dual Enrollment Programs and Pathways can be found at:

montgomeryschoolsmd.org/curriculum/partnerships/dual-enrollment.aspx

or

by searching the MCPS website for “Dual Enrollment” and selecting the first result

Direct Link to Early College information can be found at:

<https://www.montgomerycollege.edu/high-school-students/dual-enrollment/degree-and-pathway-programs/early-college-program.html>



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