BC’s Early College Vision

• Every educational pathway is clear and defined from K-12 to community college and into four-year institutions.

• Every high school student has an opportunity to earn at least 9 college credits by the end of graduation.

• Every high school student understands what it takes to earn a certificate, associate degree, or complete their chosen college pathway.

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Early College packages college course opportunities for high school students into pathways that begin in the 9th grade, allowing cohorts of students the opportunity to earn associate degrees and/or certificates by the time they walk across the stage at their high school graduation. Students who do not complete associate degrees or certificates will have the opportunity to earn credits towards degrees or certificates and will be on pathway to complete them after high school.

Why Early College?

**Success:**
Early College high school students have demonstrated higher success rates than traditional BC Students.

**Equity:**
- 90% of Early College high school students are students of color.
- The success rates of both African American and Latinx early college high school students consistently exceed the success rates of traditional BC African American and Latinx students.

Levels of Implementation

**Level 1**
The high school students can complete college courses on-site through a combination of dual and concurrent enrollment courses offered on the high school campus.

**Level 2**
The high school students can complete a college degree or certificate on-site through a combination of dual enrollment and concurrent enrollment courses offered on the high school campus.

**Level 3**
All incoming 9th grade students are on a pathway to earn between 9 and 60 units towards completing a college degree and/or certificate through a combination of dual enrollment and concurrent enrollment courses offered on the high school campus.

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**Early College** refers to the opportunity for students to earn college credit while they are in high school.

**Dual Enrollment** courses are taught during the regular high school day at the high school.

**Concurrent Enrollment** courses are outside of the regular high school day, at or near the high school campus.

**Articulated Courses** are approved CTE courses for which students receive credit by exam.