



START COLLEGE NOW APPLICATIONS INSTRUCTIONS

Please read through and follow the step-by-step directions below to ensure all sections and processes are completed properly.

Student/Parent Specific Responsibilities:

- 1) Complete 10th grade and be in good academic standing. *(Program is available to 11th and 12th grade students).*
- 2) Complete the application for the Start College Now Program. Check with your local technical college for the application.
- 3) Submit the completed form (including student/parent/guardian signatures) no later than March 1 for fall semester courses and October 1 for spring semester courses to high school board of district in which the student resides. This is typically done by submitting the form to a high school counselor.
- 4) If the student disagrees with the school board's decision regarding comparability of courses or satisfaction of high school graduation requirements, the student may appeal the school board's decision to the state superintendent within 30 days after the decision.
- 5) Transportation to and/or from the technical college is the student's responsibility.
- 6) Reference [Subchapter 38.12 \(14\)](#) for eligibility requirements **prior to filling out the application.**

Technical College Responsibilities:

- 1) Admit the student to the technical college if he or she meets the requirements; prerequisites of the course or courses and if there is space available in the course for which the student applied. Space availability will be determined once all other eligible recipients have been admitted to the course.
- 2) Collaborate with the high school district at least 30 days before the beginning of the technical college semester in which the student will be enrolled. Notify the student, in writing, if a course in which the student will be enrolled does not meet the high school graduation requirements and whether the course is comparable to a course offered in the high school district.

High School District Responsibilities:

- 1) Collaborate with the technical college in which the student is enrolled, at least 30 days before the beginning of the technical college semester to ensure comparable course and graduation requirements.
- 2) Let the technical college know that by approving the application, the course meet high school graduation requirements.
- 3) Confirm the technical college application due date.
- 4) Submit payment to the technical college, in two installments payable upon initial enrollment and at the end of the semester, for those courses taken for high school credit. The amount charged should be equal to the cost of tuition, course fees, and books for a student who is attending the technical college and is a resident of this state.
- 5) Engage in ongoing communication and support with the student enrolled in the technical college.
- 6) Coordinate with the technical college's career prep coordinator.