

## Early College Experience (ECE) Program Dual Enrollment Acknowledgement Form – 2017-2018

### Overview

The **Westchester Community College Early College Experience (ECE) Program** is an academic partnership between WCC and area high schools that enables area high school students to earn college credits during their final year(s) of high school. Over the past decade, researchers have found that effective dual enrollment programs promote high school graduation and have a positive impact on postsecondary achievement. Both high schools and colleges view dual enrollment as one of the most effective strategies to encourage postsecondary success for *all* students and has become a common model for pre-college partnerships throughout the country. All ECE courses at this school have been reviewed and approved by the respective WCC academic department, and are required to meet the college's prescribed learning goals, outcomes, and assessments. ECE instructors (ie. high school teachers) have been approved by the respective WCC academic departments are approved to teach the course for college credit.

### Student Eligibility and Registration

Students interested in registering for college credit must meet all course pre-requisite or co-requisite requirements as defined in WCC's course catalog by either taking the college's placement test or by successfully completing a college-level math or writing course with a grade of "C" or better. Students interested in enrolling must submit a completed Registration Form, Dual Enrollment Acknowledgement Form, HS transcript, and pay the course tuition within 30 days of receiving the invoice (the cost per credit is \$59.67, a 3-credit course is \$179.00; a 4-credit course is \$238.67). Course registration and grades are officially recorded by WCC and will appear on a college transcript. Any request to "withdraw" or "drop" from the ECE class will follow the college's withdrawal policy (see 2017-2018 Program Participation Guidelines).

### Grading and Awarding of College Credit

All ECE courses are offered as dual credit where students receive high school credit and can register for college credit through WCC. The final grade for college credit is determined by the student's performance in the course and awarded as per the college's grading guidelines. The final grade submitted by the instructor is entered in the student's permanent WCC record and reported on their WCC transcript. As with any college credit course, credit-transfer policies vary from college to college and decisions regarding acceptance of credit is at the discretion of the receiving college and not that of WCC.

### Disclosure of Academic Information

In accordance with the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), WCC will disclose to parents and/or guardians information from the academic records of a student provided the college has on file written consent of the student. By signing below, students are granting ECE program staff and faculty permission to release ECE-only related educational and financial records to the parent/guardian named on this form.

### Acknowledgement and Consent (select one option)

- I have read the information about the program described above and **WILL BE REGISTERING** for college credit through the WCC ECE Program. I understand that the cost to register is \$59.67 per credit (ie. a 3-credit course is \$179.00; a 4-credit course is \$238.67, etc.) and that an invoice will be sent directly to my home address.*
- I have read the information about the program described above and **WILL NOT** be registering for college credit through the WCC ECE Program. I understand that I will not be receiving college credit for successfully completing the ECE dual enrollment course and that this decision is final.*

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TEACHER NAME (PRINT)

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STUDENT NAME (PRINT)

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PARENT/GUARDIAN NAME (PRINT)

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STUDENT SIGNATURE

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