

October 16, 2025

Re: **Applications for Spring – 2026**
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. I would recommend the School Board should deny the course because we teach it in house 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”. However, if the request for the course is made mid-year, we do not offer a mid-year start for College Chemistry – I would approve it.

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

All currently enrolled college students register first, then our BHS students register last. 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 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 Spring of 2026. In reality, CVTC and UW-Stout have classes listed but may add or delete sections as registration nears and student interest changes. 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 semester. Often this process can feel like guess work.

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 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 requests for Early College Credit and Start College Now programs. We have 11 interested students for Start College Now programming and no students this semester for Early College Credit programming. 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,

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Start College Now Applicants

Spring Semester 2026

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 Spring of 2026 Start College Now programming.

***Note:** The vast majority of these students only have room for one class in their schedule, however multiple classes are listed below to ensure enrollment options due to CVTC class enrollment limits. Boyceville High School students enroll last, after all CVTC students have registered, so seat availability is often limited.*

Estimated 2025-2026 tuition cost per credit: \$178.00

Student #1

Grade: 12

School to Attend: Chippewa Valley Technical College

Interested Course & Credits: College Technical Math 1A (3 credits)
Medical Terminology (3 credits)
Oral/Interpersonal Communication (3 credits)

Counselor Recommendation: Approve all requested courses. Student has already completed 9 credits with Start College Now Programming.

Projected cost: 9 credits maximum for \$1,602.00

Student #2

Grade: 12

School to Attend: Chippewa Valley Technical College

Interested Course & Credits: Introduction to Psychology (3 credits)
Psychology of Human Relations (3 credits)
Mathematical Reasoning (3 credits)

Counselor Recommendation: Approve all requested courses. Student has already completed 6 credits with Start College Now Programming.

Projected cost: 9 credits for \$1,602.00

Student #3

Grade: 12

School to Attend: Chippewa Valley Technical College

Interested Course & Credits: Introduction to Psychology (3 credits)
College Technical Math 1A (3 credits)
Mathematical Reasoning (3 credits)

Counselor Recommendation: Approve all requested courses, however, student has already completed 12 credits with Start College Now Programming. Student's family is aware that BHS is only responsible for 6 additional credits. If the family chooses to enroll above 6 credits, they understand that financial responsibility to CVTC will be 100% at their cost.

Projected cost: 6 credits maximum for \$1,068.00

Student #4

Grade: 12

School to Attend: Chippewa Valley Technical College

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

Counselor Recommendation: Approve requested course

Projected cost: 3 credits for \$534.00

Student #5

Grade: 12

School to Attend: Chippewa Valley Technical College

Interested Course & Credits: Oral/Interpersonal Communications (3 credits)

Counselor Recommendation: Approve requested course

Projected cost: 3 credits for \$534.00

Student #6

Grade: 12

School to Attend: Chippewa Valley Technical College

Interested Course & Credits: Developmental Psychology (3 credits)
Introductory Sociology (3 credits)
Introduction to Sociology (3 credits)
Introduction to Diversity Studies (3 credits)
Prep for Basic Chemistry (2 credits)

Counselor Recommendation: Approve all requested courses. Student has already completed 6 credits with Start College Now Programming. Even though BHS offers a college level Chemistry class, the class is not offered as a mid-year option.

Projected cost: 12 credits maximum for \$2,136.00

Student #7

Grade: 12

School to Attend: Chippewa Valley Technical College

Interested Course & Credits: Math for Technical Trades (2 credits)
Science for Technical Trades (2 credits)

Counselor Recommendation: Approve all requested courses. Student has already completed 3 credits with Start College Now Programming.

Projected cost: 4 credits for \$712.00

Student #8

Grade: 11

School to Attend: Chippewa Valley Technical College

Interested Course & Credits: General Psychology (3 credits)
US History 1877 to Present (3 credits)
Introductory Sociology (3 credits)
Precalculus (4 credits)
College Algebra (4 credits)
Spanish 1 (4 credits)

Counselor Recommendation: Approve all requested courses. Student has already completed 3 credits with Start College Now Programming. Even though BHS offers a college level Math class, the class is not offered as a mid-year option.

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

Student #9

Grade: 11

School to Attend: Chippewa Valley Technical College

Interested Course & Credits: Introduction to Psychology (3 credits)
Introduction to Sociology (3 credits)
English Composition 1 (3 credits)

Counselor Recommendation: Approve all requested courses.

Projected cost: 9 credits for \$1,602.00

Student #10

Grade: 12

School to Attend: Chippewa Valley Technical College

Interested Course & Credits: Introduction to Sociology (3 credits)
Developmental Psychology (3 credits)

Counselor Recommendation: Approve all requested courses. Student has already completed 12 credits with Start College Now Programming.

Projected cost: 6 credits maximum for \$1,068.00

Student #11

Grade: 12

School to Attend: Chippewa Valley Technical College

Interested Course & Credits: Developmental Psychology (3 credits)
Oral/Interpersonal Communications (3 credits)
Speech (3 credits)
Fundamentals of Speech (3 credits)
Prep for Basic Chemistry (2 credits)
EMT 1 Training (2 credits)

Counselor Recommendation: Approve all requested courses. Student has already completed 9 credits with Start College Now Programming. Even though BHS offers a college level Chemistry class, the class is not offered as a mid-year option.

Projected cost: 9 credits maximum for \$1,602.00