

Community College

Benefits

Dual enrollment classes can be taken in high school and are free to students

Community college can be a lot less expensive, saving on tuition and living expenses because most students continue to live at home

If students are not quite mature enough to handle being on their own, this gives them extended time to grow

Most community college professors are more nurturing and available to help students rather than University professors

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Downside

If you plan to save money by taking your first two years and seamlessly transferring the credits to a university, this may not be so simple

Campus life at the community college is not the same as at a university

Students who excel in high school may not be challenged as much as they would at a university and therefore, upon transferring they may not be prepared for the 4 year college work load

Open enrollment doesn't mean it's for all

Application Process

1. Meet with your counselor to discuss your plans
2. Meet with the college admission advisor to discuss your plans
3. If you plan to transfer, discuss MACRAO or any articulation agreement they may have.
4. Discuss the path you are interested in and find the coursework that is required
5. Discuss all of the previous with the 4 year college you plan to attend (you should have an idea)
6. Apply!

Things to do to stay on top:

1. **Keep Organized!** If you weren't organized in high school, it is time to get yourself together!
2. If you find yourself falling behind, **GET HELP!** The sooner the better!
3. **COMMUNICATE!** Many times college communication is through email, make sure this is checked on a daily basis! Talk and get to know your professors.
4. **TIME MANAGE:** you will need to study more than you did in high school. If you don't plan accordingly you may not make it!