Early College and High School Programs Glossary

ACT: Formerly known as the American College Testing Program and nationally recognized achievement test, The ACT Assessment is designed to assess high school students' general educational development and their ability to complete college-level work.

Application for Admission: The process by which a student submits the required forms and credentials to become admitted into a college or program.

Articulation: The process of comparing the content of courses that are transferred between colleges and universities.

Associate Degree: A degree that you earn after completing a program of full-time equivalent college work lasting two years and less than four.

Concurrent Enrollment: Students enroll in a class at their participating high school. Both the curriculum and high school teacher are certified by CSN and students earn high school credit and college credit at the same time (concurrently). There is a reduced fee structure, and enrollment and billing processes specific to this type of enrollment. The Jumpstart Program operates within this Enrollment Type.

Credit Hour: College courses are measured in terms of credit hours.

Degree Requirements: Requirements prescribed for completion of a program of study are generally termed degree requirements. Requirements may include a minimum number of credit hours, minimum GPA, prerequisite and elective courses within the specified major.

Dual Enrollment: High school students attending a participating high school and/or who are engaged with a specific CSN program or arc of classes and enrolled in those classes at a CSN location while still attending high school. Students are dually enrolled in high school and at CSN. There is a full fee structure, and enrollment & billing processes specific to this type of enrollment.

Enroll/Register: The process of signing up for classes each semester.

Grade Point Average (GPA): A measure of the student’s scholastic standing obtained by dividing the total number of grade points earned by the total number of credit hours attempted.

Placement Testing: Initial testing and subsequent evaluation of students to aid in placement and progress in English, reading and math.

Prerequisite: A course or placement score requirement that must be satisfactorily completed before taking the next higher level in a related course.

Remote Classes: Courses offered in an online instructional format, but during a specific time frame which allows students to network and engage in real time.
**Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT):** A nationally recognized college aptitude test and is designed to predict student readiness for college work.

**Syllabus:** The syllabus includes college, school, and departmental information and explains expectations, policies and requirements for a course.

**Transcript:** A student's official academic record of college courses, grades, biographical and test data.