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All students in high school grades and who meet the program requirements defined by law are eligible to participate in the Early College Credit Program. The student must:

- x complete the 8th grade.
- x apply to the institute of higher education (IHE) in the school semester prior to the one in which the student plans to attend the postsecondary course.
- x notify the school board of the district in which they are enrolled, through a high school counselor or designee, of the student's intent to enroll in an institute of higher education. The deadlines for filing the form are no later than March 1 for the fall semester and October 1 for the spring semester. The notice shall include the titles of the courses in which the pupil intends to enroll, the number of credits of each course and shall specify whether they are taking the courses for high school and/or post-secondary credit.

The student's parent/guardian is responsible for satisfactory student attendance and compliance with the state compulsory school attendance law. Nonresident open enrollment students attending courses in the District have all the rights and privileges of resident students and are subject to the same rules and regulations as resident students.

The board or designee shall determine whether a postsecondary course is eligible for high school credit, how many high school credits may be awarded, and whether the course is comparable to a course offered in the district. Such decisions shall be made consistent with state law requirements and established by district procedures. Students in grades 9-12 may be eligible to take respective post-secondary courses during the fall, spring, and summer semesters. Participation in this program is limited to a total of 18 college credits, though there is no annual or semester limits.

Admission and Notification

The school board shall notify the pupil of its determinations, in writing, before the beginning of the semester in which the pupil will be enrolled. If the pupil disagrees with the school board's decision regarding



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- x For a pupil who took a course for high school credit, 25 percent of the actual cost of tuition for the course. The department of public instruction shall reimburse the school board the amount received from the department of workforce development.
- x For a pupil who took a course for postsecondary credit, 50 percent of the actual cost of tuition for the course. The department of public instruction shall reimburse the school board the amount received from the department of workforce development.
- x If the appropriation in any fiscal year is insufficient to reimburse all school districts and all governing bodies eligible for the full amount of reimbursable tuition costs, the secretary of the department of workforce development shall notify the state superintendent, who shall prorate the amount of the payments under among eligible school districts and governing bodies.

Responsibility of Pupil for Tuition and Fees

A pupil taking a course at an institution of higher education for high school credit is not responsible for any portion of the tuition and fees for the course if the school board has determined that the course is not comparable to a course offered in the school district.

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A pupil taking a course at an institution of higher education only for postsecondary credit is responsible for 25 percent of the actual cost of tuition for the course. The school board shall establish a written policy governing the timing and method for recovering from the pupil or the pupil's parent or guardian the pupil's share of tuition.

The school board shall waive the pupil's responsibility for costs if the department determines that the cost of the course would pose an undue financial burden on the pupil's family.

The parent/guardian or student is responsible for transportation between the school and the participating Early College Credit postsecondary institution. The parent or guardian of a pupil who is attending an institution of higher education or technical college and is taking a course for high school credit may apply to the state superintendent for reimbursement of the cost of transporting the pupil between the high school in which(e)1.4(h)-8.5(ip)-8.5