

March 13, 2025

**Re: Applications for Fall – 2025
Early College Credit and Start College Now Programs**

Dear School Board Members for Boyceville Community Schools,

Attached you will find a list of students who have applied for secondary educational opportunities at local Universities and Technical Colleges. The programs that students are applying for include Early College Credit and Start College Now Programs. The programs are defined as:

Early College Credit: To attend college classes at a four-year University level (ECC).

Start College Now: To attend college classes at a two-year Technical College level (SCN).

How many credits can a student take while in High School through these two programs?

A student can take a cumulative total of 18 credits throughout their four years of high school. Boyceville High School is not responsible for any requests or payment of tuition after 18 credits have been earned by a student. For example, a student could take 6 credits in Early College Credit and 12 credits in Start College Now programming. However, any cumulative credits above 18 are the sole responsibility of the family for payment.

What about the college classes we already teach at BHS? Do the BHS college courses count towards the total 18 credits of the ECC and SCN programs?

No. BHS college level classes do not count towards the total 18 credit limit for ECC/SCN. However, if BHS offers the same or comparable course to an ECC/SCN class that a student wants to take, the BHS School Board has the ability to deny the request. For example, a student requests ECC/SCN College Chemistry class for Fall 2025. I would recommend the School Board should deny the course because we teach it in house next year with Mr. Hamm. If a student or family would rather take the class through ECC/SCN, the family would be solely responsible to pay for 100% of the course costs through a program called “High School Special Student”.

When do the BHS Students register for ECC/SCN classes?

High School students register last after all college registration takes place. If there are seats available in a class, a BHS student will be given the opportunity to register. There is no cost to a student or family for this process. A student can simply “not register” with ECC/SCN and the entire process is terminated. However, if the student registers for a class and the first day of class has started, the student and family will be fully responsible for any costs (book fees, cancellation fees, online e-text subscriptions, etc.) incurred with dropping a course or failing a course.

What about transportation? Who is responsible for that?

Students and families are responsible for the cost of transportation to attend both programs. Many of our students do not want to travel offsite due to transportation issues and prefer online courses. If they register for an online course, they will be provided a designated study hall within their Fall BHS schedule to be certain to work on their college course content, while in school.

Can students select their classes right now with confidence that the classes will be offered?

I often describe this postsecondary registration process as backwards. The reason why is because the Universities and Technical Colleges do not have their full course offerings lists available yet for Fall of 2025. In reality, CVTC has classes listed but may add or delete sections as registration nears and UW Stout does not have any class information for Fall of 2025 available yet. So, to cover all potential bases, I have students and families sign up for courses they are interested in and have potential to run in the upcoming Fall semester. This process is complete guess work at this point.

Why are there so many classes listed for each student? How many will they really take?

The multiple courses are listed to ensure our students have a robust list of options. I work with each student to determine that the courses will meet their post-secondary program requirements. These classes are not “fillers or throw away options” they are program specific. Ultimately, many students will only take one or two of the courses they have requested. Some students will take zero courses, once they know what their BHS Fall 2025 schedule looks like and may prefer to end the process completely, to stay involved at school.

Some of the courses are as many as 4 to 5 credits. Is that a wise choice for an online learner?

I encourage all classes above 3 credits to be taken in person at the ECC/SCN site. These courses are often lab classes and require hands on learning for the content to be fully explored. I have extensive conversations with parents concerning 4 and 5 credit courses – including the need for full access to reliable transportation and possible requirements of documented hours of attendance for certifications.

I have included programming details and a limited amount of student information. I believe that the report will help the School Board Members make an informed decision concerning potential course approval. I can be contacted for any questions or comments concerning this report to ensure quality programming decisions for the Boyceville School District.

Respectfully submitted,

Karlene Berry
Boyceville High School Counselor

Start College Now Applicants

Fall Semester 2025

The Start College Now program applies solely to Technical College credits and courses.

Please keep in mind that the following is a list of classes that our student is interested in taking. However, this student may not be able to schedule all of the classes they are requesting. (Due to college class enrollment limits, BHS graduation requirements and time conflicts). The number of requested classes represents a maximum and may be decreased due to influencing factors.

All students are allowed to take up to 18 college credits (total) through the Start College Now program. The credits must be pre-approved by the Boyceville School Board Members in order to be financially supported by the school district.

We have 11 students interested in the Fall of 2025 Start College Now programming.

Estimated 2024-2025 tuition cost per credit: \$178.00 anticipating similar cost in Fall of 2025.

Student #1

Grade: 12

School to Attend: Chippewa Valley Technical College

Interested Course & Credits: English Composition 1 (3 credits)

Counselor Recommendation: Approve the requested course. BHS does not have a comparable college level course.

Projected cost: 3 credits maximum for \$534.00

Student #2

Grade: 11

School to Attend: Chippewa Valley Technical College

Interested Course & Credits: Environmental Science (4 credits)
Intro to Sociology (3 credits)
General Physics (5 credits)

Counselor Recommendation: Approve all requested courses. Next fall, College Physics will not be in rotation at BHS again until Fall of 2027.

Projected cost: 12 credits for \$2,136.00

Student #3

Grade: 11

School to Attend: Chippewa Valley Technical College

Interested Course & Credits: English Composition 1 (3 credits)

Counselor Recommendation: Approve the requested course. BHS does not have a comparable college level course.

Projected cost: 3 credits maximum for \$534.00

Student #4

Grade: 12

School to Attend: Chippewa Valley Technical College

Interested Course & Credits: English Composition (3 credits)
Oral/interpersonal Communications (3 credits)
Technical Reporting (3 credits)
Speech (3 credits)
Developmental Psychology (3 credits)
Intro to Psychology (3 credits)
Psychology of Human Relations (3 credits)
Intro to American Government (3 credits)
Marriage and Family (3 credits)
Intro to Ethics (3 credits)
Intro to Diversity Studies (3 credits)
Economics (3 credits)
Intro to Sociology (3 credits)
Science for Technical Trades (2 credits)
Occupational Relations (2 credits)
Applied Written Communication/Job Seeking (1 credit)

Counselor Recommendation: Approve all requested courses. BHS does not have comparable college level courses. Student is currently taking 3.0 credits at CVTC (Spring of 2025) so the maximum credits allowed would be a remaining 15.0 credits.

Projected cost: 15 credits maximum for \$2,670.00

Student #5

Grade: 12

School to Attend: Chippewa Valley Technical College

Interested Course & Credits: English Composition 1 (3 credits)

Counselor Recommendation: Approve the requested course. BHS does not have a comparable college level course.

Projected cost: 3 credits maximum for \$534.00

Student #6

Grade: 12

School to Attend: Chippewa Valley Technical College

Interested Course & Credits: General Anatomy and Physiology (4 credits)
English Composition 1 (3 credits)
College Tech Math (5 credits)
General Physics (5 credits)
Certified Nursing Assistant (2 credits)
Intro to Psychology (3 credits)
Intro to Sociology (3 credits)
Oral/Interpersonal Communications (3 credits)

Counselor Recommendation: Approve all requested courses. Next fall, College Physics will not be in rotation at BHS again until Fall of 2027.

Projected cost: 18 credits maximum for \$3,204.00

Student #7

Grade: 11

School to Attend: Chippewa Valley Technical College

Interested Course & Credits: English Composition 1 (3 credits)
Intro to Psychology (3 credits)
Speech (3 credits)
Intro to Sociology (3 credits)
Developmental Psychology (3 credits)
Intro to Diversity Studies (3 credits)
General Anatomy and Physiology (4 credits)
Advanced Anatomy and Physiology (4 credits)

Counselor Recommendation: Approve all requested courses. BHS does not have comparable college level courses.

Projected cost: 18 credits maximum for \$3,204.00

Student #8

Grade: 12

School to Attend: Chippewa Valley Technical College

Interested Course & Credits: Intro to Psychology (3 credits)
Developmental Psychology (3 credits)
English Composition 1 (3 credits)
Intro to Sociology (3 credits)
General Anatomy and Physiology (4 credits)
Chemistry (4 credits) **Deny**

Counselor Recommendation: Approve all requested courses except Chemistry. For the student's program they can take High School Chemistry or College level Chemistry. Both are offered at BHS next Fall. If the student/family wants to take the class they can – however they must pay for the full cost of tuition and fees.

Projected cost: 16 credits maximum for \$2,848.00

Student #9

Grade: 12

School to Attend: Chippewa Valley Technical College

Interested Course & Credits: Intro to Psychology (3 credits)
Developmental Psychology (3 credits)
English Composition 1 (3 credits)
Intro to Sociology (3 credits)
General Anatomy and Physiology (4 credits)
Intro to Diversity Studies (3 credits)
Introductory Sociology (3 credits)
Advanced Anatomy and Physiology (4)

Counselor Recommendation: Approve all requested courses. BHS does not have comparable college level courses.

Projected cost: 18 credits maximum for \$3,204.00

Student #10

Grade: 12

School to Attend: Chippewa Valley Technical College

Interested Course & Credits: Intro to Psychology (3 credits)
English Composition 1 (3 credits)
Intro to Sociology (3 credits)
Psychology of Human Relations (3 credits)
Intro to American Government (3 credits)

Counselor Recommendation: Approve all requested courses. BHS does not have comparable college level courses.

Projected cost: 15 credits maximum for \$2,670.00

Student #11

Grade: 12

School to Attend: Chippewa Valley Technical College

Interested Course & Credits: Intro to Psychology (3 credits)
Developmental Psychology (3 credits)
English Composition 1 (3 credits)
Intro to Sociology (3 credits)
General Anatomy and Physiology (4 credits)
Intro to Diversity Studies (3 credits)
Introductory Sociology (3 credits)
Speech (3 credits)
Chemistry (4 credits)

Counselor Recommendation: Approve all requested courses except Chemistry. For the student's program they can take High School Chemistry or College level Chemistry. Both are offered at BHS next Fall. If the student/family wants to take the class they can – however they must pay for the full cost of tuition and fees.

Projected cost: 18 credits maximum for \$3,204.00

Early College Credit Program Applicants

Fall Semester 2025

Students are allowed to take up to 18 college credits (total) through the Early College Credit Program.

Please keep in mind that the following is a list of classes that students are interested in taking. However, students may not be able to schedule all of the classes they are requesting. (Due to college class enrollment limits, BHS graduation requirements and time conflicts). The credits must be pre-approved by the Boyceville School Board Members in order to be financially supported by the school district.

The UW School tuition cost for the 2024-2025 academic year is approximately \$360.00 for one credit. Projected costs are listed for each student, anticipating/reflecting similar costs for Fall of 2025.

For Fall of 2025, we have 5 interested students for ECCP programming.

Student #1

Grade: 11

School to Attend: UW Stout

Interested Course & Credits: Impacts of Engineering (3 credits)
Intro to Sociology (3 credits)
Intro to Geology (3 credits)
Plant Biology (3 credits)
College Chemistry (5 credits) **Deny**

Counselor Recommendation: Approve all classes listed above except College Chemistry. BHS will have the same course available to students in house next year. UW Stout curriculum, 5 credits College Chemistry with Mr. Hamm. If the student/family wants to take the class they can – however they must pay for the full cost of tuition and fees.

Estimated Cost: 12 credits for \$4,320.00

Student #2

Grade: 11

School to Attend: UW Stout

Interested Course & Credits: English Composition (3 credits)

Counselor Recommendation: Approve the class listed above for the student. BHS does not have a comparable college level course.

Estimated Cost: 3 credits for \$1,080.00

Student #3

Grade: 12

School to Attend: UW Stout

Interested Course & Credits: College Algebra (4 credits) **Deny**
English Composition (3 credits)
Impacts of Engineering (3 credits)
Intro to Psychology (3 credits)

Counselor Recommendation: Approve all classes listed above except College Algebra. BHS will have the same course available to students in house next year. University of MN curriculum, 4 credits CIS Calculus with Mr. Hamm. If the student/family wants to take the class they can – however they must pay for the full cost of tuition and fees.

Estimated Cost: 9 credits for \$3,240.00

Student #4

Grade: 12

School to Attend: UW Stout

Interested Course & Credits: Calculus 1 (4 credits) **Deny**
English Composition (3 credits)
Biology (4 credits)
Intro to Psychology (3 credits)
Intro to Sociology (3 credits)
Cultural Anthropology (3 credits)

Counselor Recommendation: Approve all classes listed above except Calculus. BHS will have the same course available to students in house next year. University of MN curriculum, 4 credits CIS Calculus with Mr. Hamm. If the student/family wants to take the class they can – however they must pay for the full cost of tuition and fees.

Estimated Cost: 16 credits for \$5,760.00

Student #5

Grade: 11

School to Attend: UW Stout

Interested Course & Credits: Construction Industry Orientation and Documents (3 credits)
Architectural Graphics (3 credits)
Elementary Statistics (3 credits)
Light Construction Methods and Materials (3 credits)
American Government (3 credits)
Intro to Sociology (3 credits)
Intro to Psychology (3 credits)
World Geography (3 credits)
Modern US History (3 credits)
Early US History (3 credits)
Principles of Microeconomics (3 credits)

Counselor Recommendation: Approve the class listed above for the student. BHS does not have a comparable college level course.

Estimated Cost: Maximum 18 credits for \$6,480.00