

Ridgefield Park Jr. Sr. High School,  
in partnership with Bergen Community College,

presents



The Early College Program  
Cohort '25



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- Beginning its 5th year
- Created in partnership with Bergen Community College
- One-of-a-kind program open to all 11<sup>th</sup> grade Ridgefield Park Jr. Sr. High School students who meet the academic criteria
- Courses can be taken at BCC Paramus Campus, BCC Hackensack Campus or online (determined by course offerings on each campus)
  - Minimal cost to families



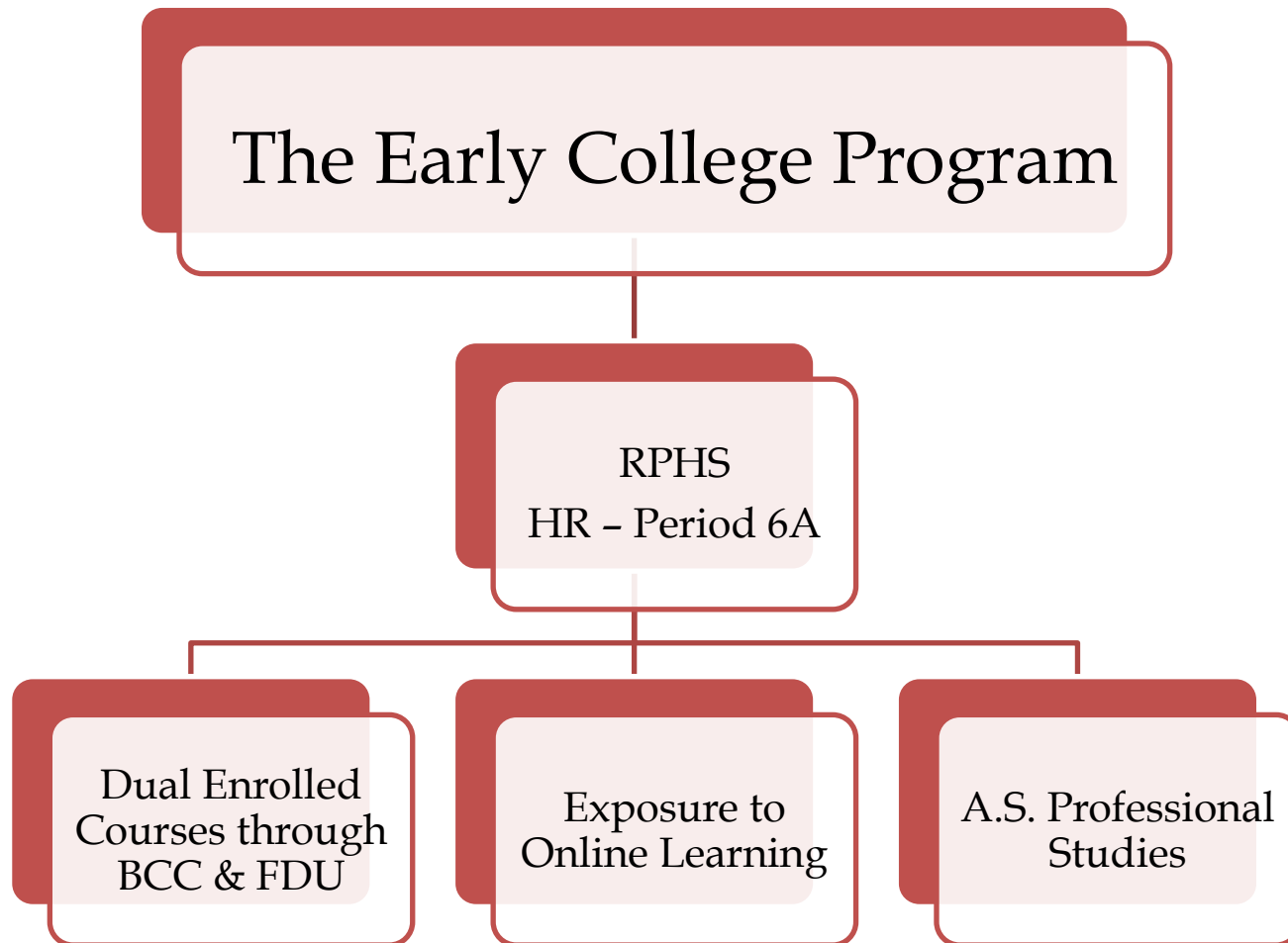
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## **Benefits**

- Support and guidance from RPHS and BCC staff
- Graduate high school with an Associate's Degree in Professional Studies from Bergen Community College in May 2025
- Accepted under Junior status at most universities
- Significant savings in the cost of obtaining a college degree



# Creating More Opportunities for Students



# The Early College Program

## Testing Requirements

- Fulfill BCC Testing Requirement: Next Generation Accuplacer Test  
Passing score for Arithmetic is 264.  
Passing score for Quantitative Reasoning, Algebra, and Statistics is 264.  
Passing scores for English Basic Skills (EBS) are 6 or higher on the essay AND 243-300 on Reading.  
The highest score on any of the multiple-choice tests is 300.  
The highest score on the essay is 8.

OR

- Achieve the following minimum score on the SAT  
Math 500  
Reading 500

**Scores must be provided to Mrs. Hasselberger**



# Program Testing at BCC

All testing information can be found at:

<https://bergen.edu/testing/>

- Study guides are available on BCC's testing website
- In person, computer based test
- Location: Pitkin Education Center at BCC, room S-127
- Walk-in service 9:30-1:00, just show up
- Must have a photo ID
- You have two chances to take the test
- RPHS attendance will be excused after testing results are provided to Mrs. Hasselberger



# Vaccination Requirement

- In order to take classes on campus, a student must be vaccinated or agree to weekly testing.
- Once a student is accepted into the program, there will be instructions on where to upload proof of vaccination or weekly test results.

*This information was as of Feb. 2022 and has not been updated since.*

# The Early College Program

## **Requirements - Once in the Program**

- Maintain an overall GPA of B or better with no less than a C in any course at BCC
- Maintain a clean disciplinary record at RPHS
- Adhere to RPJSHS attendance policy
- Mrs. Hasselberger will be your new counselor
- STAY MOTIVATED
- COMMUNICATE AND ADVOCATE!





# The Early College Program

## Design

Accepted students complete program requirements for:

- A.S. Professional Studies (60 credits)

### Mornings at RPJSHS

- Homeroom
- Periods 2, 3, 4, 5A, 6A
- Lunch

### Afternoons at BCC

- One class Monday/Wednesday
- One class Tuesday/Thursday
- One class Friday (online) OR can be a asynchronous class throughout the semester



# How is 60 credits possible?

In order to achieve the 60 credits required for the degree, students need to take some of our Dual Enrollment courses which satisfy requirements of the degree program.

We offer 18 dual enrollment courses through BCC and FDU.

Dual enrollment registration and payment is the responsibility of the student/family.

Additionally, students will have to take Summer I and possibly Summer II courses.



# Dual Enrollment Courses

RPHS COURSE	BCC COURSE EQUIVALENT
*must take this course at RP	
*Honors US History 2	His-112 US History since Reconstruction
Intro to Psychology	Psy – 101 General Psychology
Child Development	Psy – 201 Child Psychology
Intro to Business	Bus – 101 Intro to Business
Intro to Marketing	Bus – 201 Marketing Principles
Honors Business Management	Bus - 207 Business Management
Italian III	Lan – 112 Italian I
Italian IV	Lan – 220 Italian II



# Dual Enrollment continued...

RPHS COURSE	BCC COURSE EQUIVALENT
Cooking I	Hrm – 101 Intro to Hospitality Management Hrm -103 Professional Food Prep & Tech
Cooking II, Baking Basics	Hrm - 110 Intro to Baking
Cooking III, Reg. Cuisine	Hrm - 211 American Regional Cuisine
Spanish III	Lan – 231 Intermediate Spanish I
Hispanic Art & Culture	Lan – 232 Intermediate Spanish II
RPHS COURSE	FDU EQUIVALENT
College Preparatory Accounting	AC-103 Accounting I
Sociology	SO-101 Sociology I
History of Intolerance & Prejudice in the Modern World	HI-123 History Intolerance/Prejudice
Human Anatomy & Physiology	BI-E111 Anatomy & Physiology



# Associate's Degree Overview

[College - AS Degree Programs in Professional Studies](#)

## Academic Planning

[Academic Planning](#)



# Early College Academy Sample Schedule

## Sample 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Schedule

1.	Algebra I, Honors Algebra I, Geometry, Honors Geometry
2.	English I
3.	World History II
4.	Biology
5.	Physical Education/Health
6.	Foreign Language
7.	Elective
8.	Elective

## Sample 10<sup>th</sup> Grade Schedule

1.	Algebra II, Honors Algebra II, Geometry, Honors Geometry
2.	English II
3.	US History I
4.	Chemistry
5.	Foreign Language (preferably a DE course)
6.	Physical Education/Health
7.	Elective (preferably a DE course)
8.	Elective (preferably a DE course)



# Sample 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> Grade Schedule

	Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday at RPJSHS (Block periods 2&4 on Wednesdays/Block periods 3&5 on Thursday)		
8:07-8:49			
8:53-9:35			
9:38-10:21			
10:25-11:07			
11:11-11:53	Physical Education/Health		
	LUNCH		
1:00-2:15	Monday/Wednesday Class at BCC	Tuesday/Thursday Class at BCC	Friday Online Class at RPHS

*BCC schedule is always subject to change.*

Students arrive back to RPHS by 2:40 to be able to attend extra help, participate in an extra-curricular activity or take the Little Ferry bus home.



# BCC College Courses

*(This is just an example of some of the courses students have taken)*

## Junior Year

### Fall Semester

- Success 101
- Macro Economics
- Public Speaking

### Spring Semester

- Intro to Human Biology
- Statistics/Int. Algebra
- Eastern Philosophy

### Summer I/II

- student choice

## Senior Year

### Fall Semester

- Writing 101
- Geology/Chemistry
- Pre-Calculus

### Winter/Spring Semester

- Writing 201





# Cost to Families

- BCC charges  $\frac{1}{2}$  tuition to all students enrolled in the Early College Program.
- RP BOE will pay  $\frac{1}{2}$  of the semester tuition.  
*For example: Current students are taking 10 credits totaling \$1430.25. However, RP will pay half, so they are only responsible for \$715.13 plus the cost of books.*
- Families are responsible for the cost of all dual enrolled courses (approximately \$225 per course).
- Families are responsible for the cost of books.
- Transportation is provided by RP BOE.



# What does the research say?



# Students who participate in Early College Programs...

- Are more likely to attain a college degree
- Have greater access to college and greater enrollment
- Have greater academic achievement in high school

U.S. Department of Education, Institution of Education Sciences, What Works Clearinghouse (2017, February). Transition to college intervention report: Dual Enrollment programs. Retrieved from <https://whatworks.ed.gov>



# Common Questions...

- Will transportation be provided?
- If RP schools are closed but BCC is open, does the student still attend class at BCC?
- Can students still be involved in extra-curricular activities and sports at RP?
- Are parents responsible for the registration and cost of dual enrollment credits?
- Who pays for the books needed for the BCC courses?
- Can a student drop from the ECA and resume a normal schedule at RPHS?



# What Next?

- Parent/student will email me full name and statement of interest.
- Students should plan to meet with me for an informal meeting.
- Interested students will be given a consent form explaining the entry requirements, program outline and financial responsibilities.
- The consent form must be signed by a parent and returned to me.
- Students will prepare for and schedule their own placement test at BCC.
- The cut off for testing is April 5, 2023.

**AN INVESTMENT IN  
EDUCATION ALWAYS  
PAYS THE HIGHEST  
RETURNS.**

**-Benjamin Franklin**





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# Thank You.

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