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Section 3: Learning Programs and Services
General Academic Policies

Accelerated Programs for High School Students 3-5-2

Policy:

High school students may be admitted to NorthWest Arkansas Community College on an early admissions basis under the provisions of concurrent enrollment, advanced placement, technical advanced placement, and youth apprenticeship.

1. Concurrent enrollment provides the opportunity for students age 14 and above to earn College credits while still in high school. Students may be able to have the College credit count toward high school graduation as well and, in some cases, take a College class right on their own high school campuses through NorthWest Arkansas Community College's Step Ahead program. Forms 3-5-2(A-E) detail the approval process for high schools and their students to participate in the Step Ahead Program.

2. By policy of the Arkansas Department of Higher Education, Arkansas students who score a 4 or a 5 on a national Advanced Placement examination must be given College credit for the relevant college course. NorthWest Arkansas Community College awards credit to students who score a 3 or above on Advanced Placement examinations that parallel specific courses at the College. To receive credit, students present official notification of Advanced Placement examination scores to the Registrar's Office. Questions about the credit to be awarded are referred to the appropriate department/division head.

3. NorthWest Arkansas Community College faculty and staff have articulated certain high school classes with specific requirements of some of the College's AAS degrees. Once a student has enrolled at the College as a degree-seeking student, he or she may request credit for the articulated courses but must do so within 18 months of high school graduation. (See form 3-5-2(F)

4. Students who have participated in the youth apprenticeship program while in high school may continue the apprenticeship as an NorthWest Arkansas Community College student, receiving both academic credit and a course tuition waiver for the second year of enrollment at the College.

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