

Collegiate Options

The MCPS and Montgomery College (MC) Partnership provides students with a variety of collegiate options via dual enrollment opportunities which enable college ready high school students to dually enroll in MCPS and Montgomery College. MCPS high school students take college courses, earning both college and high school credit towards a college degree and high school diploma. Dual enrollment allows students to save time and money in their pursuit of a college associate and/or bachelor's degree. There are over 450 MC courses from which students can choose that allow transfer credit to the University of Maryland College Park as well as other public and private universities in the state of Maryland and across the country based on each institution's requirements. Students must meet the MC determined course requirements in order to enroll in a college course. Students may take MC courses online, on the college campus, and/or at select MCPS high Schools. MCPS and MC work collaboratively to ensure students are provided a variety of options which will allow them to meet their educational and career goals. Below is a broad overview of the options available for MCPS students. For additional information, students and/or parents/guardians may visit the MCPS website and search dual enrollment or click on the following link <https://montgomeryschoolsmd.org/curriculum/partnerships/dual-enrollment.aspx>; speak to the high school counselor, or speak with high school Dual Enrollment Program Assistant (DEPA). A link to the list of high school DEPAs can be found at the following link: <https://tinyurl.com/DEPA-MPCS>. Information may also be found on MC's website by searching Dual Enrollment or at the link provided: <https://www.montgomerycollege.edu/high-school-students/dual-enrollment/>.

Option	Early College (Degree Program)	Pathway in Network and Information Technology (P-TECH) (Degree Program)	Montgomery College Middle College (MC ²) Degree Program (Degree Program)		JumpStart (Non-Degree Option)
Overview	Early College students take all college courses on the MC campus during grades 11 and 12. The college courses meet their required MCPS course requirements. Students graduate with a high school diploma and an Associate degree from MC.	Participating students earn MCPS high school diploma, Network Information industry certification, and an Associate of Applied Science (AAS) degree from MC. Students will complete each via a combination of high school and college courses. Students will be required to complete a 6-week internship experience and will have industry mentors to support their progress.	MC ² at Northwest allows students to earn college credits through a combination of courses including AP courses and corresponding test scores, CLEP examinations, and/or MC courses. Students are supported through a progressive transition from a traditional high school experience to a college-like experience on the high school campus, and finally to full college coursework and experience on the college campus.	MC ² at Northwood allows students to earn college credits through a combination of courses including AP courses and corresponding test scores, CLEP examinations, and/or MC courses. Students are supported through a progressive transition from a traditional high school experience to a college-like experience on the high school campus, and finally to full college coursework and experience on the college campus.	Students may take one college course during their high school tenure or strategically plan their schedule and take up to 17+ college courses and earn 30 or more college credits. JumpStart is designed to help college bound students get a jump start on their college degree by completing as many college courses as able and earn their high school diploma.
Location	MC Campuses: Germantown, Rockville, and/or Takoma Park/Silver Spring	Clarksburg High School	Northwest High School	Northwood High School	MC campuses, online, and/or at select MCPS High Schools.

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Access	Students apply in grade 10. The program is open to students from all MCPS High Schools. Students must meet college requirements (e.g. GPA, assessment scores, etc.) that vary by degree program chosen. Depending on number of qualified applicants, students may be selected via lottery process.	Students apply in grade 8. The program is open to interested students whose home school is Clarksburg, as well as students from Damascus, Seneca Valley, and Watkins Mill via a lottery process.	Students apply in grade 8. The program is open to interested students whose home school is Northwest, as well as students from Clarksburg, Damascus, Gaithersburg, Magruder, Poolesville, Quince Orchard, Seneca Valley, and Watkins Mill via a lottery process.	Students apply in grade 8. The program is open to students who home school is Northwood, as well as students from Bethesda-Chevy Chase, Churchill, Downcounty Consortium, Northeast Consortium, Walter Johnson, Richard Montgomery, Rockville, Sherwood, Walt Whitman, and Wootton via a lottery process.	Open access. This options is available to students from all MCPS High Schools. Students may speak to high school counselor and/or DEPA about college course offerings and requirements.
MC Degree Options Offered	Biological Science, Business, Computer Science, Cybersecurity, Elementary Education, Diagnostic Medical Sonography, General Engineering, Mathematics, Nursing, Physical Therapist Assistant, Radiologic Technology and Surgical Technology, and Teaching Mathematics	Network and Information Technology	General Engineering, and General Studies	General Studies	Open. Students may earn 30 or more college credits towards a college degree and/or complete their college freshman year general education courses towards a degree.
Tuition*	Cost for required courses is covered by MC and MCPS.	Cost for required courses covered by MC, MCPS and Grant from MSDE.	Tuition free for first four courses for students who qualify for financial aid. Cost to others may be approximately \$355 per three credit course.	Tuition free for first four courses for students who qualify for financial aid. Cost to others may be approximately \$355 per three credit course.	Tuition free for first four courses for students who qualify for financial aid. Cost to others may be approximately \$355 per three credit course.
College Fees*	Cost for required courses is covered by MCPS for students who qualify for financial aid.	Cost for required courses covered by MCPS.	May be fully covered by for students who qualify for financial aid if funds are available. Average cost per 3 credit college course is approximately \$135.	May be fully covered by for students who qualify for financial aid if funds are available. Average cost per 3 credit college course is approximately \$135.	May be fully covered by for students who qualify for financial aid if funds are available. Average cost per 3 credit college course is approximately \$135.
Textbooks*	Covered by MCPS	Covered by MCPS	Not Covered	Not Covered	Not Covered

*Cost of course tuition, college fees (e.g. facility fee, technology fee) and textbooks are determined by MC and vary by course, section, and professor. Exact cost to parents will be shared by MC and may vary each year. Cost noted above are average cost based on 2019 data.