

HOPE Graduation Requirement for **Early College Program** (ECP) Applicants

Students who accept an invitation to the Early College Program (ECP), are required to complete the HOPE graduation requirement by the end of June, (by June 15 for courses taken through FLVS (Florida Virtual School), prior to the first day of ECP classes commencing @ St Petersburg College (SPC), Fall Term of their 11th grade High School year. Failure to successfully complete this requirement timely will result in Pinellas County Schools (PCS) rescinding the invitation to participate in ECP.

Students who have successfully completed two full years in a J.R.O.T.C. Program OR have participated in two full seasons in a district-sponsored high school sport as a competing athlete (applies to junior varsity and varsity sports, grades 9 – 12) may qualify for a HOPE Waiver; documentation is required and is processed via students High School Counselor.

Students transferring to PCS from a Private School or Home Education may transfer 0.50 credit earned in Personal Fitness AND 0.50 credit earned in a Physical Education Activity Elective to meet the HOPE requirement. (Credit earned in a Health course is not a qualifying credit applied towards completion of HOPE).

Students who do not qualify for a HOPE waiver; have not successfully completed HOPE; or are not in the process of completing the HOPE requirement via their High School during 2nd Semester of their Sophomore year; are required to enroll in HOPE via Pinellas Virtual School (PVS) immediately upon acceptance of an invitation to ECP to ensure ample time to complete HOPE by end of June. See directions for registering via PVS below. Students on the waiting list for an opportunity to participate in ECP are also encouraged to enroll in HOPE to ensure they meet eligibility should a seat in ECP become available.

Registering for HOPE via Pinellas Virtual School

Step 1: Visit pcsb.org/virtualschool

Step 2: Click “Enrollment/Registration” then “Virtual Class for Pinellas Students”

- Select “High School Courses”
- Scroll down to “Health Opportunities Through Physical Education – HOPE” (**Canvas** platform)
- Press the “REGISTER NOW” button

Step 3: Complete Form

- Click “Done”

Step 4: Please respond to emails and calls you will receive on or before your requested start date regarding starting the course