



The following is information about participation in the SouthArk Community College ECS program:

1. To be eligible for the Early College Start program, you must meet the minimum test score requirements, currently be enrolled in a high school, reside in the SouthArk service area, and be able to show documentation, if requested, by SouthArk.
2. Participation in the Early College Start Program requires students to abide by all rules and regulations of the college. This includes submitting ADD/DROP forms if there are changes to your schedule after registration.
3. Students are responsible for the cost of tuition and fees of courses not covered by the Arkansas Concurrent Challenge Scholarship. Payments must be made to SouthArk according to the college's course schedule for the appropriate semester; students will receive account holds and may be dropped for non-payment.
4. If you do not consent for SouthArk to report college records to high school officials, you must submit a letter in writing to SouthArk's Advising & Career Services department. In addition, you must provide an official SouthArk transcript to your high school to transfer grades. Other student information, such as test scores, withdrawals, and attendance must be reported directly by you as required by your high school if you do not consent.
5. You must meet all academic skills and college course prerequisites applicable to the course(s) for which you enroll. SouthArk reserves the right to withdraw a student who does not meet requirements.
6. College courses taken while a student is still in high school count toward Federal Student Aid policies; therefore, failure of concurrent courses could result in a student entering college on academic probation.
7. You own your college academic records. Even if you are a minor, your academic records may not be released to your parent or guardian without your consent under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA).
8. The decision to use any SouthArk course for high school graduation requirements rests with the high school, per the policies of the independent school district.
9. A student's semester grade reflects only the work prescribed in the SouthArk syllabus for that course. This means that his or her SouthArk grade may be different from the grade he or she receives on the high school report card if the instructor/teacher includes units of instruction beyond what is required in the college course or if the student receives bonus points for extra work not covered in the SouthArk syllabus.
10. SouthArk reserves the right to modify its programs, policies, or procedures as needed without prior notice.
11. Concurrent students will be charged \$41.67 per credit hour ( \$125 per 3-hour course or \$166.68 per 4-hour course). Also, any inclusive access fees that is required by the course. This fee can range from \$45 to \$175.
12. Juniors & Seniors may qualify for the concurrent credit challenge scholarship, which covers tuition for up to two, three-hour eligible courses per semester. Eligible concurrent students will be submitted for the Concurrent Challenge Scholarship. This scholarship is completely governed by ADHE (ACT 456 of 2019), and any changes in availability, eligibility, or criteria are completely are not the responsibility of South Arkansas Community College or the High School. Current overview of the scholarship can be found at <https://scholarships.adhe.edu/scholarships-and-programs/high-school/>.

### Release of Students Records/Permission to Participate

I approve the release of this student's records, including but not limited to transcripts, test scores and immunization records, to South Arkansas Community College during and after participation in the ECS program. I also approve the student's ECS participation. I acknowledge acceptance of the conditions 1-10 noted above. I give permission to SouthArk faculty/staff to report grades and other educational records, including student financial account records, directly to officials at the participating high school. I also understand that under FERPA, a parent may not obtain academic records or complete SouthArk's processes for the student without the student's written permission, even if the student is a minor. I certify that none of the information requested on this form is false or has been withheld. I understand that withholding information may make the student ineligible for admission and enrollment. I also understand that the student will not be fully admitted until all required credentials has been submitted and approved and all other stipulated admission criteria has been met.

### Signatures

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Check box if you agree: By participating, you consent to receive SMS/MMS messages. No purchase required. Msg & data rates may apply.

Student Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**\*Return this form to your high school counselor or college & career coach. Please do not e-mail.\***

**For questions, contact:  
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I approve this student to take the course(s) listed above for concurrent credit through South Arkansas Community College.

\_\_\_\_\_  
High School Official

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Title

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SouthArk Official