



Rockford High School

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Articulation

- Students earn college credit by taking RHS classes that have content aligned with the curriculum at local colleges.
- Most of the electives that articulate are located in our RHS Business Department.
- Some colleges also give articulated credit for TV Studio, Child Development, and Parenting Psychology.
- If a student takes one of these classes and earns a B or better, they could earn the college credit without taking the college class.

Articulation

- GRCC – most business electives, Parenting Psychology
- Baker – Accounting, Business Tech 1&2, Business III (Business Management)
- Davenport – most business electives, Biology, Chemistry, Stats, TV Studio 1. Now offering up to 94 credits for RHS students.
- CMU – TV Studio 1, 2, 3
- Ferris – Business I,II,III; Accounting, Business and Personal Finance, Financial Management
- GVSU – TV Studio 1, 2, 3

A special application must be completed by RHS and the receiving college that is typically completed once the student enrolls in the university.

Advanced Placement Classes (AP)

- While taking AP classes does not guarantee college credit at universities, students prepare through these year-long classes to take the AP exam in May. Typically, a score of 4 or 5 earns the student college credit. Sometimes, a 3 will earn credit.
- These exams cost approximately \$94 each.
- Each college is different in the amount of credit it awards. For specific college information regarding Advanced Placement credit, visit the college specific websites. (ex: [GVSU](#), [MSU](#))
- These classes are averaged out of 5.0, instead of 4.0, in student GPAs.

RHS currently offers 16 AP courses

Social Studies: US History, US Government, Psychology, and Economics

English: English Language and Composition, English Literature and Composition

Math: Calculus AB, Calculus BC, Statistics

Science: Biology, Chemistry, Physics

Language: Spanish, German

Electives: Art, Computer Science Principles

This year, we have 495 students taking at least one AP test. They have registered to take a total of 766 tests.

Dual Enrollment

- RHS students are enrolled as high school students while at the same time being enrolled at a local college taking a college course. These classes are taken in place of Rockford classes and are usually on the college campus.
- Students earn dual credit. They begin their permanent college transcript by earning a college grade and GPA. They are also awarded that same grade or given the option to earn credit (CR) on their high school transcript.
- Guidelines of Dual Enrollment:
 - Provide educational option that makes sense for student
 - Must be coursework we do not offer (including AP and online options)
 - Cannot be a hobby, craft, recreational, or religious course (area of career interest)
 - Must go through application process for approval: both course and student must meet eligibility guidelines.

Dual Enrollment

Some differences between Dual Enrollment and other Early College Opportunities

- Early College classes are taught at RHS, usually by RHS staff, during the school day. Dual Enrollment classes are taught on the college campus and taught by college faculty.
- Early College is funded completely through RHS. Dual Enrollment is not always 100% funded. Parents are responsible to pay the remaining balance for tuition, books, and fees.
- Dual Enrollment registration is facilitated by the parents and students and can be with numerous different institutions. Early College is through FSU and GVSU at this time.

GVSU Opportunities

- Criteria: Seniors only, GPA 3.0+, must meet standardized testing benchmarks, must have completed two trimesters of Honors Physiology and have the recommendation of RHS instructor.
- Allied Health Sciences Courses:

AHS 100 Medical Terminology (3 credits)

AHS 110 Introduction to Health Care (3 credits)

FSU Opportunities

FSU criteria: Seniors w/ GPA 3.0+, Sophomores and Juniors w/ GPA 3.25+, CARE 102 and UNIV 101 no minimum. Students must meet standardized testing benchmarks.

FSU Course runs concurrently with RHS Course:
ENGL 150 (AP Language, Senior Comp) (3 credits)
LITR 150 (AP Literature) (3 credits)
MATH 220 (AP Calc AB) (4 credits)
MATH 230 & 320 (AP Calc BC) (4 & 4 credits)

FSU Early College:
CARE 102 (3 credits)
UNIV 101 (2 credits)

Transferring Credit

There are a few different ways to look at how an early college opportunity transfers to colleges/universities:

- Go to college websites for AP information: search AP credit
- Talk to college admissions offices or college representatives about “Course Equivalencies” information, or search “Course Equivalencies” on each college’s website. [GVSU](#), [FSU](#)
- Use [Michigan Transfer Network](#) website to search by institution and course for Michigan schools.



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