

Gardner Public Schools

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College & Career Readiness Program Update to School Committee – Sep 11, 2023

Early College Programs:

- Enrollment for all Early College programs officially closes on 9/5. We have worked to ensure all eligible students, including newly enrolled students have access to our EC programs. While we expect enrollment numbers to fluctuate a few students our current enrollment for all programs are below. Once enrollment is finalized the first week of school I will provide updated enrollment information and demographics for all EC programs.
 - Early College Academy- 64
 - Pathways Early College Experience- 29
 - Gateway to College- 95
- All new EC students completed a 3 day orientation at MWCC. Orientation included a specific Early College orientation, a full day Leadership Academy, and the MWCC New Student Welcome Day. Our students engaged in a variety of speakers, team building activities, leadership development, and reviewed all their course logistics.
- Lunch will be provided to all EC students on the MWCC campus this year by order. Fresh Picks will take student lunches ordered through 9:15 am and deliver all meals to the MWCC campus before 11 pm. This will ensure all students have access to free lunch whether they return to GHS campus or not.

Additional Programming & Updates

- Intro to Auto Technology will hold its first class 9/12 at the MWCC Auto Technology facility. This course currently has 12 of the 15 seats full. The section is expected to fill by the first day of courses. Transportation will be provided for students participating in the Auto Tech program as students will be off campus two days a week.
- Under the supervision of Cathy Goguen, Jess Currier, [Derek Beauregard](#), and [Michael Gransewicz](#) completed summer PD and alignment work with professors at MWCC. This will allow GHS and GALT to run Topics of Mathematics this year with an articulation agreement in place. Any student who completes this course with a C+ or higher will receive college credit for the course at MWCC and meet placement requirements into College Algebra and Statistics at MWCC.
- In addition to our EC programs, GHS will be offering 4 dual credit courses on the GHS campus on our bell schedule. We are excited to be able to provide dual credit courses to all GHS students whether or not they are enrolled in an EC program. These courses include English 101 and 102 through MWCC, and Principles of Marketing and Principles of Management through Fitchburg State University.
- Students grades 10-12 will be invited to participate in a career fair at MWCC on 10/4. Students will be able to participate in mock interviews, resume reviews, and meet with employers to learn more about career opportunities in our area. This event is open to the public and we will also promote this event to our families and community members for those currently seeking employment.

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