

College Now!

An Early College High School Program
Presented to the Board on May 18, 2020

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- ▶ College Now! - An early College High School Program
- ▶ Authorized by Education Code 11302

11302- The Legislature finds and declares that early college high schools are innovative partnerships between charter or non charter public secondary schools and a local community college, the California State University, University of California that allows pupils to earn a high school diploma and a up to two years of College credit in four years or less

- ▶ MVLA created program for maximum enrollment of 40 Juniors & Seniors
- ▶ Differs from Middle College in that all classes are taught by Foothill Instructors; program designed to meet needs of students that are different from those of MC

Why Yet Another Alternative Program?

- ▶ We estimated that our HSs are not the best fit for about 30-50 students in addition to those already served in alternative programs
- ▶ These students have needs that are different from MC students
 - ▶ High ability, but under-performing; often bored and disinterested
 - ▶ Myriad of reasons why typical HS does not work for them
 - ▶ Independent, self-directed learners, often interested in getting out of HS as quickly as possible
 - ▶ Frustrated--they see themselves ready for college, but can't get there
 - ▶ Not interested in “HS community”, just ready to move on!
 - ▶ Can function with minimal support

Key facts about College Now program

- ▶ Open to Juniors and Seniors from Palo Alto and MVLA (exceptions made under extenuating circumstances only)
- ▶ Designed for highly motivated, mature, independent, self-directed, responsible and hard working students, ready to take on College work, but needing a different pace from HS, and seeking greater control over their educational paths
- ▶ Students who want to accelerate their high school graduation; some students need to repair HS GPA (College classes earn double credit)
- ▶ Students ready to find “community” among college peers, not HS students
- ▶ Some students want to transfer to a 4-year university upon graduating HS, others prefer to stay at Foothill and transfer after completing 90 transferable College credits
- ▶ No cost to students: Foothill covers all costs, except books, which are paid by MVLA

Dual Enrollment Legislation - MOU approved February, 2019

- ▶ ECHS have existed for years. Local districts decide whether to offer the program for grades 9-12 or 11-12
- ▶ Education Code prescribes that college credits earned while still in high school result in double credit, and that students' HS transcripts must reflect the same grade that the student earned in their college classes
- ▶ AB 288 College and Career Access Pathways allowed Colleges and HSs to enter into a partnership to expand dual enrollment, including for those who are not already college bound and who are underrepresented in higher education
- ▶ Intent: Reducing HS dropout rates; increasing # of CC students who transfer and complete 4-year degree programs; shortening the time to completed educational goals; providing options to students

Admission Requirements

- ▶ Student must be a junior or senior (Exceptions only under extenuating circumstances)
- ▶ An online application and two letters of recommendation are required
- ▶ Student must have a 2.6 grade point average in College preparatory classes
- ▶ Student and parents have to attend an 'admissions interview' with the Counselor/Advisor
- ▶ Student must take HS transcript to the Assessment Center at Foothill to be cleared to take college level courses in English and Mathematics
- ▶ Students must register as college students to take classes at Foothill

Chronology of Events leading up to establishing program in Spring of 2018

- ▶ February to May 2018 - Discussions with Foothill College & MVLA Board/Administration
- ▶ May 2018 - Decision to establish the College Now! Program
- ▶ Last week of May - Counselor/Advisor hired
- ▶ June 6, 2018 - Student/Parent program orientation meeting attended by 40 students and parents at Foothill College
- ▶ June 13 to September 20 - Personal interviews with all applicants (students and parents)
- ▶ August 20 - Orientation meeting for students and parents of students accepted into the program

First Cohort of Students - Fall 2018

- ▶ 41 students were approved for enrollment in CN for the fall quarter, 2018 and 4 students for the winter quarter
- ▶ 25 students accepted placement and 4 student entered the program for the winter quarter
- ▶ Of the 45 students who applied for the program:
 - ▶ 29 accepted placement in College Now!
 - ▶ 5 were admitted to Middle College
 - ▶ 1 chose to remain at Middle College
 - ▶ 10 chose to remain at their home school

School of Origin - First Cohort 2018

School of Origin	Preliminary Application pool	Other Referrals	Total Applicant Pool	Accepted
Gunn	22	3	25	5
Palo Alto	11	2	13	3
Los Altos	25	4	29	14
Mountain View	17	4	21	7
Total	75	13	88	29

Students by grade - First Cohort

School	Seniors	Juniors	Sophomores	Total
Gunn	3	2	0	5
Palo Alto	2	1	0	3
Los Altos	8	5	1	14
Mountain View	2	4	1	7
Total	15	12	2	29

Student Demographics - First Cohort

The Ethnic & Gender background of the 29 students was as follows

- ▶ Females 24
- ▶ Males 5

- ▶ White 23
- ▶ Asian 3
- ▶ Asian Indian 1
- ▶ African American 1
- ▶ Latino 1

First Cohort Info/Post High School Plans

- ▶ 15 Seniors
- ▶ Two students graduated early at the end of fall quarter
- ▶ 9 of 15 seniors were accepted and planned to attend the following four year college or University which includes Vassar, UC Davis, University of Oregon, George Washington University, Lebanese American University, University of Washington, UC, Irvine, Reed College in Oregon and Brigham Young University
- ▶ Five students continued their studies at Foothill
- ▶ One (1) Student moved out of the area
- ▶ One student returned to the home high school leaving 13 students to continue their senior year in CN

2nd Cohort of Students - Fall 2019

School	Continuing	Applicants	Accepted	Total
Gunn	2	8	8	9
Seniors	2	6	6	8
Juniors	0	2	2	2
Palo Alto	1	2	2	3
Seniors	1	0	0	1
Juniors	0	2	2	2
Los Altos	5	6	11	16
Seniors	4	6	5	9
Juniors	1	6	6	7
Mountain View	5	4	4	9
Seniors	4	2	2	6
Juniors	1	2	2	3

Student Demographics for Cohort 2, 2019-20

- ▶ There were 32 applicants for fall 2019
- ▶ 22 Accepted, 2 rejected, 4 declined, and 4 attended Middle College
- ▶ There were 26 females, 5 males and one non-binary
- ▶ The ethnic breakdown was as follows: White 12, African American 1, Asian 5, Asian Indian 1, Two or more races 2, and Hispanic 1.

Student Information/Post high school plans - Second Cohort 2019-20

- ▶ Two students left the program before the fall quarter ended
- ▶ There are 33 students in the program now. All students are expected to complete graduation requirements by the end of the summer session
- ▶ 23 of the 33 students are expected to graduate including four juniors
- ▶ 9 of the 23 students who expect to graduate were accepted and plan to attend the following colleges and universities: University of Hawaii, UC San Diego, UCLA (waitlist), University of Oxford, England, Boston University, University of Washington, UC, Santa Cruz (2), UC Riverside, and University of Massachusetts, Boston. One student is still waiting to hear from a 4 year college
- ▶ 13 students plan to remain at Foothill and transfer to a 4 year college or university.

3rd Cohort - Fall 2020

School	Continuing	Applicants	Accepted	Total
Gunn	1	0	0	1
Seniors	1	0	0	1
Juniors	0	0	0	0
Palo Alto	1	2	2	3
Seniors	1	0	0	1
Juniors	0	2	2	2
Los Altos	6	10	9	15
Seniors	6	4	3	9
Juniors	0	6	6	6
Mountain View	2	4	6	6
Seniors	2	0	0	2
Juniors	0	4	4	4

Student Demographics - 3rd Cohort 2020

Total of 25 students accept for fall 2020. This includes 10 returning students
The gender and ethnic breakdown is outlined below

- ▶ 19 Female
- ▶ 6 Male

- ▶ 17 White
- ▶ 5 Asian
- ▶ 1 Asian Indian
- ▶ 1 Hispanic
- ▶ 1 African-American

We will continue to accept applications until the maximum of 40 students is reached.

Summary

- ▶ College Now has served over 60 students during the 2018 and 19 school year with 25 students enrolled for Fall 2020/21.
- ▶ Enrollment increased from 29 in 2018-19 to 37 in 2018-20
- ▶ The first cohort of students had 15 seniors out of 29 students. 9 of the 15 planned to attend a 4 yr college.
- ▶ The second cohort of students had 19 seniors and four juniors expected to graduate. 10 of the 23 expect to attend a 4 year college with 13 remaining at Foothill to transfer
- ▶ This looks like a shift from applying to college as a freshman to remaining at Foothill to transfer to a 4 yr college later.

Questions

