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# Early College and Career Academy

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## **What is the Early College and Career Academy (ECCA)?**

- EFE #330 (14 districts, 15 high schools) and Parkland College partner to offer dual credit career and technical education courses to area high school juniors and seniors
- Early College and Career Academy provides more options for high school students, a pipeline of students for Parkland College career programs, and skilled high school graduates for local businesses
- Offer multiple programs for juniors and seniors that are aligned with ISBE-approved high school career and technical education courses and endorsed for dual credit with Parkland College
- Initial program offerings:
  - Automotive
  - Manufacturing
  - Computer Networking
  - Health Professions – CNA
  - Health Professions – Emergency Medical Services
  - Criminal Justice

## **What is the schedule for the Academy?**

- The Academy adopts Parkland College's school calendar
- Each program offered between the hours of 7:30 – 9:30 a.m. five days per week

## **How do students get to campus?**

- A number of area students will be bused to the Early College and Career Academy
- Parents/students get an option to complete a driving waiver, which allows students to provide their own transportation

## **Administration of the program?**

- EFE #330 will administer the Academy – responsible for the day to day operation of the program
- Memorandum of Understanding has been created to outline the responsibilities of each entity

## **How is the Academy funded? (School Districts + EFE + Parkland College + Local Business)**

- Parkland College contributes funding to help reduce expenses
- EFE #330 contributes funding to help reduce the cost of instruction
- EFE #330 bills participating districts for the remaining expenses after Parkland and EFE contributions
- Expense to districts will include cost of instruction, textbook expense, and course fees
- Districts have the option of paying the full amount or passing on a portion of the cost to the students
- We would like to involve business and industry in the ECCA through scholarships, internships, and other work-based learning experiences