

Frequently Asked Questions

Q Will these concurrent credit and college hours affect my child's ability to get freshman scholarships?

College policies are ever changing, so this question is difficult to answer. Ultimately, parents and students must be proactive in learning about colleges, to find out information about concurrent credit and grades, and how they transfer. Each college may determine its own policy in regard to this matter.

At this time, the following Arkansas colleges will award freshman-level scholarships to students with concurrent credit hours, entering college as first-time college students: UALR, University of Arkansas, University of Central Arkansas, Henderson State University, and Arkansas Tech University.

Q Will these classes affect my child's college GPA?

Yes and No. The college credit hours and grade(s) earned will be recorded on a NPCC college transcript which will go to the college the student attends after high school graduation. (Students must request the transcript be sent.)

Each college has its own policy regarding the acceptance of grades/credit hours from transfer institutions - some will take the grades and college hours earned just as it appears on the NPCC transcript; others will record only the course titles and credit hours earned (no grades).

Q Can my child withdraw from these classes just like in college and will it affect their transcript?

Yes, there will be a drop date for students to withdraw from the college credit but not the actual high school course. This will be reflected on their college transcript from NPCC with a "W".

Q Can you take the "AP Course" and decide to NOT get college credit?

Yes, students may choose whether or not they wish to earn concurrent credit for AP courses they take. Some may not want it because they prefer to repeat the course in college, and some may not be eligible for concurrent credit because they do not have the ACT cut scores or COMPASS cut scores required to enroll as a concurrent student.

All students who take AP courses are required to take the AP exam in May, and have the opportunity to score high enough so that they are eligible to receive college credit by examination. So, for those who are not concurrently enrolled, there is still the possibility of earning college credit for the course through the AP exam.

Q My child has already taken Health but would like to take it again for the college credit, is that possible?

Yes. It will be possible to re-take the class for college credit but only as a summer school class. A class will only count towards graduation one time, so if a student chooses to re-take a course for college credit, in the summer, it will not be recorded the second time on the high school transcript. Courses available in summer, 2015, have not been determined.

Q How much will it cost to gain concurrent credit from NPCC while attending Lakeside?

Lakeside School District will pay all fees associated with concurrent course offerings from NPCC.

Q I know my child can take an AP course without the cut scores. Can he take one of the college courses offered at Lakeside without having the cut scores?

No, to be enrolled in English Composition I and II, College Algebra and College Trigonometry, College Psychology and College Sociology, College Oral Communications, College Health, College Physical Education or College Spanish I and II, students must have the cut score before they are allowed to enroll. This is a college requirement.

Students have until the end of May (last day of school) to get the cut scores and turn them in to the counselor's office. If they have signed up for a concurrent college course but do not have the cut scores required for enrollment by that date, they will be placed in an alternate course.