Early College Credit Program (ECCP) Basics

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District Approval and Funding of ECCP Courses

District Offers a Comparable Course

ECCP Application can be denied

Pupil pays 100% (not considered ECCP, but the student and school should still use the ECCP Participation Form)

No Comparable Course + Fulfills Graduation Requirement

High School and

College Credit

District pays 75%
State reimburses 25%
Pupil pays 0%

No Comparable
Course + Does NOT
Fulfill Graduation
Requirement

College Credit Only

District pays 25%
State reimburses 50%
Pupil pays 25%
(unless free/reduced lunch)

ECCP Participation Form Deadlines

Students must submit **ECCP Participating Form** to their district by:

- February 1st for summer courses
- March 1st for fall courses
- October 1st for spring courses

Because these dates are in the statute there are no exceptions.

ECCP Reimbursement Process

- ECCP Reimbursements claims will be requested using an online form sent to district superintendents and private school administrators
- ECCP Reimbursement claims can be submitted between May 30-July 15
- You can find an FAQ on the ECCP webpage:

https://dpi.wi.gov/sites/default/files/imce/dual-enrollment/2019 05 ECCP FAQ.pdf

ECCP Transportation Reimbursement

- Based on financial need (student qualifies for free and reduced lunch)
- Online Form available at: https://dpi.wi.gov/open-enrollment/applications/transportation
- ECCP Transportation Reimbursement claims can also be submitted between May 30-July 15 (submitted by parents/families)

What's New: **Emergency Rule** Updates

- Student notification dates were revised
- Determination of undue financial burden:
 Paying 25 percent of the cost of a course is an undue financial burden on a pupil's family if the pupil is eligible for free or reduced price lunch under 42 USC 1758 (b) (1).
- Revises procedures related to the reimbursement of transportation costs, including eligible modes of transportation and priority of reimbursement

What's New: **Emergency Rule** Updates

Determination of credits:

A school board or governing body of a private school may deny high school credit for a postsecondary course attended if any of the following apply:

- 1. The postsecondary course is comparable to a course offered by the school district, as determined under sub. (2).
- 2. At least 80 percent of the postsecondary course covers content for which the pupil has already received high school credit.
- 3. The postsecondary course covers content previously offered to the pupil in a different postsecondary course under s. 118.55, Stats., and the pupil received a failing grade in that course.

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Notification of appeal rights

- Written notification regarding comparability of courses, satisfaction of high school graduation requirements, or the number of high school credits to be awarded shall inform the pupil of the right to appeal the school board's decision to the state superintendent within 30 days of the decision.
- The state superintendent shall review appeals made under s. 118.55 (3) (b), Stats., using the procedures under ss. Pl 1.03 and 1.04 (9).

What's New: UW Online Courses

"All UW System institutions that offer college courses to high school students may choose to deliver those courses via an online, blended, or in-person format ECCP courses"

ECCP Board Policy

Items to update from Youth Options:

- 9-12 graders can apply for ECCP
- ECCP includes summer terms
- District must notify student of approval and/or rejection of desired courses before the beginning of the semester in which the pupil will be enrolled

ECCP Board Policy

Other items to consider including in your policy:

- Indicate if your district allow students to take more than 18 credits
- Students cannot enroll in ECCP and Start College Now at the same time.
- Indicate the process to apply, including deadlines and link to new ECCP Participation forms.
- Policies should indicate what happens if a student fails an ECCP course.

Resources

AWSA Early Post-Secondary
Opportunities Article: ECCP, SCN,
ETC!

ECCP Comparison Chart

Questions?

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