Dear Parents and Students:

The Alabama State Department of Education has authorized the establishment of the Early College Enrollment Program (ECEP) offered through Faulkner State Community College (FSCC). ECEP is a program designed to increase the number of skilled workers in the Alabama labor force. Qualifying high school juniors and seniors in the Baldwin County School System are allowed to participate in this program, earning college credits at the same time they are earning a standard high school diploma. FSCC will convey the two-year career/technical degree or one-year certificate, while the student’s base school will issue the high school diploma. Any student who completes the ECEP program will be allowed to participate in graduation ceremonies at the local high school.

ECEP is not an early graduation program. ECEP accommodates students who wish to enroll in courses leading to and/or providing a: (1) terminal two-year career/technical degree, (2) college credits for programs in career/technical fields, (3) a one-year certificate program in a career/technical field, and (4) credit hours applicable toward a college degree. However, many of the credits earned in the career/technical programs offered by FSCC are not transferable toward a bachelor’s degree. ECEP students may choose from Faulkner’s entire Associate in Applied Science and Certificate Program classes. Students will take all classes at Faulkner State Community College.

Requirements for Entry into ECEP

1. Students must be in 11th or 12th grade.
2. Students must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5.
3. Students must take a minimum of 12 credit hours per semester at FSCC.
4. Students must have passed all portions of the Alabama High School Graduation Exam.
5. Students must have earned one of the following: (a) a minimum score of 20 on the English and math subtests of the ACT, (b) a minimum score of 480 on the English and math subtests of the SAT-1, or (c) a passing score (as determined by FSCC) on the COMPASS or an equivalent test. Students who want to take the COMPASS may schedule a test date with FSCC during the ECEP application process.
6. Students must show an aptitude for their selected area of training offered in ECEP.
7. Students must have a career/technical major at FSCC.
8. Students and their parent(s) must successfully complete an interview. The interview committee will consist of representatives from FSCC and the Baldwin County Public School System. The interview committee will decide which students may participate in ECEP.
9. Students and their parent(s) are responsible for the purchase of textbooks.
10. Students must not be excessively absent from their ECEP classes. Attendance will be closely monitored by FSCC and reported to registrars at the base high schools. Excessive absences will result in dismissal from ECEP. Students will not be re-enrolled in local high schools until the new term begins. Additionally, students who withdraw from ECEP and return to the base school will likely not be able to transfer all credit from FSCC back to the local school.
11. Students, parents, the base high school principal, and the Superintendent must sign the Transportation Agreement Form before participation in ECEP begins. The Baldwin County Board of Education assumes no liability or expense for ECEP students.
12. Students who take part in extracurricular and after-school activities at their base schools must comply with the BCBOE student dress code when they are on campus. These students must also check-in with the office before participating in extracurricular activities.

Please feel free to contact the Division of Instructional Support at 251-972-6866 for additional information about the ECEP program.