

Collegiate Connection

Overview

Purdue Fort Wayne's Collegiate Connection program is an excellent opportunity for high school students to enroll in college courses, either through their high school or on Purdue Fort Wayne's campus. Students accepted into the program will have a chance to earn college credits while still in high school. With this opportunity comes certain expectations, responsibilities, and rights. Parents, please read and sign the document below affirming that you understand these expectations, responsibilities, and rights. It's important to note that this signed document will be valid for the entire time a student is with the program and does not need to be re-signed each year. Also, no student can be accepted into the Collegiate Connection program, nor request to be registered for any course, without having this document signed and on file with Collegiate Connection. If you have any questions, please reach out to the Collegiate Connection Office at any time.

Collegiate Connection Program

- Any high school age student who meets program requirements, listed below, may be able to apply for the Collegiate Connection program, students will only have to fill out one application, but will need to have their updated transcript sent to the Office of Collegiate Connection each year to remain eligible for registration.
- Program Requirements:
 - At least a 2nd semester Freshman high school student with a 2.7 GPA
 - Course Requirements (Pre-Requisites)
- Although students may be accepted into the Collegiate Connection Program, that *does not automatically enroll them into any course*. Depending on the course, there may be *additional course specific pre-requisites* that students must meet before being registered

Tuition/Cost

- There will be fees charged for these course(s). The student *must activate their GoPFW student portal* (go.PFW.edu) in order to receive an electronic bill.
- Students will be responsible for all fees accrued, including late fees assessed, if not paid by due date.
- If the student needs to withdraw from a Purdue Fort Wayne class, the student must contact the Collegiate Connection office by the dates listed in the Collegiate Connection Student Handbook (available online) or website. If the student does not contact the Collegiate Connection office, they will still be responsible for all fees incurred.
- Students may receive financial assistance if they qualify for the national school lunch program, however in order to do this we need the information shared with us by the local school. By agreeing to this form, you are granting permission for the school to share that information with Collegiate Connection if applicable.

Grades

- Any courses registered for, or grades earned, are a permanent part of the student's university transcript, regardless of the grade earned.
- Failing college classes, or getting *anything below a C-*, has consequences and may impact future federal financial aid or ICC credits. Students that do not earn a C- or better will not be eligible to enroll in another course for one enrollment term, depending on your high school's scheduling pattern for the course.
 - For anyone who participates in the program at any location, the only exception to these rules is if you wish to retake the same course for a better grade.

Transfer & Transcript Information

Parent Permission Form

- It is the student's responsibility to verify with the college or university the student plans to attend if the course(s) will both transfer to the institution and fit into the academic major.

Student Expectations & Responsibilities

- Students that have been accepted into the Collegiate Connection program at PFW are considered PFW students with all benefits & responsibilities.
- Some of responsibilities include setting up and utilizing student's GoPFW account and PFW email, adhering to course syllabi, and ensuring all costs incurred are paid in full.
- For a complete listing of all expectations, benefits, and responsibilities, students can access the Student Handbook anytime online or can be made available in hardcopy upon request.

FERPA Information for Parents

- When a student reaches the age of 18 or begins attending a post-secondary institution at any age, FERPA rights transfer from the parent to the student.
- Parents may obtain non-directory information (grades, GPA, etc.) at the discretion of the institution if the student is a dependent per federal tax law.
- Students may grant permission for Purdue University Fort Wayne Registrar staff to discuss matters including 1) class schedule and 2) midterm and final grade posting as reported by faculty by completing the FERPA Release Permission Form located on the Collegiate Connection webpage or can be requested by the student to a Collegiate Connection staff member.
- Students may also rescind permission for Purdue University Fort Wayne Registrar staff to discuss matters including 1) class schedule and 2) midterm and final grade posting as reported by faculty by completing the Request to Rescind Permission to Release Education Records.
- By signing below, you are stating that you understand that once the student begins classes, all of the student's records including, but not limited to, academic records, financial records, medical records, etc., are protected by the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA). For more information regarding FERPA, follow the link to PFW's FERPA Information Page

Signatures

Student Information:

First Name: _____

Last Name: _____

Birthday: _____

Month/Day/Year

Parent/Guardian Information:

First Name: _____

Last Name: _____

Parent Email: _____

Relationship to Student: _____

Parent Signature: *By signing your name below, you are agreeing to the language above regarding your child taking courses through Purdue Fort Wayne's Collegiate Connection.*

Signature

Date