

SPS Early College & Tutoring

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Early College Program

- Mix of general education and pathway courses
- Advanced coursework taught by college professors
- Meet high school and college requirements FOR FREE
- Books, transportation, & support provided
- Individualized college and career counseling
- Community partnership with [LEAP4Education](#) and [Masshire](#)
- Field work & field trip opportunities



Early College Pathways

SSU (G Block)

- Education & Liberal Arts
- Health & Human Services



NSCC (H Block)

- Business
- Liberal Arts
- Liberal Arts for Spanish Speakers







Earn SHS and College Credit for FREE

Upon successful completion (C- or above), one class earns:

- 1 high school credit
- 3 college credits

Earn up to 36 college credits (12 SHS credits) by graduation

- 10th 6 credits
- 11th 6-12 credits
- 12th 6-18 credits

Must complete 6+ credits to study on campus (NSCC Lynn, SSU)



Transfer your credits

- Accepted at MA state & community colleges & many other institutions of higher education (C- or above)
- [Free Community College for All/ MA State school grants](#)
- Eligible for [Masstransfer](#)



Interested in Early College?
¿Te interesa la universidad temprana?
Interessado no Early College?



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Questions? Concerns?

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**IT'S OKAY TO
ASK FOR HELP**



Tutoring Center (2nd Floor IMC)

- 7:30-3:30 every day @ 2nd floor IMC
- 1:1 staff & peer tutoring, small group workshops
- All subjects welcome
 - Some tutors have a writing, math, or ML focus
- Pen-pal tutoring (asynchronous feedback)
- Job help at SHS 12:00-1:30
- Early College check-ins and support



How to Sign up for Tutoring

- Click “Tutoring” on Classlink
- Walkin to 2nd floor IMC
- Email akirby@saalemk12.org

Let us know how we can help!

Please have a pass during school





Additional Resources

Early College Handbook:

[SPS 2025-2026 Early College Handbook](#)

[SPANISH SPS 2025-2026 Early College Handbook](#)

[PORTUGUESE SPS 2025-2026 Early College Handbook .docx](#)

SHS/SSU/NSCC Support & Contacts

[Early College Pathways SHS/NSCC/SSU SY25-26](#)



Frequently Asked Questions

Question: What classes will I take?

Answer: Most classes offered at SHS are general education electives. For example:

- 10th grade-Speech, First-Year Seminar, Ethics (electives)
- 11th grade-ELA (Composition/Foundations of Writing), Social Studies (U.S. History & Government II, Sociology, Psychology), & Gen Ed electives (ART, MDS)

Students eligible to go on campus may opt into more pathway-specific courses



Yes, most colleges accept early college credits, but they have different policies on how the credits are applied. To find out how a specific college will handle your credits, check their admissions and transfer policies online or contact them directly. You will typically need to send an official transcript from the college where you earned the credits to have them evaluated. [🔗](#)

Question:
Will Early
College
credits
transfer?

Factors affecting credit acceptance

- **Institution policies:** Some colleges, especially private institutions, may have limits on the number of credits they accept or might only award elective credit instead of specific course credit.
- **Public universities:** Public universities are more likely to accept early college credits, and states may have programs to ensure credits transfer between state schools.
- **Grading:** You generally need to earn a "C" or better in your early college courses for the credits to transfer.
- **Program requirements:** A college may accept the credit as a general education course but still require you to take a certain number of higher-level courses in that subject for your major. [🔗](#)