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Early College 2025 – 2026 Application Packet

Thank you for your interest in the Early College program. The program is open to all incoming freshmen at IUSD. Students that come from disadvantaged backgrounds, identify with historically underrepresented or marginalized populations, or will be the first in their family to go to college are encouraged to apply. Support structures will be in place to help you succeed.

This application, your middle school transcript, and 3 references are **due on April 11, 2025 by 4:00 PM. No deadline extensions or exceptions.** Submit your completed application to IVASecondary@iusd.org. Information about the IVC Early College program can be found on our IVA Secondary website. If you have any questions, please email IVASecondary@iusd.org.

April 11, 2025   **Early College Packet, Transcript, and 3 References Due**

- **Packet Includes:**
  - o Student Information Sheet
  - o Student/Parent Contract
  - o IVC "Authorization to Release Student Information" Form
  - o Complete Middle School Transcript (if outside IUSD)
  - o 3 references (two teachers and one Counselor) - Submission link found on IVA Secondary Website

April 15, 2025   **Writing Assessment Given**

Each eligible applicant must participate in an on-demand timed writing assessment at 4:00 pm at Creekside High School (3387 Barranca Parkway, Irvine, 92606). More information will be sent out after the completed application has been received.

May 30, 2025   **Acceptance/Denial Letters Sent Out**

Important things to know before filling out the application:
- **MINIMUM 3.5 GPA required or better.**
- **EM1 or Math 8 must be passed with a B or better.**

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• **This program is a 4-year commitment! Dropping the program causes scheduling issues and makes it difficult to catch up on IUSD high school graduation credits and 4-year college eligibility.**

• **You only need to provide a transcript if you attended another district other than IUSD for any portion of 7th or 8th grade. Please DO NOT attach your transcript to your application. Please save your transcript as a separate file.**

• **Please name your application and transcript file as the following, "FirstnameLastnameApplication" and "FirstnameLastnameTranscript"**

• **Submit your completed application and transcript to IVASecondary@iusd.org**

CONTACT INFORMATION

IVA Secondary
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Robert Melendez, IVC Counselor
rmelendez@ivc.edu

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EARLY COLLEGE PROGRAM
IRVINE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Student Information Sheet
2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____

Age: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Name of Parent/Guardian: _____

Parent/Guardian phone number: _____

Home Address: _____
       (Number)   (Street)

_____
      (City)   (State)   (Zip)

Parent email: _____

Student email: _____

School presently attending: _____

Home High School assignment (by high school attendance zone): _____

List your 3 IUSD References:

_____ _____ _____
      Teacher   Teacher   Counselor

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY: This application begins the review process for selection. Each eligible applicant will be asked to participate in an on-demand timed writing assessment. Each applicant will be reviewed and eligibility determined.

_____ _____ _____
  Print Student Name   Student Signature   Date

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References

Your application requires 3 IUSD references (two teachers and one Counselor). Please provide one ticket to each of the references listed on your **Student Information Sheet**. Check back with them prior to April 11th to ensure they have completed your reference prior to the application deadline.

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IVC/IUSD Early College Program

IRVINE VALLEY COLLEGE   IRVINE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Counselor/Teacher Reference Form

bit.ly/IUSDEarlyCollegeReference

Dear Counselor/Teacher,

I am applying for the IVC/IUSD Early College Program for the 25-26 school year. Can you please use the QR code above to provide a reference on my behalf? This reference is due by April 11, 2025.

Thank you for your time, _____

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EARLY COLLEGE PROGRAM
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Student/Parent Contract
2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR

Name of Student: _____   Grade: _____

The *Early College Program* is for qualified high school students taking college-level courses with the opportunity to earn a high school diploma, Associate Arts Degree, and/or transferable credit toward the University of California and/or California State University systems.

Important Considerations:

1. Although the district and the college will try their best to offer college courses as online courses in the morning time block (8-9:30), sometimes there will be deviations due to curriculum constraints (e.g., in-person evening science lab, courses starting earlier than 8:00 am to cover the full course content of college courses, etc.). Such deviations are expected to be minimal, and students will be informed prior to the start of the college semester.

2. Students and families acknowledge that college courses offered in the Early College program shall be of the same quality and rigor as courses taught on the College campus. Students shall be held to the same behavioral standards as those expected of students in courses taught on the College campus.

3. I consent and understand the college classroom experience is designed for an adult population: content, discussions, and videos may contain adult language, topics, and images not appropriate for a minor. Parents and students should take into consideration the maturity level of any minor students who enroll in the course and their ability to perform in the classroom.

4. If a student is accepted into the program, students with IEPs and/or 504 Plans are expected to contact Irvine Valley College's DSPS office before beginning the program. The IVC DSPS office will guide students through the eligibility process and if eligible, provide detailed information about support services, specialized instruction, and accommodations that can be provided to support their college experience. Please note that the accommodations provided to high school students by the high school may not be the same as those provided by the college. For more information, students should visit the DSPS webpage at https://www.ivc.edu/dsps and scroll down to the information provided under Resources for Students Transitioning from High School.

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Student Goals:

1. Academic success in high school and college courses.

2. Earn a high school diploma.

3. Prepare for transfer to a four-year college or university.

4. Enrollment in a four-year college or university after the Early College Program.

Student Responsibilities:

1. Commit to the Early College Program for the entire 4 years of high school.

2. Maintain satisfactory grades and attendance.

3. Abide by the Irvine Valley College (IVC) Student Code of Conduct.

4. Participate in ongoing advisement with your IUSD and IVC counselor.

5. Complete all assignments, readings, and exams.

6. Successfully complete scheduled IVC courses each semester.

Parent Responsibilities:

1. Transport to in-person classes/exams

2. Provide necessary supplies and equipment (i.e. computers, calculators, etc.).

3. Assist student with four-year college awareness, research, and preparedness.

Student Agreement:

I agree to accept enrollment into the *Early College Program* at San Joaquin High School, whereby I will take approved dual enrollment courses taught by Irvine Valley College instructors beginning Fall 2025. I understand that I will be scheduled into Irvine Valley College courses periods 1 - 2 and take a minimum of four classes through the Irvine Unified School District. *I understand this may result in scheduling conflicts with potential courses I may request at my home site in the future.* I understand I may be required to attend in-person classes, intersession programs, summer sessions, or a semester at the conclusion of the academic year. I understand that some Early College courses will be held on the Irvine Valley College campus and I will be required to attend in person.

_____   _____   _____

Student Signature   Parent/Guardian Signature   Date

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Authorization to Release Student Information

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) regulates the disclosure of confidential educational information. All information except information designated as directory (primarily name, dates of attendance, major, awards granted) will not be released without permission of the student. FERPA states that when a student becomes an eligible student (18 years of age OR is attending a college/university), the rights of consent transfer from the parent to the student.

I understand my educational records are confidential and that Irvine Valley College will only release information on enrollment, grade, probation, graduation, or related information with my consent.

I understand that the Early College Program and the Early Start Program is a collaborative partnership between Irvine Valley College and Irvine Unified School District. As a participant, I hereby grant permission to Irvine Valley College officials to disclose confidential educational information related to my participation in the Early College Program to Irvine Unified School District officials.

This release remains in effect for the duration of my participation in the Early College Program. It will terminate when my participation in the Early College Program ends or when I elect to terminate this release, whichever occurs first.

Years in the Program: _____

Student Name: _____ Date: _____

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____