

## Did you know that you can complete a year or more of college for free while you are still in high school?

Don't wait until you graduate to think about college. At A-B Tech, you can start college now.

Join the ranks of college students by taking classes your junior and senior year of high school and earning high school and college credit.

We offer challenging academic courses such as biology, history, information systems, and psychology. Or shape your future while working toward a career in Computer Engineering, Heavy Equipment and Transport, Automotive Systems Technology, Criminal Justice, and more.

There are five different ways to earn both high school and college credit: Afternoon College, Dual Enrollment, A-B Tech at High School, Learn and Earn Online, and RAVE. College credits earned through one of these five programs can be used at A-B Tech or many four-year colleges or universities.

### A-B Tech at High School

To jump start your future by taking classes at your high school that will start you on your path to a college degree or diploma.

- College classes on your high school campus, such as Criminal Justice and Early Childhood Education.
- Earn college credit.
- Tuition-free.
- Contact your high school guidance counselor.

### Afternoon College

A-B Tech offers technical and college transfer courses for high school juniors and seniors. These classes are set up on the A-B Tech campus specifically for high school students, yet carry the same rigor as the classes offered to college students.

- For qualified high school juniors and seniors in Asheville City, Buncombe County, or Madison County Schools.
- Earn college credit.
- Tuition-free (students are required to buy textbooks and materials).
- Although the majority of Afternoon College students are in high school, a number of classes include college students as well.
- Contact your high school guidance counselor.



### Learn and Earn Online

Juniors and seniors at most area high schools can tap into college classes through Learn and Earn Online without even leaving their high school campus.

- Online classes that students can take in facilitated classrooms at their high schools.
- Tuition-free.
- Contact your high school guidance counselor.

### Dual Enrollment

A-B Tech partners with the Asheville City, Buncombe County, and Madison County schools districts to offer college credit to their students through the Dual Enrollment program. This is a unique opportunity for high school students to attend classes at A-B Tech with their college counterparts.

- For qualified high school juniors and seniors in the Asheville City, Buncombe County, and Madison County school districts.
- Earn college credit.
- Tuition-free (Students are required to purchase texts and materials).
- Contact your high school guidance counselor.

### RAVE (Regional Articulation in Vocational Education)

If you are thinking about attending a community college, or your goal is to obtain a certificate, diploma, or A.A.S. degree in a career technical field, you may be able to earn articulated credit while you are still in high school. RAVE is college credit for high school classes. This credit is available through A-B Tech and many of the state's community colleges. If you want to get a head start on the future, consider taking courses at your high school that grant articulated college credit.

- These are career technical high school classes that qualify for college credit.
- Earn articulated community college credit.
- Tuition-free.
- Contact your high school Career Development Coordinator.



## FAQs

### Why do I need to go to school after high school?

In 1959, only 20 percent of American workers needed at least some college to do their jobs well. Today, more than half do. By some estimates, 80 percent of new jobs require postsecondary education. College credentials are fast becoming the dividing line between a job that pays a family-supporting income and a life of entry-level employment and poverty." From Jobs For The Future (www.jff.org)

### What about high school credit?

When both high school and college credit is earned for one course, high schools award elective credit, no specific subject/course requirement credit.

### Do I have to pay college tuition for these programs?

All classes for programs mentioned in this brochure are tuition-free. Student may be required to buy textbooks and materials.

### What's the difference between Dual Enrollment and Afternoon College?

Dual Enrollment is when high school students are enrolled and registered in regular day or evening college classes. To dual enroll, students must present a completed Dual Enrollment recommendation form. Forms are available in the high school guidance office or in the A-B Tech Admissions Office.

Afternoon College classes are scheduled on the A-B Tech main campus during the 3rd and 4th periods of the high school day. The majority of those attending Afternoon College classes are students from area high schools. Recommendation forms are not required, but students must meet prerequisite requirements. Both programs are tuition-free, but students are required to purchase textbooks.



### How do I know if I'm ready for college while still in high school?

Only qualified students will be allowed to take advantage of the opportunities mentioned in this brochure. High school students enrolling in college classes must meet the same prerequisite course requirements as regular college students. College classes are rigorous and typically require additional out-of-class time to complete assignments. Parents, high school guidance counselors, and college representatives can help you make this decision.

### What is the College Transfer Program?

High school students can gain tuition-free college credits to use as baccalaureate credits to four-year colleges and universities or begin earning their Associate in Arts or Science degrees. A-B Tech offers courses or degrees that will transfer to all North Carolina community colleges and 16 colleges and universities of the UNC system. Students who complete their general education core at A-B Tech can transfer to UNC institutions having met all lower-division general education requirements. Contact the A-B Tech Counseling Department at (828) 254-1921, Ext. 434 or 435.

### What is a college transcript?

A college transcript is an official report of a student's college career.

### How do I enroll?

For all programs discussed in this brochure, you will need to discuss enrollment with your high school counselor or advisor. They will help you make sure that you are on track to complete your graduation requirements and will assist you with enrollment in these programs.

# COLLEGE OPPORTUNITIES for High School Students



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