

ALLEGHENY COLLEGE EARLY ACCESS PROGRAM  
GUIDELINES and TIMELINE for Applicants

**Students Eligible**

Students at Crawford Central, Penncrest (minus Cambridge Springs) and Conneaut School Districts (including home-schooled students in these districts) whose academic records would make them admissible to Allegheny (if full application were being made – see criteria below).

**Benefit of program:** Students get to experience a real college class with real college students and real college professors! Credits received will transfer to most similar colleges – if the grade is a C or better. Students do not pay tuition, but they do pay for books and have to provide their own transportation to and from Allegheny's campus. A student ID will be issued and students will have access to the library, indoor athletic facility, Learning Commons, etc. just as if they were an AC student.

ALLEGHENY CONTACT: Victoria Pless, [vpless@allegheny.edu](mailto:vpless@allegheny.edu); 814-332-4734

**Early Access Course Offerings:**

- 1) Allegheny courses which enrich the High School curriculum, rather than replace High School offerings (normal prerequisites apply for Allegheny courses).
- 2) Current Allegheny students have priority in registering; Early Access students will register the day before classes begin on a space-available basis.
- 3) Courses chosen will primarily fall into the Social Sciences and Humanities offerings. Natural Science courses tend to have lab time required which is inconvenient for HS student's schedule.
- 4) Credits earned will be applicable to an Allegheny degree and will typically be transferable at other four-year colleges. Courses must be taken on a letter-grade basis. (*The high school determines whether or not this will be counted in high school GPA or future college GPA*).
- 5) Courses will be much tougher than your high school classes – expect more outside work-reading and writing papers and possible group work with current AC students.

**Criteria for admission in order of importance\*:**

- 1) Student should be currently enrolled in the strongest, academic program their high school offers (AP, Honors and College Prep courses).
- 2) **GPA:** > or = 3.5 (85%)
- 3) **Class Rank:** Top 20%
- 4) **SAT score:** Critical Reading (CR) > or = 550; Math (M) or = 550;  
Combined score > or = 1100 (does not include Writing score)
- 5) **ACT score:** > or = 23 composite
- 6) If SAT has not been taken, **PSAT scores should be > or = 110** with CR and M combined (Writing not included)
- 7) **Guidance Counselor recommendation** and signature on application required. (This will remain confidential)

\*Special exceptions should be discussed with the Allegheny College Early Access Coordinator, Victoria Pless 332-4734)

**Procedures for Applying**

- 1.) Student attends informational meeting with Allegheny College Early Access coordinator during high school visit in spring semester. IF A STUDENT CANNOT ATTEND, THEY MUST SCHEDULE A MEETING ON CAMPUS WITH VICTORIA PLESS. Call 332-4351 and indicate that you are interested in the EARLY ACCESS program.

- 2.) Student will submit Early Access application online BY MEMORIAL DAY. THERE IS NO LINK ON THE ALLEGHENY WEBSITE FOR THE EARLY ACCESS APPLICATION:  
*<https://allegHENYcollege.wufoo.com/forms/allegHENY-college-early-access-application/>*
- 3.) Student will request that the HS Guidance Counselor send their most recent year transcript, SAT and/or ACT scores sent to Allegheny. **This transcript should include final grades for the year.**
- 4.) Guidance Counselor will then complete the School Report portion of the application and submit the MOST RECENT YEAR transcript and recommendation to Victoria Pless, EA Coordinator **by the second week of June.**
- 5.) Students will be notified by end of July of their admission status via email.
- 6.) IF ADMITTED, upon acceptance, students will receive instructions as to how to view course offerings and submit a "wish list". **Students should try not choose any classes until they have their schedule available to avoid conflicts.** A separate visit to campus is suggested, but not required. This can be arranged by calling 332-4351.
- 7.) Student accounts "charges" student (actually, records a charge and a remission) after student is registered.
- 8.) If accepted into the program, Early Access students will officially register for courses after completion of Freshman Registration in late August, usually the day before classes begin in the Registrar's office.
- 9.) **NO APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER JULY 31.**

#### Limit on Number of Courses

Students may take one course per semester, free of tuition or required fees, up to a total of two courses. (Students may take two courses in a single semester if they pay for one course and they pay Allegheny's required fees.)

#### Eligibility for SPRING Enrollment

Students must achieve a grade of "C" or better in their fall Early Access class in order to register for a Spring semester course.

#### College Regulations

Students are subject to the College regulations as described in *the Allegheny College Catalogue* and the *Compass*. In particular, these include the regulations regarding the grading system, adding and dropping classes, and the Academic Honor Code.

Students will be asked to sign the "Student Request to Share Information that allows the College to release to the parents and/or guardians listed with the College information regarding all of the following: admissions materials, grades/transcripts, judicial records, and issues regarding attendance or behavior.

#### Additional Fees/Costs

- 1.) Normal fees will be charged for transcripts.
- 2.) Parking pass and Books will be the student's financial responsibility
- 3.) Extra charges for certain courses are listed in the Catalogue.
- 4.) Students will have full access to library, computer network facilities and Wise Center. Parking fees may apply – a parking sticker can be obtained at the Security Office once student is enrolled.
- 5.) Students are responsible for their own transportation to and from Allegheny.

APP LINK: *<https://allegHENYcollege.wufoo.com/forms/allegHENY-college-early-access-application/>*