

Post-secondary education will give your son or daughter the greatest number of options for careers after high school. The Early College program gives students a jump-start on college, and the opportunity to earn an Associate of Arts degree during their high school years.

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EARLY COLLEGE



**SANDALWOOD
HIGH SCHOOL**

What is the Early College Program?

Early College is an academic acceleration program developed so that highly motivated students can simultaneously earn a high school diploma and an Associate's degree or up to two years of credit toward a Bachelor's degree in 4 years—all at no out of pocket expense to you and your family.

Early College is a rigorous and challenging program for students who are academically at or above grade level and highly motivated, with a true desire to achieve their personal goals and the goals of the program. Students, parents, and faculty work as a team committed to supporting the personal development and academic growth of each student.

Early College is a dual enrollment program. Through a partnership with Duval County Public Schools and Florida State College at Jacksonville, students take accelerated high school classes and college courses at their local high school and have access to the high-level labs, equipment, classrooms and facilities at the college.

Early College students benefit from an engaging accelerated academic program, with the convenience and familiarity of a school close to home.

Application Deadline

The application deadline for Early Admission is the first Friday in February. Applications received after this date will be considered on a space-available basis only.

Completed application materials must be delivered to the main office by this date.

For additional information, please contact the Early College Program Coordinator at 904-646-5100.

ACCEPTANCE INTO THE EARLY COLLEGE PROGRAM AT SANDALWOOD HIGH SCHOOL

Admission to Early College is by application only and open to all students who meet the following criteria:

- Complete application signed by both parent and student indicating agreement to all expectation and continuation policies
- 2.5 GPA or better in core academic areas
- Successful completion of Algebra 1 in middle school
- 4 letters of recommendation from 8th grade core academic subject teachers (English, Social Studies, Science and Math)
- 8th grade FCAT Score minimums for Reading (4), Math (3), and Writing (4)
- Most recent Report Card or Academic Transcript
- Student-written paragraph describing primary goal while attending Early College High School and how you plan to accomplish it

SUCCEEDING IN EARLY COLLEGE

Program Continuation

Once accepted and enrolled in Early College, a student must meet the following criteria to maintain his/her status in the program:

1. A minimum 3.0 GPA for continuation from 9th to 12th grade in four core academic areas
2. A C or better in each course earning college credit
3. A passing score for admissions into Florida State College at Jacksonville on the College Placement Test (CPT), ACT or SAT prior to the end of the 10th grade.

If any one of the criteria below is not met, the student will be counseled about options for completion of high school requirements for graduation.



EARLY COLLEGE AT SANDALWOOD -- FAST TRACK FOR YOUR FUTURE!

The Early College Program at Sandalwood High School sets students up for long-term success. Early College Students at Sandalwood attend all of their courses on the Sandalwood High School campus during 9th and 10th grade. During their 11th and 12th grade years, college level courses are completed on the Florida State College at Jacksonville South campus. Early College students can customize their experience by enrolling in 6 college-level elective courses of their choice. These electives are a great opportunity for your student to explore their career interests, or complete prerequisites for their intended upper-level college course of study.

Students who qualify may be eligible for scholarships to Jacksonville Colleges and Universities through the Jacksonville Commitment. These scholarships pay for the balance of their college courses to achieve a Bachelor's degree.