

POLICY NAME:	<b>801.04: Admission: Dual Enrollment/Dual Credit for High School Student: Early College Enrollment Program</b>
EFFECTIVE:	08-28-08
SUPERSEDES:	
SOURCE:	
CROSS REFERENCE:	902.01, 801.01,612.02, 801.02,801.03

1. The Early College Enrollment Program (ECEP) is a type of Dual Enrollment/Dual Credit for High School Students. The program provides an opportunity for qualifying high school students to earn college credits toward a specific career and technical or health certificate and /or degree.
2. Institutions within the Alabama Community College System are authorized to establish ECEP programs with local education agencies that are consistent with the guidelines associated with this policy. Programs offered by postsecondary institutions shall be of postsecondary level.
3. ECEP participants earn credits applicable toward high school graduation and college degree requirements at no cost to the student.
4. A student is eligible for admission if the student meets all of the following criteria:
  - 4.1. The student has completed the 10<sup>th</sup> grade;
  - 4.2. The student has a minimum cumulative 2.5 average for technical programs or 3.0 average for health programs as identified in guidelines;
  - 4.3. The student obtains written approval of his/her principal and the local superintendent of education.
5. The student may enroll in approved career and technical or health profession programs as identified in guidelines.
6. Exceptions
  - 6.1. An exception may be granted by the Chancellor for a student documented as gifted and talented in accordance with *Alabama Administrative Code § 290-8-9-.12*. This exception applies only to requirement 4.1.
  - 6.2. The Chancellor may grant other exceptions as specified in the guidelines.
7. Guidelines for implementation of this policy shall be established by the Chancellor.