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To: Educators & Administrators
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Subject: Dual-Enrollment

The Early College Credit Program (ECCP) statute allows Wisconsin public and private high school students to take one or more courses at an institution of higher education* for high school and/or college credit. This statute calls for the state to pay for a portion of the tuition, which comes in the form of a reimbursement from the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction (DPI) to the school board of the participating school district or governing body of the participating private school.

School districts or governing bodies of private schools can request the ECCP reimbursement via an online form. The link to the ECCP reimbursement form will be sent in May to school district superintendents and the designated administrator for private schools listed in DPI's Wisconsin Private School Directory. Forms must be submitted to DPI between May 30 and July 15.

Because school business processes are handled at the local level, we want to ensure that this communication gets to the appropriate person. If you are not that person, please forward this and any future communications regarding the ECCP reimbursement process to the appropriate business administrators and dual enrollment specialists in your district or school

**Under this section, an "institution of higher education" is an institution within the University of Wisconsin System, a tribally controlled college, or a private, nonprofit institution of higher education located in the state.*

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Frequently Asked Questions

Can we include credits earned at a Wisconsin Technical College?

No, while technical colleges are not eligible institutions under the new program, pupils who have completed 10th grade will continue to have the option to take courses at technical colleges through a separate statute, Wis. Stat. sec. 38.12(14). However, the state does not reimburse school districts or private schools for any portion of these credits. School districts should contact the Wisconsin Technical College System listed below for more information on technical college dual credit options.

Ann Westrich, Education Director
Wisconsin Technical College System
4622 University Avenue, P.O. Box 7874
Madison, WI 53707-7874
Contact information: (608) 261-4588 or by email to: ann.westrich@wtcsystem.edu

Are ALL dual enrollment courses offered by institutions within the University of Wisconsin System, a tribally controlled college, or a private, nonprofit institution of higher education located in the state included in ECCP?

Not necessarily. ECCP state aid is not available for costs associated with the courses taken by students as described under Wis. Stat. sec. 118.55 (10).

What information does my district or private school need to submit?

For each "institution of higher education" in which students in your district/school received ECCP credit during the 2018-2019 school year, you will need to provide:

- The total number of students and total amount of tuition your district or school paid for students earning both high school and college credit.
- The total number of students and total amount of tuition your district or school paid for students earning college credit only.

Will our district or private school be required to submit supporting invoices or receipts with the ECCP reimbursement form?

Districts and private schools will not be required to submit any supporting documentation with the form. However, you are required to keep a record of all invoices and receipts and receipts related to the ECCP information you are submitting. Districts and private schools are also encouraged to keep documentation of a student's successful completion of the ECCP courses you are submitting for reimbursement.

How much will our district or private school be reimbursed?

Districts or private schools will be reimbursed:

- 25% of tuition paid for students receiving high school AND college credit through ECCP
- 50% of tuition paid for students receiving college credit only through ECCP

If the total amount of claims exceed the amount of funding appropriated, reimbursement payments will be prorated accordingly.

When will districts or private schools receive payment? How will payments be distributed?

Funds are expected to be distributed to school districts and private schools by late August.

Is this different from the ECCP transportation reimbursement?

Yes. Districts and private schools are required to provide funds to cover certain transportation costs associated with the ECCP for students who qualify for free or reduced lunch. The state also provides reimbursement back to districts and private schools for these expenditures. The transportation reimbursement form for the 2018-19 school year will also be open from May 30 through July 15, 2019. The link will be available on DPI's open enrollment web page at: <https://dpi.wi.gov/open-enrollment/applications/transportation>.

For more information on the Early College Credit Program go to: <https://dpi.wi.gov/dual-enrollment/eccp>.