

A photograph of a diverse group of young people, likely high school students, at an outdoor event. In the foreground, a young woman with dark curly hair, wearing a blue and yellow varsity jacket over a white t-shirt, holds a stack of papers. To her right, another young woman with glasses and a red top is looking towards the camera. The background is filled with other people and a bright, sunny atmosphere.

High School Connections

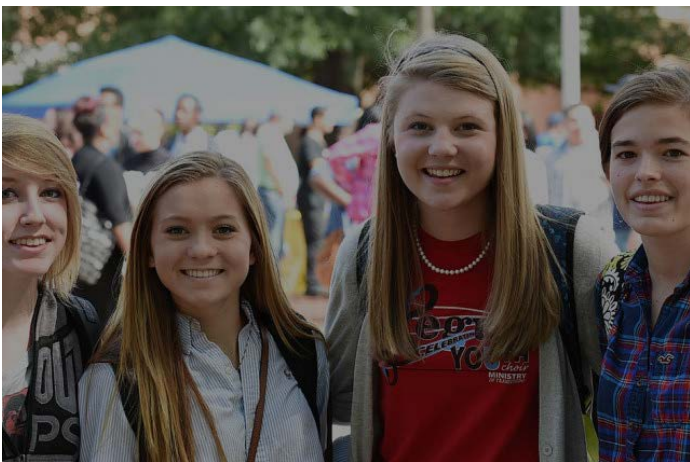
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Get a head start on your degree or career. Take free college courses as a high school junior or senior to accelerate completion of college certificates, diplomas, and associate degrees that lead to college transfer or provide entry-level job skills.

What is High School Connections?

High School Connections is the local branch of the state program, Career and College Promise. The program provides seamless dual enrollment educational opportunities for eligible North Carolina high school students.

How to Enroll

Step 1

Complete The FTCC Online Application

- ∇ Apply as a Special Credit Student
 - ∇ Select “freshman” as your entrance status
 - ∇ Select the term you wish to start (i.e. Fall 2016)
 - ∇ Enter “Special Credit” as your intended program of study
 - ∇ Print the confirmation page and submit to your high school counselor
- Home school and private school students should leave the NC Student Number blank.*
- Note: Do not use the Career & College Promise option on the application*

Step 2

Select your Desired Pathway & Classes

College Transfer Pathways

Career & Technical Education Pathways

Step 3

Complete The High School Connections Enrollment Packet

- Request the enrollment form from your high school counselor (Home school and out-of-county students should contact us directly.)
- Obtain appropriate signatures (counselor or principal, parent, and student)
- Include a copy of your transcript, relevant test scores, and the FTCC Online Application confirmation page

Step 4

Submit Your Enrollment Packet

The High School Connections staff will register students based on the enrollment packets received from high schools. If you are a home school or out-of-county student, please make a registration appointment.

Note: Students registering for a concurrent section should make an appointment with Mary Schmid (910-678-8542) and bring their completed enrollment packets to the appointment.

Step 5

Purchase Textbooks & Pay Fees

Books will be purchased by the student at the FTCC bookstore or online. There is a \$33 charge per student which covers the student activity fee and technology fee. The Cumberland County School system covers this cost for its students during the fall and spring terms and will be billed after classes start each semester. Private, out-of-county, and home school students can pay the \$33 fee online via WebAdvisor or at the cashier's office located in the Tony Rand Student Center. All students taking summer classes will pay this fee on their own, regardless of where they attend high school.



College Transfer Pathways

The College Transfer Pathways (CTP) are designed for high school juniors and seniors to earn credits toward a bachelor's degree. CTP classes will transfer seamlessly to any public or participating private institution in North Carolina. Successful students save time and money in pursuing a four-year degree.



Career & Technical Education Pathways

The Career and Technical Education (CTE) Pathways are programs of study that provide high school students with the opportunity to earn a certificate in a particular career or technical field. Successful students obtain valuable job skills to enter the workforce.



Cooperative Innovative High School

The Cooperative Innovative High School program is available for students at [Cumberland Polytechnic High School](#). It provides an opportunity for students to complete an associate degree program or earn up to two years of college credit within five years. The program enrolls 100 or fewer students per grade level. For more information, contact Daniel Krumanocker at (910) 483-1634 or dkrumanocker@ccs.k12.nc.us.