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Dear Parents and Students in Project Lead The Way Courses:



Since you attend a PLTW-certified school, you can get a head start on your college career and add prestige to your admissions applications by receiving college credits from Rochester Institute of Technology (RIT).

These are transcribed credits and are eligible to be transferred to other universities. One of the most important benefits of having RIT credit is that, during the college application process, admissions officers look favorably on a student who has already completed college-level courses. The process is simple:

- Students must earn a stanine score of 6 or higher on PLTW's year-end exam in Introduction to Engineering Design. In addition, the final course grade must be an 85% or higher.
- The RIT college credit grade is based solely on the stanine earned on the final exam and not on the course grade. Therefore, the grade a student receives in the high school course may differ from the college credit grade. If a student subsequently attends RIT, the college credit grade would be counted towards his/her overall grade point average. If a student attends another university, the course credits often are transferred without the letter grade.¹ RIT has converted to the semester system and each course is worth three semester credits.
- **Important: Students must register for college credit before Nov. 11, 2019** The total tuition charge for each course is \$225. The [registration form](#) can be printed at from this link or by going to <https://www.rit.edu/emcs/pltw/students-parents>. Please send the form and a check/money order to the address on the form. Credit cards are not accepted at this time. RIT will send the student a transcript at the end of the semester in which he/she registers.

Students who apply to colleges other than RIT may request, at no cost, that a transcript be sent to those schools by completing a Transcript Request Form at: www.rit.edu/academicaffairs/registrar/form

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to email me at dacpltw@rit.edu or to call at (585) 475-4609.

Best regards,

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¹ Having RIT credits does not guarantee that a student will be accepted into any program, even at RIT. All colleges and universities establish their own policies for accepting credits and those decisions are based on many factors. Most often, the credits are counted as 'free' electives.