

THINGS TO KEEP IN MIND

as a high school student taking college courses



RIGOR

College courses have a higher rigor than high school. As such, only a C or higher is considered as a passing grade. For certain degree paths, a B or higher may be required. Tests are also typically weighed higher and deadlines on assignments are firm. You'll want to use your syllabus to keep track of all due dates and assignments. Keep in mind that by taking a college course, you are generating a permanent transcript with attempted credits that may affect your financial aid later down the line. Lastly, students should be aware that all dates follow the college calendar.

ATTENDANCE

Attendance is an important part of taking a college course. Some instructors grade you on your attendance and missing the first day of class can result in you being dropped from the course without a refund.

COMMUNICATION

Your instructor will only communicate with you via your Cochise College email. They will not respond to emails sent from your personal email account so you will want to make sure you have access to and are able to check your student email account. Additionally, it's also on the student to communicate with their high school counselor to ensure that credits taken at Cochise College can be counted towards high school graduation requirements.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

Registering for a college class will result in a charge for that class on your student account. If you decide to drop the course before our withdrawal deadline, you need to contact Early College so that you don't end up with a charge on your account. Alternatively, if a third party is paying for class and you fail the course, they may ask you to reimburse them.

TUTORING

Free tutoring is available to all of our High School students enrolled in a Cochise College course. Tutoring is offered in person on both the Sierra Vista and Douglas Campuses. If you are located elsewhere, we also have tutoring appointments available over Zoom. Students also have access to 24/7 tutoring with Tutor.com, it is free for Cochise College students. If you are starting to struggle in your course, please reach out to us before dropping your course. More information on tutoring can be found at cochise.edu/tutoring.

DROP DATES (FOR 16 WEEK SEMESTER)

DROP WITH REFUND

8/22/25

DROP WITH NO REFUND

12/4/25

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WHAT DOES *College Ready* LOOK LIKE?

Age doesn't always equate to college readiness. Below are some of the traits of a college ready student.

TIME MANAGEMENT SKILLS

Life gets busy for everyone but college courses require more time and investment than a normal high school course. The college ready student knows how to balance their time well.

STUDY SKILLS

Intelligence is undoubtedly a huge asset to students taking college courses, however being college-ready requires more than just academic prowess. It also demands strong study skills to effectively navigate rigorous coursework.

INTERPERSONAL COMMUNICATION

Beyond academic abilities, maturity and strong communication skills are crucial for a student to thrive in a college environment. The college ready student has the ability and voice to be able to advocate for themselves.

