



Frequently Asked Questions Parents

What is Early College at SCF?

Early College programs allow qualified high school students to enroll in selected college courses to satisfy high school graduation and associate degree requirements.

How do I know if my student is eligible for Early College programs?

Eligibility requirements are posted on our webpage.

How do I know if my student is a good candidate for an Early College program?

The amount of work needed for students to succeed in college courses may be much greater than in high school courses. Students who have good time management skills and are self-motivated are more likely to be successful in college courses.

My student is currently home-schooled; can they apply to an Early College program?

Students who are registered with Manatee County or Sarasota County can participate in SCF Early College programs.

My student is currently enrolled in a private school; can they apply to an Early College program?

Students from approved private schools can apply. Please contact our office to see if your student attends an approved school.

My student receives a PEP scholarship; can they apply to an Early College program?

Students who reside in Manatee County or Sarasota County can participate in SCF Early College programs.

What should my student do if they are planning to switch high schools?

Please have your student contact our office. It is important that we are aware of high school changes early on so we can ensure that your student's dual enrollment is not interrupted.

Can my student still participate in high school activities?

Early College students are still enrolled in high school, even if they are taking courses at SCF full-time, and can continue to participate in high school activities.

Will my student only be in classes with other dual enrollment students?

Early College students will be in classes with other SCF students of all ages.

Will professors know that my student is still in high school?

Professors will not know your student is still in high school unless your student shares that information. As a general rule, Early College students should identify themselves as such when talking with other SCF departments.

Does SCF provide transportation to its campuses?

SCF does not provide transportation. Help your student build a schedule that works for them. They can take classes on any campus. They can also take online or GoLive classes instead of in-person classes if needed.

My student has been accepted to SCF, what do they need to do next?

Completing the application is the first step of the enrollment process. Students should use the Enrollment Process Checklist to keep track of where they are in the process. This checklist can be found on our webpage.

What is the parent's role in the Early College enrollment process?

Student participation in Early College programs at SCF requires parent approval. Students will enter a parent/guardian email when completing their Early College contract. The parent/guardian will receive email instructions to the email provided. Please provide a valid email address for your student to enter. If you have any issues, please contact our office.

How will my student know which classes to take?

Students will continue to meet with their high school counselor (if applicable) to discuss high school requirements. SCF success coaches are available to help students build their schedule based on high school requirements and prerequisites.

Also, students are restricted to courses on their selected pathway. Pathway lists can be found on our webpage.

How many classes should my student take?

The number of courses a student can take depends on their Early College program type. Also, students should only take as many courses as they can successfully complete. Students should consider extracurricular activities, work, family obligations, etc. when building their SCF schedule.

How will my student know their schedule?

Students are responsible for their own course registration. SCF does not register students for classes or remove students from classes they don't plan to attend. Students can view their schedule in their MySCF registration portal.

How will my student get their textbooks? Do dual enrollment students pay for textbooks?

Instructions for obtaining required instructional materials are on our webpage. Dual enrollment students do not pay for required instructional materials.

What happens if my student does not pass one of their SCF classes?

Dual Enrollment and Early Admission students who earn a D, W, or F are not eligible to participate in dual enrollment the following semester. Students in all Early College programs must have an SCF term GPA of at least 2.0 to remain eligible.

My student got a bad grade? Can SCF remove it from my student's transcript?

College transcripts are permanent. Grades cannot be removed or changed. Keep in mind that if your student withdraws from a class or is withdrawn by their instructor, a W will appear on their transcript. Their SCF transcript will have an impact on future admission to other institutions and may affect financial aid as well.

Are Early College programs free?

Most college costs are waived such as tuition and costs associated with required instructional materials. Students will likely see a tuition bill in their MySCF portal. Be sure not to pay as tuition is waived.

Who should my student contact if they need help?

Students should communicate with their professors, a success coach, or our office. Also, students have access to all the resources SCF offers.

How can I support my student?

Parents can support their student by providing encouragement, helping them be aware of important dates and deadlines posted in the Academic Calendar, and helping them gain independence.

How can I gain access to my student's current grades, attendance, etc.?

Students can monitor their academic progress in Canvas. Parents are not given access to Canvas. Please talk with your student throughout the semester about their academic progress.