

# Jackson College Early College Process and FAQ

## **Enrollment Process**

1. **Interested students must apply for the Early College program before October 1st of their Junior year.**
2. Students and parents complete and return to the high school the Early College application that can be found in the High School office or online at [Step 1 - JCEC Process](#).
3. High School approves the application and sends it to Jackson College.
4. Student applies to Jackson College using the following link: [Apply Here](#)  
Directions for applying on JC website - [Step 2 - Directions](#)
5. Jackson College enrolls the students in the Early College program.
6. Student receives an email from Jackson College with information about registering for Success Camp.
7. Once a student registers for and completes Success Camp, they will be scheduled to take FYS 110 during the next semester.
8. After a student completes FYS 110 with a passing grade (0.5 or higher), they can register for a class of their choosing (within the Michigan Transfer Agreement [MTA Classes](#)).
9. Before each semester, they will meet with their Student Success Navigator to choose classes for the upcoming semester.
10. Students can also schedule an appointment with Chris Kimball using the following link: <https://calendly.com/KimballChristoL>
11. Students will need to check their JC email and JetStream account frequently to stay up to date on registration and add/drop dates. Add/Drop Information can also be found here: [JC Academic Calendar](#)
12. Students must pass a class with a 0.5 grade or higher to earn high school credit for the class. If a student does not earn a 0.5 grade or higher, the student/parent will be responsible for reimbursing Grass Lake for the full price (tuition/fees) of the class before graduation.
13. Student JC accounts must have a balance below \$100 in order to register for new classes.

## **Frequently Asked Questions**

### **1. How does Grass Lake schedule/pay for classes?**

Grass Lake pays tuition and allows students to register for one JC class for each class period they are assigned a JC class in their schedule.

The one class can be a 7-week or 15-week class.

If they sign up for a 7-week class, this does give them a period of weeks where they do not have a Jackson College class to work on.

If a student wishes to enroll in an additional 7-week class during the same class period as the original 7-week class, the student/parent will have to pay the full price (tuition/fees/books) of the class.

### **2. What fees are the responsibility of the student/parent?**

As per the Early College agreement students/parents are responsible for book/class material fees. Unpaid fees will delay the registration process for classes. If account balances are not taken care of immediately this could ultimately limit students on their selection of classes as classes fill up. Students will need to log on to their JetStream Account, and click on Student Finance to see the amount that is due each semester. Payments can be made online.

### **3. How many JC classes can a student take?**

A student can take as many classes as will fit in their high school schedule as long as all high school graduation requirements are met.

### **4. Can a student take a JC class in place of a required high school class?**

No, all required classes must be completed at the high school with the exception of the senior math class. A student may take a college math class their senior year to satisfy this State of Michigan graduation requirement.

### **5. Does a student have to take an AP class in order to enroll in a college class?**

Yes and no. A student does not have to take an AP class their sophomore year and can still take a JC class. If a student wishes to take a JC class their Junior and/or senior year, they must have a high school AP class in their schedule. This is a Grass Lake policy.

**6. How do students/parents know when the class they are registered for starts and ends?**

When a student is registered for a JC class, the class will appear in their JetStream account and will show when the class starts and ends.

**7. If a student wishes to drop a class, will the school still pay for the class?**

It will depend on when the student drops the class. If a student drops/withdraws prior to the census date the student will not incur any financial implications. If a student drops with a W, the student/parent will be required to reimburse Grass Lake for the full cost of the class. See the Jackson College calendar for all dates. [Link to JC Calendar](#)

**8. Where can I find more information about the Jackson College Early College program?**

JCEC Website - <https://www.jxncec.org/>

**9. Where can I find classes that are available to take each semester?**

Jackson College Course Schedule - [Course Schedule](#)

**10. Does a student have to enroll in the 13th year?**

No, a student can opt out of the 13th year. They will need to fill out and complete the opt out form before their high school graduation date.

**11. Will a student have to take a Math class if they complete their 13th year at JC?**

Yes, a student is required by the State of Michigan to have a math related course in their schedule for the final year of high school/13th year.

**12. What if a student determines at the end of his/her senior year to not continue with JCEC?**

It is VERY important to make sure students have met their Michigan Merit Curriculum requirements by the end of their senior year in the event a circumstance like this arises. If a student chooses to leave the program at the end of their 12th year and have met all of their graduation requirements, they may opt out with no penalty.

**13. Will students receive a diploma from their high school if they choose to attend the 13th year at JC?**

Yes, at the end of the 13th year, although students may participate in their commencement exercises at the end of their senior year with their peers.

**14. Can Early College credits be transferred to a 4 year university?**

Students will need to work closely with the Success Navigator to ensure they are in a program that will be able to transfer to other universities. It is extremely important that a student works closely with his/her advisor to ensure that all credits transfer. Many courses students take at the college level are Michigan Transfer Agreement classes that will transfer to any public college or university in Michigan.

**15. Can students participate in extracurricular activities?**

JCEC students are eligible to participate in clubs and organizations sponsored by the college. Recent legislation DOES ALLOW students to participate in college athletics during the 13th year.

**16. Can students still participate in high school sports?**

Yes – through their senior year. Students are not eligible for high school sports during the 13th year.

**17. Can I attend a counseling appointment with my student to discuss course/program options?**

Yes, to schedule an appointment, please contact Jean Logan ([info@jxncec.org](mailto:info@jxncec.org)) or Chris Kimball (<https://calendly.com/KimballChristoL>) to set up a time to meet.

**18. Who can I contact for more information about the Jackson College Early College Program?**

You may contact the JCEC administrator, Jean Logan at [info@jxncec.org](mailto:info@jxncec.org) or 517-581-2003.