

Minnesota State College Southeast C2C Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

What is the C2C Program?

Connect to College (C2C) partners with 8 regional high schools. The classes are college courses offered at the high school to eligible junior and senior students during their regular school day following the high school calendar. High school students save time and money by earning dual credit, both high school and college credits at the same time.

Instructors are qualified high school teachers who meet MSC Southeast requirements and faculty approval to teach these classes. Course syllabi, assignments, labs, assessment methods, textbooks, exams and grading requirements are equivalent to those at the college. High school instructors and the classes are mentored by college faculty from MSC Southeast. Our faculty collaborators take great pride in developing meaningful relationships with high school concurrent enrollment instructors. These connections help to provide eligible high school students with a college experience that engages them and encourages them to continue to challenge themselves in rigorous coursework through high school and beyond.

Courses are contracted through MSC Southeast where the high schools pay one flat fee for each course. MSC Southeast offers course options in the areas of Natural Science, Social Science, Health Science, Humanities, English and Math to regional high school partners via the this program. In addition to medical terminology, the majority of the other courses are general education courses, with over 15 options in such disciplines as biology, chemistry, English, literature, speech, psychology, sociology, Spanish, math, history, and statistics that have been certified as meeting the requirements of the Minnesota Transfer Curriculum. This designation indicates the course meets state-wide curricular standards. Students who successfully complete courses (with a grade of C or better) are assured of course acceptance at any of Minnesota's public colleges and universities. Additionally, the courses are generally accepted at any other college or university. These courses offer participants educational options for their future college careers and support statewide higher education goals.

What is the Purpose of C2C Enrollment?

Connect to College (C2C): The Minnesota State College Southeast (MSC Southeast) concurrent enrollment program provides high school students the unique opportunity to earn college credits through high quality, academically challenging, introductory, freshmen-level courses taught in the high school by credentialed high school instructors mentored by college faculty. C2C is one form of Post-Secondary Enrollment Options (PSEO) as established by the Minnesota Legislature and governed by the Minnesota State Board Policies and MSC Southeast.

What are the Objectives of C2C?

- Provide high school students the opportunity to experience the academic rigor of college level curriculum.
- Integrate college level curriculum within the high school environment so students can continue to maintain their high school relationships.
- Strengthen collaborative relationships between high school and college faculty through professional development activities and curriculum development opportunities.
- Decrease overall expense of a college education through the offerings of these rigorous, introductory, freshmen-level credit course opportunities while still in high school.

What are the Benefits of C2C?

Benefits for High School Students

- ◆ Earn transferable college credits without leaving your high school campus
- ◆ Develop college level study habits and communication while enhancing time management skills
- ◆ Demonstrate the ability to be successful at the college level
- ◆ Experience college expectations and academic rigor within the college course
- ◆ Gain flexibility in college by completing some college credits while still in high school
- ◆ Reduce the overall cost of your college education - there is no tuition or textbook cost
- ◆ Access to college resources and support services such as tutoring and the Learning Resource Center

Benefits for High School Teachers

- ◆ Involvement in discipline specific professional development opportunities provided by the college
- ◆ Develop professional relationships and sharing ideas and techniques with college faculty
- ◆ Re-energize selves through collaborative opportunities with other motivated colleagues

Benefits for School Districts

- ◆ Satisfy parent/student demands for on-site, college courses
- ◆ High quality professional development opportunities for faculty
- ◆ Create a pathway to college for students
- ◆ Establish professional partnerships with college
- ◆ Prevent loss of state student based foundation aid
- ◆ Receive state dedicated concurrent enrollment reimbursement

What do Parents of High School Students Need to Know?

- C2C classes offer the same curriculum and credit value as classes at MSC Southeast in Winona and Red Wing

- C2C classes are taught by qualified high school teachers who work in conjunction with a collaborating MSC Southeast faculty to ensure the curriculum and college-level standards are met
- C2C classes have college-level rigor and expectations, and students should be prepared for the additional work and accelerated pace.
- Acceptance and Registration/Welcome Letters to include the Student/Parent Guidebook are sent to the high school as well as to the home for increased communication between the student, high school and college.

What do High School Teachers Need to Know?

[C2C High School Collaborator's Guide](#)

What do High School Counselors Need to Know?

- The counselor is the first line of contact for students interested in participating in C2C
- High School counselors are the key to students being successful in C2C
- Counselors provide a direct link between the high school and the college

Who can students contact at Minnesota State College Southeast for more information on the Connect to College (C2C) program?

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