

**St. Petersburg College & Pinellas County Schools’  
Early College Program  
Student Performance Contract  
2017-2018**

As an element of the admissions process, each parent and student of the Early College Program must sign an agreement committing their adherence to the following Student Performance Contract:

1. I understand that as an Early College Program (ECP) student, the course work taken on the college level will have the same depth, breadth, rigor and pace for all students regardless of age or grade placement.
2. I understand that Early College Program students in college level courses are subject to the same standards, policies, and responsibilities as other college students unless otherwise restricted by federal, state or local requirements.
3. I understand that curriculum content, evaluation, and selection of appropriate instructional materials are the prerogative of the college instructor and will not differ for dual enrolled Early College Program students from that presented for traditional college students.
4. I understand that St. Petersburg College (SPC) is an open campus and that I will be attending classes with non-high school aged students and that I may encounter students of various ages and backgrounds while on the SPC campus.
5. I understand that the Early College Program Academic counselor(s) or the Coordinator of the Early College Program are the first point of contact for parents who wish to discuss academic progress in a college course or request information about school or classroom activities. I understand that my parents do not have direct access to my college instructors or to my academic records.
6. I understand that high academic standards are expected of all students. Students entering the 11<sup>th</sup> grade must have met all required scores on the PERT or provide qualifying test scores on the SAT/ACT. Students entering the 11<sup>th</sup> or 12<sup>th</sup> grade must have an un-weighted high school GPA of at least 3.0 and maintain a 2.0 GPA in all college course work.
7. I understand that if my college GPA falls below a 2.0, and/or my high school GPA falls below a 3.0, and/or my high school graduation requirements and/or my Bright Futures eligibility is jeopardized, and/or the Associate in Arts Degree cannot be completed, I may be removed from the program. Continued eligibility in the program will be based upon a review of academic standing on an individual student basis at the conclusion of each academic term. Any student who is withdrawn from the Early College Program, or chooses to leave voluntarily, must immediately contact their assigned high school to maintain continuous full time enrollment in high school.
8. If a student wishes to withdraw from a course due to extenuating circumstances prior to the 60% point in the term, the ECP and PCS program staff will determine if the circumstances of the withdraw warrant a grade of “W” and will determine the most appropriate course of action. If a student would withdraw from a course prior to the 60% point, they would, earn a “W”, and need to enroll in another course to maintain a full schedule. Students not actively participating in class after the 60% point in the term will automatically receive a grade of ‘WF’ on both transcripts, which has the same impact on the GPA as a final grade of “F”.
9. I agree to abide by all SPC policies and procedures including, but not limited to the Pinellas County School Board *Code of Student Conduct*. I understand that if I violate the Pinellas County School Board *Code of Conduct* by committing a major infraction that would result in an out of school suspension for traditional high school students that I will be required to leave the Early College Program and return to the high school setting.

10. Early College Program students may participate in athletics and other extra-curricular activities of their high school but must abide by the Student Code of Conduct. "Extra-curricular" activities shall be defined as those activities that occur before or after the school day and do not require participation in a course that supports the activity. If an Early College student violates the Student Code of Conduct, participation in future high school activities may be restricted.
11. I understand that if I violate any items in the SPC Board of Trustees Rules and College Procedures, I may be required to leave the Early College Program and return to my assigned high school.
12. I understand that completion of high school graduation requirements does not guarantee completion of an AA degree. To receive an AA degree, I understand that I must meet all program requirements identified in the SPC Catalog at the time of my initial admission and that I will be classified as a degree-seeking student.
13. I understand I am responsible for the return of the textbooks at the conclusion of each term. I understand that lost or damaged textbooks are the financial responsibility of the student.
14. I agree to attend school regularly and I understand that I must be enrolled in a minimum total of six (6) courses per semester to include fifteen (15) college-level credits as outlined in the agreement between St. Petersburg College and Pinellas County Schools.
15. I understand that I cannot meet the high school World History, Geometry, or HOPE (Physical Education) PCS graduation requirement through college coursework and that I must either complete this requirement prior to attending Early College or take and pass the World History, Geometry, and/or HOPE class through Pinellas Virtual School.
16. I understand that all courses required for high school graduation must be completed by the end of the fall term of the senior year. Exceptions can be made for extenuating circumstances with approval of an ECP Academic counselor.
17. Because the St. Petersburg College campuses are open campus environments, should I choose to leave campus for any reason, I fully understand that SPC, its officers, trustees, employees and agents are released from all liability, claims of demands for any damage, loss, or injury to me, my property, or parent's property in connection with my actions.
18. I understand and agree to attend and fully participate in one mandatory high school course during each semester to provide ongoing academic support to ensure student success in the Early College Program.
19. I understand that once I choose to enter the Early College Program, I am no longer eligible to qualify for the valedictorian or salutatorian honors within my assigned high school nor may I request being excused from the last semester of high school if all graduation requirements have been completed.
20. I understand that once I choose to enter the Early College Program and courses have begun, I am obligated to remain in the program for a minimum of one semester.
21. I understand that if I am disruptive to the learning environment, I may be denied participation in the Early College Program.
22. I understand that I am required to register for courses on my home campus, and will only be able to register for a course on another campus if the course is not available on the home campus, or if I receive approval from the Coordinator of the program.

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Please return this portion by the end of the Early College Program Orientation

I hereby agree to and accept all of the terms listed in the Early College Program's Student Performance Contract.

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Student ID # \_\_\_\_\_

Student's Name (Print) \_\_\_\_\_

Student's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Parent or Guardian's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

ECP Academic Counselor's Signature \_\_\_\_\_