

Frequently Asked Questions



1) What is Odyssey Early College and Career Options ?

- a. The Odyssey Early College and Career Options Initiative in the United States allows students to receive a high school diploma and an associate degree, or up to two years of college credit, by taking a mixture of high school and college classes. At early college, students also have fewer high school classes because some of their college classes replace their high school classes.
- b. Odyssey Early College and Career Options Students graduate with their high school diploma and an Associate's degree or up to 60 credit hours of "guaranteed transfer" college credit—for free!

2) Why choose Odyssey Early College and Career Options ?

- a. Odyssey Early College and Career Options Students graduate with their high school diploma and an Associate's degree or up to 60 credit hours of "guaranteed transfer" college credit—for free!
- b. There are ZERO out of pocket expenses! Unlike other Early College programs, our students do not pay for textbooks or classroom fees.
- c. To ensure student success we provide our students with academic supports such as time management, organization, and note-taking skills through AVID classes.
- d. We assess every student who enrolls, determine their academic skill level and work with students at their level.
- e. For students that are not quite ready for college, we offer college prep classes to students that count toward high school graduation requirements.
- f. By attending Odyssey Early College and Career Options , students experience a smooth transition from high school to college.
- g. According to Jobs for the Future, Early college students are outperforming their peers nationwide: 90% graduate from high school vs. 78% of students nationally; 94% earn free college credits while in high school; 30% earn an Associate's degree while in high school; the average graduate will save over 30% on a Bachelor's degree and over 60% on an Associate's degree.

For further information click here to watch youtube videos about Early Colleges <https://goo.gl/DiBtoF> and <https://goo.gl/UZw9Lh>

3) Can my child just take a few classes at Odyssey Early College and Career Options and continue taking the other classes at his home high school?

- a. No. ODYSSEY ECCO students must carry enough credits to be full time students (either high school credits, college credits, or a combination of both).
- b. ODYSSEY ECCO students may choose to dual enroll in classes at their home high school, if their high school offers a course that ODYSSEY ECCO does not offer (such as band or orchestra).

4) What if my child's career goal requires more than an Associate's Degree?

- a. If a student's career goals require them to earn a higher degree than an Associate's degree, ODYSSEY ECCO will work with your child to determine which PPCC courses are recommended, and will best prepare your child, to transfer to a 4 year university.



5) What if I feel like my child is not ready for a college course?

- a. Many students are not ready for college courses when they first begin at ODYSSEY ECCO.
- b. ODYSSEY ECCO will work with your child to get them ready for college courses in the shortest amount of time possible.

6) When will my child begin taking college level courses?

- a. ODYSSEY ECCO utilizes the Accuplacer test to determine student's level of skill and competence in math, reading, and English.
- b. For a video that describes Accuplacer and what students should know for the test and available study materials, visit <https://goo.gl/7u5pef>
- c. Students must meet the minimum score (established by PPCC) for each test to qualify for enrollment in college courses.
- d. Please visit the Accuplacer page (insert hyperlink) to see the minimum score requirements.

7) My child has already passed ENG 092, why is he taking it again?

- a. Students will remain in college prep classes like ENG 092 until the score requirement on the Accuplacer test has been met.
- b. Students will receive an English credit for each successful semester they complete ENG 092.
- c. See question 3 above for more information on the Accuplacer and college course requirements.

8) What happens if my child does not pass a college course?

- a. ODYSSEY ECCO makes every effort to ensure that our students succeed in the classes that they are taking.
- b. In the event that a child is not performing successfully, we encourage students to withdraw from the course. A withdraw will appear as a 'W' on the student's college transcript, but the student will not have an 'F' on their transcript.
- c. If a student earns an 'W', 'F', 'D', or an Incomplete in a class, the student and student's parent/guardian will be required to pay the school district for the tuition initially paid on the student's behalf.

9) What is an ICAP and what are the ICAP requirements for graduation?

- a. ICAP is a multi-year process for students in grades 6-12 to explore, discover, and connect their coursework learning to activities and experiences in relation to their future education and workforce goals. Completion of an ICAP is a graduation requirement for all seniors.
- b. ICAP has different requirements for each grade level. At a minimum, students must have met the stated goals for 12th grade.
- c. The goals for 12th grade include (but are not limited to): completion of the FAFSA, creating a resume, and creating an After High School Transition Plan.

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10) What are the High School Graduation Requirements?

- a. There are new requirements for students graduating in the year 2021. [Click here to view the new requirements](http://www.d11.org/BOE/Policies/SectionI/IKF-R-1.pdf)
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- b. For students graduating before 2021, click here to view the old requirements <https://goo.gl/MJEKgi>
- c. In the meantime, your child will enroll in high school level, college prep classes (such as MAT 050, MAT 055, and ENG 092). While they are taking these classes, students will earn credits toward their graduation requirements.

11) What are the requirements to earn an Associate's Degree?

- a. All PCC Associate degrees require 60 credit hours.
- b. There are too many Associate Degrees available to list the requirements for them all.
- c. To see a list of available Associate degrees from PCC click here <https://goo.gl/GbDo1X>
- d. To see a description of each degree, click on the website link in the lower right corner of each degree.
- e. To see the specific course requirements for each degree, click on the catalog link in the lower right corner of each degree.

12) Why are some classes worth 2 high school credits/How do I know which courses are worth 2 high school credits?

- a. College courses that are identified as "Guarantee Transfer" courses are worth 2 high school credits.
- b. "Guarantee Transfer" courses are denoted at the end of a course name, by the code GT-CO1; GT-MA1; GT-AH1; GT-SS1; GT-HI1; GT-SC1, etc.

13) Why do I have to complete another Concurrent Enrollment Agreement?

- a. Concurrent Enrollment Agreements (CEA) must be completed for each semester a student is enrolled in college courses.
- b. A CEA is a contract between the school, the parent, and the student that ensures all parties are aware of and agree with the classes the student is taking.

14) I am over 18, does my parent still have to sign the Concurrent Enrollment Agreement?

- a. Yes. Unless a student is legally emancipated, married, or in the military, students are still considered a dependent of their parent.


15) Why doesn't my child have homework?

- a. ODYSSEY ECCO is designed so that much of the work is done at school. Students are given time in computer labs to research and type papers. Math students are given an additional class period to complete their math work.
- b. In the event that course work is not completed at school, students are expected to complete the remainder of their assignment at home.
- c. Students are strongly encouraged to study and continue working on their course work while at home, however.

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16) How can I get information about my student's progress at ODYSSEY ECCO?

- a. Log on to  ParentConnection <https://goo.gl/hs6dY5> to view ODYSSEY ECCO high school level courses.
- b. Have your student log onto PPCC online campus (D2L) <https://goo.gl/S4gDm8> to check their progress in PPCC courses.

17) How can my child receive extra help?

- a. For additional help with Accuplacer testing, watch <https://goo.gl/7u5pef> or visit <https://goo.gl/sjffj> for practice tests and study guides.
- b. There are many tutoring opportunities available to students after school at ODYSSEY ECCO. Your child should talk to their teacher to determine when help is available at ODYSSEY ECCO.
- c. In addition, all PPCC students are able to seek help from the PPCC Learning Centers. Click here for more information on PPCC tutoring <https://goo.gl/3zJP7r>

18) Why do I need to supply my Driver's License Number?

- a. The College Opportunity Fund provides each student with a stipend for attending college courses. College rates on the CEA and other documents are reflective of the student's COF being applied.
- b. A Driver's License Number is required for parents to determine COF eligibility.

19) Can my child take classes at the PPCC campus?

- a. Yes, many students in 11th and 12th grade are participants in Campus Pathways.
- b. Students must submit an application to participate. Click here to view the Campus Pathways application (insert link to application)

20) Are there laptops available for students at ODYSSEY ECCO?

- a. Yes. Students may check out a laptop for a deposit of \$25 per semester.
- b. See accounting assistant in the service center if you would like to check out a computer.

21) Where can I find information about transportation?

- a. Visit the D11 transportation page by clicking here <https://goo.gl/wwf6XD>

22) Where can I get more information on Career Pathways?

- a. Visit the Career Pathways website at <https://goo.gl/kjbWN4>