



NORTHEAST STATE High School Programs

DOBYNS-BENNETT HIGH SCHOOL: MIDDLE COLLEGE INFORMATION

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NORTHEAST STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE

WHAT IS A DUAL ENROLLMENT COURSE?

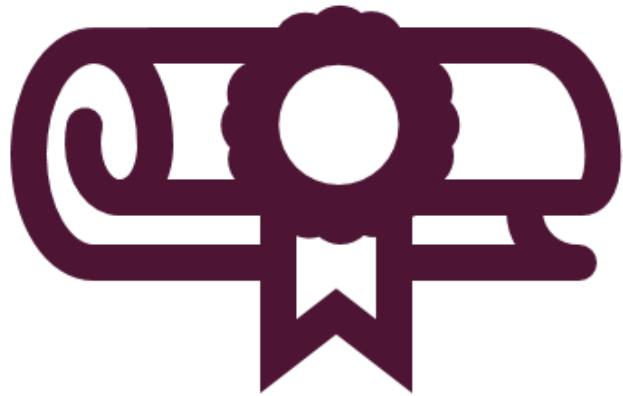
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- A dual enrollment course is a course taught by a college or university that allows a student to earn both high school and college credit simultaneously.



WHAT IS THE MIDDLE COLLEGE?

- A Middle College partnership allows students to pursue an Associate's degree over the last two years of high school. Students who successfully complete all degree requirements will graduate concurrently with a Northeast State degree and a Dobyns-Bennett High School diploma during the spring semester of their Senior year.

MORE ABOUT THE MIDDLE COLLEGE



- Students will pursue the Associate of Science, General TBR Transfer degree through a mix of courses taught at Dobyns-Bennett High School, the Kingsport Center for Higher Education, and online.
- To enroll in the Middle College program, students must have one of the following:
 - a 3.60 cumulative, unweighted high school G.P.A.; a 3.25 – 3.59 cumulative, unweighted GPA **and** a recommendation from a counselor or a high school administrator; or college-level Accuplacer placement test scores.
- Students **must** be a Junior in 2024-2025 to participate in the Middle College program.

MIDDLE COLLEGE: FINANCIAL AID

- Middle College students are eligible to apply for the Middle College Scholarship, which is worth \$2,000 each semester. Students **must** have a 3.0 cumulative, unweighted high school G.P.A. at the end of the 10th grade year to receive the scholarship. Students are also required to enroll full-time at Northeast State. They must **maintain** a 3.0 college G.P.A. for continued scholarship eligibility. If students become disqualified from receiving the Middle College Scholarship, they can cannot regain eligibility.
- The Sullivan County College and Career Readiness Scholarship will pay the gap tuition fees for Kingsport City School students who live in Sullivan County.
- Textbooks and access materials will be an out-of-pocket expense for participating students. Students can anticipate paying approximately \$150 in Semesters 1 and 2, \$325 in Semester 3, and \$200 in Semester 4 in textbook and access material expenses.



Students will graduate with their A.S. degree concurrently with their high school diploma. This will allow students to be Juniors in college when their peers are Freshmen.



Students will enroll with Northeast State in 5 classes each semester of their Junior and Senior years, which will require a unique academic schedule. It will also allow students to pursue a full-time college schedule with the additional academic and student supports that both Dobyns-Bennett High School, D-B Excel, and Northeast State can provide together.

BENEFITS OF THE MIDDLE COLLEGE PROGRAM

ADDITIONAL BENEFITS



Participants will enroll in college coursework that aligns well with the final high school graduation requirements that students usually take over their Junior and Senior years. For instance, students will take a college English credit each year along with college courses like Principles of Macroeconomics, American Government, Modern US History, etc. Students will also take general education courses that transfer well to in-state universities. Students will be required to take Algebra II with Dobyys-Bennett High School or D-B Excel during their Junior year as Northeast State does not offer an equivalent to this course.



Graduates will participate in Northeast State's Commencement activities.



For Sullivan County residents, textbook and access fee materials should be the only out of pocket expense as long as students continue to maintain Middle College Scholarship eligibility.

MIDDLE COLLEGE CONSIDERATIONS

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- Students will enroll in rigorous, college-level coursework and this coursework will appear on a college transcript with Northeast State regardless of the grade that is earned at the end of the course.
 - Because of the full-time college schedule that students will have, it could make participating in elective high school coursework difficult. Students should still be able to participate in band, sports, and other after school activities.
 - Students who **graduate** from the Middle College will not be able to utilize the Tennessee Promise Scholarship as this scholarship is reserved for recent high school graduates who have **not** earned an Associate's degree.

MIDDLE COLLEGE CONSIDERATIONS CONTINUED

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- Middle College graduates will need to meet the minimum HOPE Scholarship requirements and enroll within 16 months at an eligible four-year institution after graduating from their high school and Northeast State to receive the HOPE Scholarship.
 - Time enrolled as a Middle College student will not count towards the HOPE Scholarship terminating events.

WHAT ARE OTHER MIDDLE COLLEGE STUDENTS SAYING ABOUT THE PROGRAM?

- "I was really nervous about what our college professors would expect from us. They do challenge us to our limits but they spend just as much time training and preparing us for the work. It is not simple, but I feel like we're met where we're at and many of the professors come alongside us and make sure we have what it takes to complete it."
- "The program is what you make it! If you are doing it just because your parents are making you, then you will probably struggle. But if this is something you want then there is nothing that can stop you from succeeding. The professors are all accommodating and many of them beg us to ask for help. There are also tutors. We also all go through the same classes together so we help each other every day. The only thing that can get in the way of you succeeding is your attitude."
- "A lot is going to be expected from you. Your high school loosens the leash, the college treats you like an adult, and it's up to you if you sink or swim. There are many supports and help you can get, but you have to be willing to ask! If you're mentally prepared and have a desire to become a college student then you will do just fine and find ways to love what you're learning and doing!"

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IMPORTANT DATES

- **Middle College Application Day @ D-B**: Monday, May 13 (A block)
- **Middle College Ice Cream Party for D-B and D-B Excel MC Students**: July 10 at the Kingsport Center for Higher Education
- **Middle College Open House**: The week of August 19th at the Kingsport Center for Higher Education – details will be provided over the summer.