

HIGH SCHOOL ARTICULATION PROCESS | Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ's)

Information for Students and Parents...

What is high school articulation?

A: High school articulation means that certain high school courses are recognized as equivalent to specific community college courses. This allows high school students to earn college credits while still in high school.

Do all high school classes qualify for articulation?

A: No, only certain introductory level courses linked to college Career and Technical Education (CTE) certificates and degree programs are eligible for articulation. The options may vary depending on the college. You can find more information about articulation on each college's website.

Who can participate in an articulated class?

A: Any high school student who wants to earn college credit can participate. Articulated courses are taught at a college level, so students are expected to meet college-level standards and expectations.

What is the student's responsibility in regards to high school articulation?

- Complete the college application (apply to the college closest to you)
- Create a student account in CATEMA, and link to their teacher and class period.
- Fulfill the minimum requirements to obtain credit. Though they vary by college, typically a student must pass the class and final exam with a "B" or better.

How much does this cost?

A: Participating in high school articulation is completely free. There are no fees to apply to a California Community College, and earning articulated credit doesn't come with any costs.

I don't want to major in this subject, can I use this credit for something else?

A: Yes, in addition to applying articulated credit toward a CTE Certificate, many classes can be used to meet general education requirements, units needed for an Associate Degree, and/or transfer to a four-year college or university.

I plan on attending another community college after high school. Can I use these credits there?

A: Yes, articulated credits can be used towards a CTE Certificate or to fulfill general education requirements and/or units needed for an Associate Degree, or transfer to a four-year college or university. However, each college may have different requirements, so you should check with the college you plan to attend for specific details. You'll need to request your official transcript from the college that awarded your articulated credit and have it sent to your college of choice for review..

I am going straight to a four-year college after high school. Can I use these credits there?

A: Using articulated credits at a four-year college depends on the receiving college's policies. Typically, they can be used to meet general education requirements, elective credits, and/or units needed for your major. Similar to the previous question, you'll need to request your official transcript from the college that awarded your articulated credit and have it sent to your college of choice for evaluation.

What if I don't pass my high school course?

A: If you do not pass your high school course with the minimum grade requirement, no college record will be generated, and the course will NOT be listed on a college transcript. It will be like you never took the college class. It will, however, still show up on your high school transcript with the grade you earned.

What is CATEMA and why do I need an account?

A: The **C**areer **A**nd **T**echnical **E**ducation **M**anagement **A**pplication (CATEMA) system is a web-based system for managing information relating to advanced educational courses, schools, students, teachers, counselors, administrators and staff. Students will need to set up CATEMA and enroll themselves in the high school articulated class(es) they are taking so that teachers recommend credit if eligible. At the end of the year, colleges will download this information and post articulated credit to every student's record, showing successful course completion.