

ACADEMIC ASSISTANCE

GPA WEIGHTING

The following formula will be used for calculating weighted GPAs: The unweighted overall GPA will be figured per WCSD Administrative Regulation 5124 (4.0 grading scale; minuses dropped.) Then for each semester of an honors course that a student passes, .025 will be added to the unweighted overall GPA and .050 will be added to each semester of an IB or AP course, producing the weighted overall GPA. The list of designated honors courses (which includes all Advanced Placement and International Baccalaureate courses) recognized for the honors diploma program will be utilized in this weighting formula.

***All diplomas require passage of all sections of the Nevada High School Proficiency Examination.**

CONCURRENT ENROLLMENT

In addition to college classes offered through Distance Education and Dual Credit (see below), qualified junior and senior high school students may register for other courses offered at UNR or TMCC, including certain correspondence and web-based courses. Students must complete an Application for Admission, will pay the usual costs for college courses, and will attend class on the college campus. Courses will appear on a college transcript, but not on the high school transcript. Students with at least two AP or IB courses may apply for the Early College Program (see below).

FOR MORE INFORMATION: Contact the Office for Prospective Students at UNR (784-4700), TMCC, or Sierra Nevada College. For information about correspondence or web-based programs, contact the Office of Independent Learning at UNR at 784-4652.

DISTANCE EDUCATION

(ELECTRONIC DELIVERY)

Through the Distance Education Program certain college classes are available to junior and senior high school students via Cable TV (UNR and TMCC) or on the web (UNR and TMCC). For Cable TV classes, a course may be offered at the same time to college students in a "live" setting on campus. Students should consult a Distance Education brochure or contact one of the offices listed below since the offerings are limited. Some Distance Education courses are offered for Dual Credit that may be applied to high school elective credit needed for high school graduation. Fees for courses will vary at the two institutions; fee reductions may be available to some students. Students interested in the Distance Education Program will need to complete appropriate registration forms.

FOR MORE INFORMATION: Contact the Office of Independent Learning at UNR (784-4652) for the web classes, the Office of Extended Studies at UNR (784-4046) for electronic distance education, or the Office of Distance Education at TMCC (673-7814)

DUAL CREDIT

UNR, TMCC and SNC offer campus-based college courses to high school students through which they may earn college credit and elective high school credit at the same time. These designated courses are taught TO college students AT the college BY college professors. High school students attend class on the college campus. In addition, UNR and TMCC offer some Dual Credit college courses to high school students through correspondence or through their web-based programs (see Distance Education above).

A one-semester Dual Credit course earns the successful student 3 or 4 college credits and one high school credit. Grades become part of the student's GPA at both institutions. High school students pay regular college tuition and fees for most Dual Credit courses. Most Dual Credit classes have prerequisites including completion of certain courses, minimum high school 3.0 GPA, and one-time attendance at an orientation session. Courses offered at the high school are not available for Dual Credit. A dual credit course may be applied for either elective or academic high school credit provided it is on the approved list. Academic credit refers to those courses which have been approved to meet core course requirements. Elective courses are courses that have not been approved to be offered as academic credit, but have been approved to be offered as elective credit by the WCSD Board of Trustees and the State Board of Education.

Students register for Dual Credit courses with their high school counselor. For TMCC's JumpStart program, please click <http://www.tmcc.edu/jump-start-program/>. In order to receive credit at both the high school and college, students must complete a specific application for Dual Credit IN ADVANCE and submit it to the high school as well as completing and submitting a college Admission Application as a non-degree student. Students must submit both a high school and a college transcript when applying to a regular degree program at UNR or at any other college or university. Not all colleges accept

courses taken through Dual Credit programs, so it is important to check with the admissions office at your intended college/university. Grades in Dual Credit courses become part of the high school GPA.

FOR MORE INFORMATION: Contact your high school counselor.

EARLY COLLEGE

The Early College Program is a joint effort of the Washoe County School District and the University of Nevada, Reno. It provides seniors and juniors with the opportunity to take university courses while still in high school. You will receive admissions and registration assistance, as well as academic advising, to help you in selecting appropriate courses. You will experience significant financial savings – students participating in Early College will pay reduced university tuition. You will have access to the IGT –Knowledge Center, one of the largest research libraries in the State of Nevada, state of the art technology laboratories, and other student services. The courses you take will transfer to most colleges and universities. Qualifications for participation: High school junior or senior, graduating on time, 3.25 cumulative GPA, taking at least two Advanced Placement (AP), Honors, or International Baccalaureate (IB) classes your junior or senior year, and approval from your parent, high school counselor & curriculum vice principal. Early College is not a dual credit program. Credit earned will become part of the student's university transcript, but is not recorded on the high school transcript unless the student also enrolls for Dual Credit.

For dual credit information, contact your high school counselor. Participants must provide their own transportation to and from UNR and pay for books, fees, and supplies.

Participants can take up to eight credits per semester. University courses for which high school AP or IB courses and exams are offered are not available through the Early College Program.

FOR MORE INFORMATION: Contact the Office of Prospective Students at UNR, 682-5914.

INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE

What Is International Baccalaureate?

The International Baccalaureate Program is a comprehensive and rigorous curriculum designed to prepare students for a quality university education. The primary objective of the IB Program is to provide students with a balanced, integrated curriculum in all academic areas. IB students can earn college credit by taking examinations at the end of their junior or senior year. Students who excel in the program demonstrate a strong commitment to learning and develop the discipline necessary to succeed in college. The student who elects this course of study is responsible for the commitment made to its rigors and to personal accountability and self-sufficiency. Students who are selected will be provided with academic, social and leadership experiences that will prepare them to compete with any student from any program in the world. Students interested in this program should be highly motivated and willing to work beyond the minimum requirements of the Washoe County School District (WCSD).

How Does The IB Program Work?

The IB Program is a two-year program offered at Wooster High School to all high school students in their junior and senior years. Students who are accepted into the IB program will withdraw from their zoned high school and attend Wooster High School full time. Wooster offers two choices for IB students. The first is to commit to a four-year plan, which, if completed successfully, would result in the awarding of the IB diploma. The second manner is through IB certificates. This would not require a four-year commitment, but would allow students to take part in the IB classes of their choice. Potential IB diploma students should begin preparing in middle school by taking Algebra 1 and a foreign language. Students apply to enter the Pre-IB Program in the spring of the eighth grade year. Students then take Pre-IB courses throughout their freshman and sophomore years. At the end of their sophomore year, students who are enrolled in Pre-IB coursework will be eligible to fill out an application and enter the IB Program.

FOR MORE INFORMATION: Contact the IB Diploma Coordinator, at 321-5028.

TECH PREP

College Tech Prep is offered in Career & Technical Education courses in each high school, and at the Academy of Arts, Careers and Technology (AACT). Students earn community college credit at the same time they are earning high school credit. College Tech Prep courses are taught TO high school students AT their high school BY their own high school teacher. There is NO tuition cost! To earn community college credit, students must:

1. Be a high school junior or senior

2. Enroll in a Tech Prep Articulated course
3. Complete a College Tech Prep application
4. Earn a grade of B or better in the course

Students may earn a maximum of 21 credits through the TMCC Tech Prep Program.

FOR MORE INFORMATION: Talk with your high school counselor, visit the College and Career Center at your high school.

TMCC HIGH SCHOOL

TMCC High School is an early college high school, located on the Dandini campus of Truckee Meadows Community College. The school is designed for Washoe County School District sophomores, juniors and seniors who are accepted based on criteria reflecting college readiness. Students enrolled at TMCC High School are degree seeking and as part of the registration/enrollment process establish a college graduation plan. The goal for students enrolling as 10th graders will be to graduate high school with an Associate's degree in art or science and their graduation plan will guide course enrollment each semester that will result in an A/A or A/S. Students who enroll their junior year will earn transferrable college credit in their last two years of high school, but *may* earn enough credit for an Associate's degree upon high school graduation or within a semester following graduation.

TMCC High School students take English, US History, Government, and Algebra 2 at the high school level. Other classes taken by the student are graduation electives and are attained through college courses. Students are responsible for expenses associated with college classes such as books, supplies, and transportation to the campus.

Students who wish to enroll in TMCC High School must complete an application and be accepted to the program. Students who are accepted must withdraw from their zoned high school, as TMCC High School is a separate, accredited high school. Regarding athletics and zoned school activities such as band or ROTC, students may design a schedule around the demands of the sport or activity. Early college needs to be more important to the student than extra-curricular activities at the zoned school, and some students find that they are not able to develop a schedule that accommodates an activity at the zoned school. The rigor of the high school with a cross-curricular, project-based curriculum and a heavy college course load, demands considerable time and attention and students need to consider the demands before applying.

FOR MORE INFORMATION: visit: www.washoeschools.net/tmcchs or call TMCC High School at 674-7660.

Feel free to call TMCC High School at 674-7660 for any additional information.