

Early College Program at Sandalwood High School *Fast Track for Your Future!*



Are you ready for some **College Credit!?!?**

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Students in the DCPS High School Acceleration “East” District have the opportunity to apply for the Early College Program at Sandalwood High School. We hope these ***Frequently Asked Questions*** will help you become familiar with the program. Applications may be downloaded at the website listed below, or picked up in the Main Office at Sandalwood High School.

What is Early College? – an *accelerated dual enrollment* program that provides the motivated student who is working at or above grade level an opportunity to earn their high school diploma and up to 60 hours college credit (Associate of Arts) upon graduation.

Who is Early College? – The DCPS High School Acceleration Initiative has paired Sandalwood High School and Florida State College at Jacksonville South Campus in order to provide a cohesive course of study. Students and their families are the driving force in the Early College Program as this empowering educational opportunity combines the Sandalwood high school experience with the facilities and resources of Florida State College at Jacksonville.

Why choose Early College? – students move at a quicker pace toward their educational and personal goals as they earn two years of undergraduate college credit upon high school graduation with *no cost for tuition and textbooks*.

What are the Guidelines for acceptance into the Early College Program? - 8th grade middle school students should have *at least* a 2.5 grade point average in all core classes; FCAT scores of Reading (3), Math (3) and Writing (4) or higher; successful completion of Algebra I in middle school; and a completed application submitted to Sandalwood High School.

What are the Requirements for continuing in the Early College Program? - students must maintain a 3.0 grade point average in high school; a 2.0 grade point average in each college level course. GPAs for high school are calculated at the end of each academic year. An organized academic focus is essential for success in the Early College Program as the dual enrollment credits begin the student’s college transcript.

Thank you for considering the Early College Program at Sandalwood High School!

We look forward to hearing from you –

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