

ICC - Early College/Strong Start Application for MHS Students

Please complete all sections of the application below. This is the first step to be considered for participation in the ICC - Early College program. **Application due date: January 27, 2020.**

Name: _____

Age: _____ DOB: _____ Cell phone number: _____

ICC Student ID # _____ Apply for free: <https://icc.edu/admissions/enrollment/apply-now/>

Your ICC student email address: _____

Take the ICC Accuplacer Placement Test for Reading AND Math.

1. _____ Attach Accuplacer Reading and Math scores (go to goo.gl/4Ffl7t to make an appointment at ICC)

OR

2. _____ I will take the ICC Placement Test (Accuplacer) at MHS on Wed., Feb. 12 at 8 AM.
**I will notify my 1st and 2nd hour teachers in advance.*

List college majors you are interested in studying.

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List the top three colleges or universities where you plan to submit applications.

1. -
2. -
3. -

***** Please note: Students and parents are responsible for ensuring the classes will transfer from ICC to another school. Please contact the office of Transfer Assistance (<https://icc.edu/students/transfer-planning/>) or use www.transferology.com.**

List all MHS sports, clubs, and activities you will participate in your senior year.

Why do you wish to participate in Early College ICC (Strong Start)?

Describe a specific time you needed academic help with a class? What was the circumstance? How did you involve the teacher to resolve your issue?

Make appointments (before 1/22) for completing these sections with school personnel:

To be completed with your counselor:

6 Semester Credit Total: _____ (Min. 17) Cum GPA: _____ (Min. 3.0)

Senior Year MHS Classes: (minimum of 3 at MHS and 2 at ICC)

Fall Classes	Spring Classes

***Highly recommended to take Expository Writing - H (ENGL 110) Fall Semester.

***Students can take zero hour ICC PSY 110 at MHS Spring Semester as one of the two required ICC campus courses.

To be completed with Mrs. Cook; Mrs. Cook Initials: _____

Junior Year Absences: _____ (Max 7) Tardies: _____

To be completed with your dean; Dean's Initials: _____

Have you received any disciplinary action in high school? If yes, please explain.

Please read and initial the statements below:

I UNDERSTAND THAT . . .

- _____ In order to be considered for the ICC Early College program, I must complete all required paperwork and schedule and attend ICC meetings by the deadlines.
- _____ I will make financial arrangements for on campus tuition payments with ICC. Payments are made through the student's ICC eServices account. Go to <https://icc.edu/admissions/paying-for-college/payment-plans/>
- _____ MHS may check my school records (grades, discipline, attendance, etc.).
- _____ MHS will not provide transportation to and from ICC during the school year.
- _____ MHS will **NOT** pay for the cost of tuition, books, or other miscellaneous fees that may be required at ICC.
- _____ I must maintain successful attendance and academic grades with no disciplinary issues in order to maintain participation in the ICC Early College program.
- _____ I must work with my MHS counselor and ICC advisor(s) to coordinate my schedule and ensure that I continue to meet all MHS graduation requirements.
- _____ I understand that it is my responsibility to check the requirements for admission, financial aid, and transferable courses to 4-year universities. (<https://icc.edu/students/transfer-planning/>)
- _____ I will NOT take any classes at ICC that have an equivalent offered at MHS. Follow [link](#) to list of courses.
- _____ I will only take ICC classes for MHS credit that start before 3PM and end before 5PM.
- _____ Any false or misleading information made on this application will automatically drop me from participation in the ICC Early College program.

PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE _____ **DATE** _____

STUDENT SIGNATURE _____ **DATE** _____

ICC - Early College/Strong Start Program

MHS has partnered with Illinois Central College to provide a unique opportunity for qualifying seniors to begin earning college credit while completing the credits required to graduate from MHS. Participating students have the potential to complete as many as six courses at ICC over the course of two semesters.

1. Who is eligible to participate during the 2020-2021 school year?

First priority will be given to seniors who have indicated they are interested in graduating mid-term. We want all of our students to succeed; therefore, qualifying students must meet the following criteria for consideration in the ICC Early College Program:

1. Expressed interest in graduating mid-term during the 2020-21 registration process.
2. Has 3.0 credits or less remaining of *required courses* at the start of the senior year.
3. Earned an overall GPA equivalent of 3.00 prior to the start of the 2020-21 school year.
4. Has not been suspended from school during their high school career.
5. Has had 7 or fewer absences each semester of junior year.
6. Students who do not meet the above criteria may appeal to the Counseling Office.

2. Who should participate in the ICC Early College Program?

Students who are responsible, attend school regularly without excessive absences, are organized, self-advocate, and are comfortable talking with teachers and staff members should consider participation.

These are students who are ready for the college academic experience, are self-disciplined to be in class, study, and want to begin their career as a college student.

3. Why should students participate in the ICC Early College Program?

Students will be dual-enrolled in ICC and MHS. They will receive 0.5 GPA credit toward graduation at MHS for successful completion of each ICC course completed. This gives students the opportunity to graduate from MHS with a high school diploma and up to 6 completed courses at ICC at the same time.

ICC Early College Program participants may complete more than 6 ICC courses while in the program by also completing MHS Early College courses at MHS junior and/or senior year. Possible courses include Expository Writing (ENG 110), Advanced Speech (COMM 110), Introduction to Astronomy (PHYSC 114), Earth Science/Intro to Geology (EARTH SCI 114), AP Chemistry Semester 1 (CHEM 130), AP Comparative Political Systems (POLSC 124), Economics 1 (ECON 111), Internal Combustion Engines (AUTO 110) and Music Theory (MUSC 136). See Restricted Courses [here](#).

Participating students will still be eligible to participate in all IHSA sports as well as MHS clubs and activities. They will get to have the best of both worlds; participation in high school programs and activities AND a smart start into their post-secondary academic career. It will put them ahead toward receiving a college degree while still giving them the supportive academic environment of the high school as they transition toward their college career.

4. What will a student's schedule be in the ICC Early College Program?

Students will be released from MHS for a block period of time in the morning or afternoon. In order to qualify for the ICC Early College Program, students must enroll in a minimum of 2 ICC courses and take a maximum of 3 courses per semester. At least 2 courses must be taken at ICC campus (face-to-face, not online). The release hours from MHS will be determined by the ICC class schedule.

A maximum of 4 clock hours of release time will be available to students participating in the ICC Early College Program. Students must take at least 3 credit bearing courses at MHS each semester.

*Psychology 110 is offered at MHS 2nd semester, 7am-7:50am MWF. If this course is taken as part of the ICC Early College program, a student must enroll in at least 3 additional credit bearing courses at MHS since this course meets during zero hour.

5. Which classes will students take at ICC?

Students will work with their ICC advisor in conjunction with their MHS counselor to select courses which best suit their needs. **They will not take courses that are already offered for credit at MHS as part of the MHS Early College Program (see #3 paragraph 2 on page 1, see Restricted Courses [here](#)).** These may be taken during the portion of the school day they attend high school classes. **In addition, students cannot take a course at ICC unless it was taken at MHS first.**

6. How will credits be awarded?

A student who successfully completes an approved dual credit course may receive credit at both the college and high school level according to the following: 1 credit college course=0.25 MHS credits, 2-4 credit college course=0.5 MHS credits, 5+ credit college course=1.0 MHS credit.

7. How much will tuition in ICC courses cost?

Students will be responsible for paying the cost of enrollment in ICC courses and the cost of their ICC textbooks and fees. For the current tuition cost please go to: <https://icc.edu/admissions/paying-for-college/tuition/>.

8. What are the requirements for participation in the ICC Early College Program?

1. Completion of ICC Early College application by deadline (including FERPA release).
2. All credit, GPA, and discipline requirements met.
3. Completion of student AND parent orientation at ICC.
4. Ongoing academic success on monthly ICC academic reporting document sent to MHS counselors.
5. Meeting all ICC requirements for attendance, academic success, and appropriate conduct and behavior.
6. Students are responsible for their own transportation to ICC.

9. Do students have to take PE when in the ICC Early College Program?

No, they qualify for a PE exemption as a participant in the program.

10. Can students take an online class?

In order to qualify for the ICC Early College Program, students must enroll in a minimum of 2 ICC courses and take a maximum of 3 courses per semester. At least 2 courses must be traditional face-to-face at ICC campus. The third may be an online course.

11. How do I know if my classes will transfer to a four year university?

To determine whether a course will transfer students can take the following steps. 1) Use ICC's Course-to-Course Equivalencies document (<https://icc.edu/students/transfer-planning/>). 2) Contact ICC's Transfer Assistance Center (transfercenter@icc.edu). 3) Contact the university's Transfer Assistance Center. 4) Create a Transferology account (www.transferology.com) to determine course equivalencies.

**** Students may be removed from the ICC Early College Program and returned to a corresponding MHS schedule if they fail to meet the requirements set forth above.**