

Programs for High School Students

Columbus Career & College Academy (CCCA)

The Board of Trustees of Southeastern Community College and the Board of Education for Columbus County Schools have established an early college high school on the campus of Southeastern Community College to provide the opportunity for students to be concurrently enrolled in high school and college courses. Students in this five-year program will work toward completing an associate degree while completing their high school diploma. Students must apply for entry into this program during their eighth-grade year. Application is made to Columbus Career & College Academy. Individuals interested in [Columbus Career & College Academy](#) should contact the principal at 910-788-6281.

Career and College Promise (CCP)

Career and College Promise provides structured opportunities for qualified high school students to dually enroll in community college courses that provide seamless pathways that lead to a certificate, diploma, or degree, as well as provide entry-level job skills.

Career and College Promise offers North Carolina school students a clear path to success in college and/or in a career. The program is tuition-free for all eligible North Carolina high school students. Books and fees do apply.

Career and College Promise consist of four types of [pathways](#):

1. **College Transfer Pathways (CTP)** require the completion of at least 30 semester hours of transfer courses, including English and mathematics, except for the Associate Degree Nursing (ADN) pathway.
2. **Career and Technical Education Pathways (CTE):**
 - a curriculum Career and Technical Educational Pathway (CTE) leading to a certificate or diploma aligned with a high school career cluster. [Note: Freshmen and sophomore students may not enroll in any CTE pathway that contains Universal General Education Transfer Component (UGETC) courses.]
 - a Workforce Continuing Education Pathway (WCE) leading to an industry-recognized certification and curriculum credit (where applicable).
3. **Cooperative Innovative High School Programs (CIHS)** such as our Columbus Career & College Academy provide opportunities for students to earn their high school diploma and earn up to two years of college credit or complete an associate degree within a five-year time frame.
4. **Career and College Ready Pathway (CRP)** does not require completion, but permits access to supplemental, along with career and college preparatory coursework, leading to either a CTP or CTE approved pathway.

For more information about Career and College Promise, [click here](#).

Educational Talent Search (ETS)

Educational Talent Search is funded by the United States Department of Education to serve sixth through twelfth grade students in Columbus County. Two-thirds of the students enrolled must be from low-income families in which they would be the first potential college graduate. The project's primary goal is to promote educational advancement by assisting students in obtaining a high school diploma, enrolling in a post-secondary institution, and obtaining a college degree. Free supportive services include career, academic, and

financial literacy counseling; exposure to college campuses and cultural enrichment activities; connections to tutoring; assistance with college entrance exam preparation; and financial aid and college admissions application completion.

For more information about Educational Talent Search, [click here](#).