



ECCO



East Central Mn College Options

North Branch Area Public Schools, in collaboration with ECMECC provides ECCO for high school students in Central Minnesota

The East Central Mn College Options (ECCO) program is a project designed to allow any eligible student the opportunity to earn college credits while enrolled in North Branch Area Public Schools. College credits can be completed through local classes, distance learning or online options in one of the following ways:

Advance Placement (AP)

An internationally recognized program whereby students take classes that provide excellent preparation for the rigors of college. Students that pass the final AP test with a score of 3 or higher may receive college credit for that class. *Each college determines the passing score they will accept.*

Concurrent Enrollment

Dual credit option that provides high school students with the opportunity to take college-credit courses taught by highly qualified teachers who have at least a Master's degree and are taught at the high school.

Post-Secondary Enrollment Option (PSEO)

Dual credit option that allows high school students to simultaneously earn high school and college credit through enrollment and successful completion of college-level courses on a college campus or online.

About the Minnesota Transfer Curriculum (MnTC)

The MnTC is a 40 credit block of general education courses approved by the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities (MnState) and guaranteed to transfer in its entirety to any MnSCU or University of Minnesota campus. Successful completion of the MnTC **may** satisfy up to 2/3 of the credits needed for an AA degree program and 1/2 of the credits needed for an AS degree program and will reduce the cost and amount of time necessary to complete a degree. Additionally, the MnTC meets many of the general education requirements at many MnState four-year institutions and the University of Minnesota system.

SAVINGS	Average cost per college credit: \$207	MnTC 40 credits: \$8280
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ECCO Program Advantages:

- **True college course experience**
 - All teachers must meet higher education qualified standards**
 - same as college campus instructors**
- **8 colleges currently offering credits**
 - Anoka-Ramsey Community College (ECCO Partner)**
 - Fond Du Lac Tribal and Community College**
 - Lake Superior College (ECCO Partner)**
 - Pine Technical and Community College (ECCO Partner)**
 - Riverland Community College**
 - Saint Cloud State University**
 - Southwest Minnesota State**
 - University of Minnesota**
- **Students completing MnTC will have all credits on a single transcript**
- **Students stay at North Branch Area High School and are able to participate in all extracurricular activities**
- **Cost benefits -- an average college credit costs \$207, ECCO credits are FREE to the students — a full 40 credit MnTC can save students over \$8000 and shorten the time to obtain a degree after high school.**
- **It is possible to complete an Associate of Arts degree alongside their High School Diploma.**

To participate in ECCO programs please contact:

**North Branch Area High School Career Center
651-674-1549**