



Minnesota State College Southeast C2C Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

What Is the C2C Program?

Minnesota State College Southeast's concurrent enrollment program is called Connect to College (C2C). Southeast C2C partners with 13 regional high schools. The classes are college courses offered at the high school to eligible junior and senior students during their regular school day following the high school calendar. High school students save time and money by earning dual credit, both high school and college credits at the same time.

Instructors are qualified high school teachers who meet Southeast requirements and faculty approval to teach these classes. Course syllabi, assignments, labs, assessment methods, textbooks, exams and grading requirements are equivalent to those at the college. High school instructors and the classes are mentored by college faculty from Southeast. Our faculty collaborators take great pride in developing meaningful relationships with high school concurrent enrollment instructors. These connections help to provide eligible high school students with an engaging college experience. Students are encouraged to challenge themselves in rigorous coursework through high school and beyond.

Courses are contracted through Southeast, and the high schools pay one flat fee for each course. Southeast offers C2C course options in the areas of Business, CNC Machining, Construction, Communications and English, Health Sciences, History and Social Sciences, Mathematics, Mechatronics, and Science. Our Communications and English, History and Social Sciences, Mathematics, and Science courses meet the requirements of the Minnesota Transfer Curriculum. This designation indicates the course meets state-wide curricular standards.

Students who successfully complete courses (with a grade of C or better) are assured of course acceptance at any of Minnesota State's public colleges and universities. Additionally, the courses are generally accepted at any other college or university. These courses offer participants educational options for their future college careers and support statewide higher education goals.

What Is the Purpose of C2C Enrollment?

The Minnesota State College Southeast concurrent enrollment C2C program provides high school students the unique opportunity to earn college credits through high quality, academically challenging courses taught in the high school by credentialed high school instructors mentored by college faculty. C2C is one form of Post-Secondary Enrollment Options (PSEO) as established by the Minnesota Legislature and governed by the Minnesota State Board Policies and Southeast.

What Are the Objectives of C2C?

- Provide high school students the opportunity to experience the academic rigor of college level curriculum.
- Integrate college level curriculum within the high school environment so students can continue to maintain their high school relationships.
- Strengthen collaborative relationships between high school and college faculty through professional development activities and curriculum development opportunities.
- Decrease overall expense of a college education through rigorous course offerings while still in high school.

What Are the Benefits of C2C?

Benefits for High School Students

- Earn transferable college credits without leaving the high school campus
- Develop college level study habits and communication while enhancing time management skills
- Demonstrate the ability to be successful at the college level
- Experience college expectations and academic rigor within the college course
- Gain flexibility in college by completing some college credits while still in high school
- Reduce the overall cost of a college education; there is no tuition or textbook cost
- Access to college resources and support services such as tutoring and the Academic Support Center (ASC)

Benefits for High School Teachers

- Involvement in discipline specific professional development opportunities provided by the college
- Develop professional relationships and share ideas and techniques with college faculty
- Re-energize through collaborative opportunities with other motivated colleagues

Benefits for School Districts

- Satisfy parent/student requests for on-site, college courses
- High quality professional development opportunities for faculty
- Create a pathway to college for students
- Establish professional partnerships with college
- Prevent loss of state student-based foundation aid

What Do Parents of High School Students Need to Know?

- C2C classes offer the same curriculum and credit value as classes at Southeast in Winona and Red Wing.
- C2C classes are taught by qualified high school teachers who work with collaborating Southeast faculty to ensure the curriculum and college-level standards are met.
- C2C classes have college-level rigor and expectations, and students should be prepared for the additional work and accelerated pace.
- [The Student/Parent Guide](#) is a useful resource available on [our C2C website](#).

What Do High School Teachers Need to Know?

- The [C2C High School Collaborator's Guide](#) is a useful resource on [our C2C website](#).

What Do High School Counselors Need to Know?

- The counselor is the first line of contact for students interested in participating in C2C
- Counselors provide a direct link between the high school and the college

Who can students contact for more information on the Connect to College (C2C) program?

Students can contact their high school instructor or Southeast at C2C@southeastmn.edu.