



TRAILBLAZER
COLLEGIATE ACADEMY
DUAL DIPLOMA PROGRAM

FAQ's

What are the admissions requirements?

Students must have a GPA of 3.0, ACT or Compass placement scores equivalent to college level work, recommendations from high school faculty, counselor or principal. Students must write an essay to be scored by the Selection Committee.

What are the ACT or Compass placement scores that are equivalent to college level work?

Check with the High School Counselor or MCC Counselor or advisor.

Are there any additional requirements?

Students must agree to abide by the expectations and responsibilities of the MCC Trail Blazer Collegiate Academy.

How do I enroll?

Interested high school students must meet with their high school counselor to discuss their academic plan. Students must complete an application. The application will be reviewed by the Trailblazer Collegiate Academy Selection Committee. Based on the application, the student GPA and test scores, the student will be notified of acceptance into the program.

How much does it cost?

Your residency determines the amount you will be charged per credit hour. To qualify for the In-district rate you must reside in one of the following school districts: Belton, Blue Springs, Center, Fort Osage, Grandview, Hickman Mills, Independence, Kansas City, Lee's Summit, North Kansas City, Park Hill or Raytown.

When is tuition due?

Tuition deadlines are posted at www.mcckc.edu. Full payment or payment arrangements must be made by the beginning of classes. Payment plans are available through the MCC-Business and Records Office.

How much do books cost?

Students will be responsible for purchasing books for the college courses. The cost of books varies based on the courses taken. On average textbooks cost approximately \$1000.00 on annual basis. Used books are available for purchase. A book rental plan is available for certain textbooks.

Will I be able to participate in extracurricular activities such as sports, music, forensics, and/or theater?

You and your high school counselor will arrange your college course schedule to fit your extracurricular activity schedule. A variety of courses are available during the day or on-line to fulfill Associate Degree requirements.

How does this change my high school schedule?

Dual credit and Advanced Placement courses can be taken on the high school campus. Advanced college courses can be taken during the school day as approved by your high school counselor or at night on the MCC-Blue River campus in Independence, Missouri.

Will my AP credits transfer?

Advanced Placement (AP) courses are transferable to MCC with a test score of 3 or higher. If you take the AP course, but not the test, the course will not transfer to MCC.

Will my dual credit courses transfer?

Dual credit courses taken at the high school and provided by area universities and community colleges will transfer to MCC.

Will my MCC credits transfer?

Community College Associate of Arts degrees and courses transfer to four-year universities. MCC Counselors are available to discuss transfer options and check with the university to determine the courses required for your chosen major.

Will I be eligible for 4-year scholarships upon completion of the Trailblazer Collegiate Academy?

You will have completed college credits. Check with the high school counselor and the four-year university to determine available scholarship money as an entering freshman with college credits.

What are the benefits of the program?

- Curb the rising cost of higher education for students and families
- Students get a jump on college and complete general education requirements before attending a four-year university
- Assist students to gain entry to the workforce faster
- Students further explore career opportunities
- Better prepare students for the college classroom

Will my MCC courses and grades be weighted at the high school and count towards class rank?

Check with your high school counselor as to your school district's policy.

Is transportation available to the college?

Students will be responsible for their own transportation. MCC-Blue River is located on the KCATA red bus line from Independence Square.

What does it cost to park on campus?

Parking passes are available at no cost for student parking lots on campus.

Is food available on campus?

MCC-Blue River cafeteria is open for breakfast and lunch. Food and beverage vending machines are available in all campus buildings.


Who do I call if I have a question?

Talk with your high school counselor. They can arrange an appointment with a MCC-Blue River representative to discuss your options.

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