

## Benefits

- Earn a one-year certificate, (the Indiana College Core formerly the Statewide Transfer General Education Core), from Ivy Tech Community College
- Potentially earn an Associate's degree from Ivy Tech Community College or Bethel University
- Save thousands of dollars on college
- Graduate from a four-year college one to two years early
- Earn transferrable college credits from institutions like Indiana University, IUPUI, Ivy Tech Community College, Vincennes University, or Bethel University
- Be a part of one of the top high schools (public or private) in the area

Vincennes IUPUI  
Ivy Tech Bethel  
IU

For more information or to download the PDF Application, go to:

**[MishawakaSchools.com/EarlyCollege](http://MishawakaSchools.com/EarlyCollege)**

## For further information

Please contact your Guidance Counselor or an Administrator

John Ross, *Principal*  
254-7300

Chad Brugh, *Associate Principal*  
254-7305

Jessica Mann  
*Assistant Principal*  
254-7314

### Counselors

Melissa Raffelock, *Director of Counseling Services*  
(Students A–Fi)  
254-7319

Karen Hernandez, *Counselor*  
(Students M–R)  
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### Mishawaka High School

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# Your Future Begins with the Early College Program



## What is it?

Mishawaka's Early College program is part of a nation-wide effort to improve high-school and college graduation rates among high-risk students and students who might otherwise not reach their full academic potential. A study by the American Institutes for Research (2013) found that EC students are 10% more likely to enroll in college than their peers, and—significantly—are 20% more likely to graduate from college than non-EC students. Through dual-credit courses, MHS's Early College program supports student success by enabling students to earn a one-year certificate (Indiana College Core) or an Associate's degree in General Studies through Ivy Tech Community College or Bethel University.

The nation-wide Early College initiative is designed specifically for students who are the first in their family to go to college, but all students are encouraged to apply for EC if they meet the program prerequisites.

## Dual Credit Courses

All students will be able to take dual credit classes whether they are part of the EC program or not, but those who do participate will be best equipped to earn the one-year certificate or Associate's degree.

Colleges require that students achieve certain academic credentials before they may take most dual-credit courses: these include GPAs of 2.7

to 3.0 and, often, a "college and career readiness" score on the Accuplacer or PSAT tests. One goal of Early College is to help students pass these tests earlier, and thus maximize dual-credit opportunities. Early College helps students who have not passed benchmark tests in middle school to pass college-placement tests earlier in high school and potentially earn the STGEC. Most MHS students will be able to take dual-credit courses by their junior and/or senior years.

## Summer Bridge Program

Summer Bridge is a three week program tailored to help EC students prepare for the challenges of a rigorous high school and college curriculum. It will be available during each summer school session. Details about the dates and times of the program will be published in early spring. All EC students who have not previously participated in the honors program are **required** to attend the Summer Bridge programs. This is to ensure students have the study, reading and writing skills that are essential to college success.

## Prerequisites

- Pass the most recent ISTEP exams in English and math
- Complete the first semester of the current school year in General or Honors English with a B- or better
- Complete the first semester of the current

school year in Pre-Algebra or higher with a B- or better

- Overall GPA of 2.5
- 96% attendance and a review of discipline incidents
- Or JYMS principal recommendation

## Applications

For JYMS students: Applications are available on the School City of Mishawaka Early College website and should be completed and returned to the student's guidance counselor by **March 31**. Students who are unable to meet the deadline and students from other districts are eligible to participate in the EC program on a space available basis and should print, complete and mail the PDF application to:

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Attention: Early College

**Download the printable PDF at:**

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## Selection and Scheduling

Students will be notified in late spring as to their acceptance into the program and scheduled for courses shortly thereafter.

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